



Marking of non-electrical explosion protected equipment – ATEX

Potentially explosive areas

Conditions and Zone classification			Required marking on the equipment			
Flammable materials	Temporary behaviour of explosive atmosphere	Classification of hazardous areas	Group as defined in directive 2014/34/EU	Equipment category as defined in directive 2014/34/EU	Equipment group as defined in EN ISO 80079-36	Equipment protection level (EPL) as defined in EN ISO 80079-36 EN IEC 60079-0
Gases, vapours	Is present continuously or for long periods or frequently	Zone 0	II	1G	II	Ga
	Arises in normal operation occasionally	Zone 1	II	2G or 1G	II	Gb or Ga
	Is not likely to arise in normal operation, or if it does, will persist for a short time only	Zone 2	II	3G or 2G or 1G	II	Gc or Gb or Ga
Dusts	Is present in the form of a cloud continuously, or for long periods or frequently	Zone 20	II	1D	III	Da
	Occasionally develops into a cloud during normal operation	Zone 21	II	2D or 1D	III	Db or Da
	Is not likely to develop into a cloud during normal operation, or if it does, for a short time only	Zone 22	II	3D or 2D or 1D	III	Dc or Db or Da
Methane, carbon dust	Operation where there is a risk of explosion	-	I	M1	I	Ma
	Disconnection where there is a risk of explosion	-	I	M2 or M1	I	Mb or Ma

Subdivisions and classification of gases and vapours

Gases and vapours			Assignment of gases and vapours according to the ignition temperature	Temperature class	Maximum surface temperature (equipment)	Permitted Temperature classes (equipment)
Ammonia, methane, ethane, propane	Town gas, acrylnitril	Hydrogen	> 450 °C	T1	450 °C	T1 to T6
Ethyl alcohol, cyclohexane, n-butane	Ethylene, ethylene oxide	Ethine (Acetylene)	> 300 °C ... ≤ 450 °C	T2	300 °C	T2 to T6
Gasoline, n-hexane	Ethylene glycol, hydrogen sulphide		> 200 °C ... ≤ 300 °C	T3	200 °C	T3 to T6
Acetaldehyde	Ethyl ether		> 135 °C ... ≤ 200 °C	T4	135 °C	T4 to T6
			> 100 °C ... ≤ 135 °C	T5	100 °C	T5 to T6
		Sulphide of carbon	> 85 °C ... ≤ 100 °C	T6	85 °C	T6

Gas groups		
IIA	IIB	IIC
Permitted Equipment groups		
IIA, IIB, IIC	IIB, IIC	IIC

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Gases/Vapours

CE NB ¹⁾ Ex II 1G Ex h IIC T6 Ga NB ²⁾ 18 ATEX 1234 X

Dusts

CE Ex II 2D Ex h IIIC T120 °C Db X

Protection principle/types of protection

Applications (examples)	Flammable materials	Protection principle	Type of protection	Marking in accordance with the equipment protection level			Standards
				Very high level of protection	High level of protection	Enhanced level of protection	
All applications	Gases, vapours (G) and dusts (D)	-	General requirements	+	+	+	EN ISO 80079-36 EN IEC 60079-0 (EN 13463-1)
Coupling, belt drive, agitator, ventilator, mill	Gases, vapours (G) and dusts (D)	This protection principle ensures that a source of ignition cannot occur.	Constructional safety	Ex h c	Ex h c	Ex h c	EN ISO 80079-37 (EN 13463-5)
Gear	Gases, vapours (G) and dusts (D)	This protection principle prevents the hazardous atmosphere reaching the source of ignition.	Liquid immersion	Ex h k	Ex h k	Ex h k	EN ISO 80079-37 (EN 13463-8)
Centrifuge, compressor, geared motor, complex assembly group	Gases, vapours (G) and dusts (D)	This protection principle prevents the hazardous atmosphere reaching the source of ignition.	Pressurised enclosure	- - - p	Ex h Ex pxb, pyb	Ex h Ex pzc	EN ISO 80079-36 EN IEC 60079-2 (EN 13463-8)
Centrifuge, compressor, geared motor, complex assembly group	Gases and vapours (G)	This protection principle prevents the hazardous atmosphere reaching the source of ignition.	Protection by flow restricting enclosure	-	-	fr	EN 13463-2
Mill, geared motor, complex assembly group	Dusts (D)	This protection principle prevents the hazardous atmosphere reaching the source of ignition.	Protection by enclosure	Ex h Ex ta	Ex h Ex tb	Ex h Ex tc	EN ISO 80079-36 EN IEC 60079-31
Brakes	Gases and vapours (G)	This protection principle prevents flame propagation through an enclosure.	Flame-proof enclosure	-	Ex h Ex db d	Ex h Ex dc +	EN ISO 80079-36 EN IEC 60079-1 (EN 13463-3)

Use of the operating equipment

Marking	Conditions
Without X or U	Equipment can be operated without restrictions
With X	Specific conditions of use of the equipment
With U	Component certificate (uncompleted), conformity is certified when used in an overall equipment

Max. permissible surface temperature of the equipment

Temperature limitation because of dust layer	$T_{max} \leq T_{s, min} - 75^\circ C$
$T_{s, min}$: Minimum ignition temperature of 5 mm layer of dust	
Temperature limitation because of dust cloud	$T_{max} \leq 2/3 T_{CL}$
T_{CL} : Minimum ignition temperature of the cloud of dust	
Max. permissible surface temperature of the equipment:	Lowest outcome of the T_{max} values

Subdivision of dusts

Permitted Equipment groups	Dust groups	Dusts
IIIA, IIIB, IIIC	IIIA	Combustible flyings
IIIB, IIIC	IIIB	Non-conductive
IIIC	IIIC	Conductive

Application area (equipment)

Zone 0/20 Zone 1/21 Zone 2/22	Zone 1/21 Zone 2/22	Zone 2/22

- Means: Not possible to use.
+ Means: Possible to use.

¹⁾ Identification number of the Notified Body responsible for the surveillance of the manufacturer's quality system (Cat. 1).

²⁾ Notified Body (NB) that has tested and certified the product (Cat. 1).