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Zones		
Zone		Zone- A place in which an explosive atmosphere is...
gases	dusts	
0	20	continually present
1	21	likely to occur in normal operation occasionally
2	22	not likely to occur in normal operation and only for very short durations

ATEX Marking - 2014/34/EU (was 94/9/EC)				
Equipment Group	Category	Environment	Zone of use	
I	M1	Methane and	N/A	
I	M2	Coal Dust	N/A	
II	1	Gas, Vapour	0/20	
II	2	Mists and Dusts	1/21	
II	3		2/22	

Temperature Class	
T-Class	Maximum Surface Temperature in °C
T1	450
T2	300
T3	200
T4	135
T5	100
T6	85

Groups (IEC)			
Group	Environment	Location	Typical Substance
I	Gas/Dust	Coal Mining	Methane (Fire Damp)
IIA	Gases, Vapours and mists	Surface and other mines	Methane, Propane etc.
IIB			Ethylene
IIC			Hydrogen, Acetylene etc.
IIIA			Combustible flying's
IIIB	Combustible Dust	Surface	Non-conductive
IIIC			Conductive

Useful Standards for the electrical designer and/or installer	
Topic	IEC (CENELEC) Standard
Area Classification- Gases, Vapours and Mists	IEC (EN) 60079-10-1
Area Classification - Combustible Dusts	IEC (EN) 60079-10-2
Electrical Equipment Installation	IEC (EN) 60079-14
Electrical Equipment Inspection and maintenance	IEC (EN) 60079-17
Electrical Equipment Repair and Overhaul	IEC (EN) 60079-19
Material Characteristics of Gases and Vapours	ISO/IEC 80079-20-1
Material Characteristics of Combustible Dusts	ISO/IEC 80079-20-2

1st Figure Protection against Solids		
IP	Test	Comment
0	None	No protection
1		Protected against solid bodies greater than 50mm diameter, (e.g. accidental contact with the hand)
2		Protected against solid bodies greater than 12.5mm diameter, (e.g. finger)
3		Protected against solid bodies greater than 2.5mm diameter (e.g. tools, wires)
4		Protected against solid bodies greater than 1.0mm diameter (e.g. thin tools and fine wire)
5		Protected against dust (no harmful deposit) Dust Proof
6		Completely protected against dusts Dust Tight

2nd Figure Protection against Water		
IP	Test	Comment
0	None	No protection
1		Protected against vertically falling drops of water (condensation)
2		Protected against drops of water falling up to 15° from the vertical
3		Protected against water sprayed up to 60° from the vertical
4		Protected against splashing water from all directions
5		Protected against jets of water from all directions
6		Protected against powerful jets of water from all directions
7		Protected against the effects of temporary immersion in water
8		Protected against the continuous effects of immersion in water having regard to specific conditions
9		Protected against high pressure and temperature water jets

IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) Publication IEC 60529 Classification of Degrees of Protection Provided by Enclosures provides a system for specifying the enclosures of equipment on the basis of the degree of protection provided by the enclosure.

Zones / ATEX Categories / EPL's		
Zone	ATEX Categories (Levels of Protection) Group II (Typical)	Equipment Protection Levels
0	1G	Ga
1	2G	Gb
2	3G	Gc
20	1D	Da
21	2D	Db
22	3D	Dc

GroupII:Electrical Protection Concepts (Gas) excluding Mining									
Concept Method	Symbol & EPL	EPL	ATEX	Zone	Concept Method	Symbol & EPL	EPL	ATEX	Zone
Flameproof	da	Ga	1	0, 1 and 2	Pressurized	pxb	Gb	2	1 and 2
	db	Gb	2	1 and 2		pyb	Gb	2	1 and 2
	dc	Gc	3	2		pzb	Gc	3	2
Increased Safety	eb	Gb	2	1 and 2	Liquid Immersion	ob	Gb	2	1 and 2
	ec	Gc	3	2		oc	Gc	3	2
Intrinsic Safety	ia	Ga	1	0, 1 and 2	Special	sa	Ga	1	0, 1 and 2
	ib	Gb	2	1 and 2		sb	Gb	2	1 and 2
	ic	Gc	3	2		sc	Gc	3	2
Encapsulation	ma	Ga	1	0, 1 and 2	Powder	qb	Gb	2	1 and 2
	mb	Gb	2	1 and 2		qc	Gc	3	2
	mc	Gc	3	2		nR	Gc	3	2
Optical Radiation	op is	Ga	1	0, 1 and 2	Restricted Breathing	nC	Gc	3	2
	op sh	Ga	2	0, 1 and 2					
	op pr	Gb	2	1 and 2					

Non - Electrical Protection Concepts (Gases)					
Concept Method	Concept Letter	Symbol	EPL	Zone	ATEX
Constructional Safety	c	h	Ga, Gb and Gc as may be appropriate	0, 1 and 2 as may be appropriate	1, 2 and 3 as may be appropriate
			Ga, Gb and Gc as may be appropriate		1, 2 and 3 as may be appropriate
Control of ignition sources	b		Ga, Gb and Gc as may be appropriate		1, 2 and 3 as may be appropriate
Liquid immersion	k		Ga, Gb and Gc as may be appropriate		1, 2 and 3 as may be appropriate

Protection Concepts Dusts: Electrical					
Type of Protection	Symbol	ATEX Category	EPL	IEC/CENELEC (EN) Standard	Basic concept of protecti
Protection: by enclosure	t	1,2,3	Da,Db,Dc	60079-31	Keeps the combustible dust out and avoids hot surfaces
Intrinsic Safety	i			60079-11	Limits the energy of the spark and the surface temperatures
Encapsulation	m	2, 3	Db, Dc	60079-18	Keeps the combustible dust out and avoids hot surfaces
Pressurization	P			60079-2	

Typical Equipment Marking'						
	EU	UK	IECEX	LATAM	Northern America	EAC
Marking	Ex II 2GD	Ex II 2GD	Ex II 2GD	Ex II 2GD		
Standarts Applied Marking	Ex db IIC T6 Gb Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db -40°C ≤ Ta ≤ +70°C	Ex db IIC T6 Gb Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db -40°C ≤ Ta ≤ +70°C	Ex db IIC T6 Gb Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db -40°C ≤ Ta ≤ +70°C	Ex db IIC T6 Gb Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db (-40°C ≤ Tamb ≤ +70 °C)	Class I, Division 1, Group A, B, C & D Class I, Zone 1, AEx db IIC T6 Gb, Ex db IIC T6 Gb, Zone 21, AEx tb IIIC T85°C Db, Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db	Ex db IIC T6 Gb X Ex tb IIIC T85°C Db X
Conformity Scheme	CE	UKCA	IECEX	INMETRO	UL/CSA	TR CU
Certificate Number	UL 21 ATEX 2656X	UL22UKEX2376X	IECEX ULD 21.0033X	UL-BR 22.0598X	E521536	EACRUCTRA107.V05977/23
Notified Body	ExVeritas - 2804	ExVeritas - 2585	ExVeritas - 2804	UL	UL	VELES - RA.RU. AQ07

Marking Explained					
Example Marking Gas			Example Marking Dust		
Group (Surface)	Gas	Protection Concept(s)	Group (Surface)	Dust Protection Concept(s)	Equipment Protection Level (EPL)
II	2	G	II	2	D
ATEX Category	Ex	db	ATEX Category	Ex	tb
Gas Sub-Group	IIC	T6	Dust Sub-Group	IIIC	T85°C
Temperature Classification	Gb	-40°C ≤ Ta ≤ -70°C	Temperature	Db	
Ambient Temperature Range					

Data for Flammable Gases and Vapours (ISO/IEC 80079-20-1:2017)												
Listed below are the flammability values for a number of common gases and vapours used in industry. There are more than 300 gases and vapours. Refer to ISO/IEC 80079-20-1:2017 for further details.												
CAS No	Substance	Density relative to air (Air =1)	Flash point	Melting Point	Boiling Point	Flammable Limits Volume %		Ignition Temperature	Maximum Experimental Safe Gap (MESG) mm	Temperature Class	Group	Minimum Ignition Current Ratio
			°C	°C	°C	LEL	UEL	°C				
74-86-2	Acetylene	0.90	gas			2.3	100	305	0.37	T2	IIC	0.28
106-97-8	Butane	2.05	gas	-138	-1	1.4	9.3	372	0.98	T2	IIA	0.94
75-15-0	Carbon Disulphide	2.64	-30	-112	46	0.6	60.0	90	0.34	T6	IIC	0.39
142-96-1	Dibutyl Ether	4.48	25	-95	141	8.5	48	175	0.86	T4	IIB	
64-17-5	Ethanol	1.59	12	-114	78	3.1	19.0/27.7	400	0.89	T2	IIB	0.88
141-78-6	Ethyl Acetate	3.04	-	-83	77	2.0	12.8	470	0.99	T1	IIA	
74-85-1	Ethylene	0.97	gas	-169	-104	2.3	36.0	440	0.65	T2	IIB	0.53
50-00-0	Formaldehyde	1.03	60	-92	-6	7.0	73.0	424	0.57	T2	IIB	
142-82-5	Heptane	3.46	-7	-91	98	0.85	6.7	204	0.91	T3	IIA	0.88
1333-74-0	Hydrogen	0.07	gas	-259	-253	4.0	77.0	560	0.29	T1	IIC	0.25
8008-20-6	Kerosene		38 to 72°			0.70	5.0	210		T3	IIA	
74-82-8	Methane (Firedamp)	0.55	gas			4.4	17.0	595	1.14	T1	I	
74-82-8	Methane		gas	-182	-162	4.4	17.0	600	1.12	T1	IIA	1.00
111-65-9	Octane	3.93	13	-57	126	0.80	6.5	206	0.94	T3	IIA	
8006-61-9	Petrol(Gasoline)	3.0	-46			1.4	7.6	280		T3		
74-98-6	Propane	1.56	gas	-188	-42	1.7	10.9	450	0.92	T2	IIA	0.82
108-88-3	Toluene	3.2	4	-95	111	1.10	7.8	530	1.06	T1	IIA	
8006-64-2	Turpentine		35	-50 to -60°	154 to 170°	0.80		253		T3	IIA	
95-47-6	Xylene	3.66	30			1.0	7.6	470	1.09	T1	IIA	

Relationship Gas / Vapour Dust & Equipment Group	
Location gas/vapour or dust subgroup	Permitted equipment group
IIA	II, IIA, IIB or IIC
IIB	II, IIB or IIC
IIC	II or IIC
IIIA	IIIA, IIIB or IIIC
IIIB	IIIB or IIIC
IIIC	IIIC

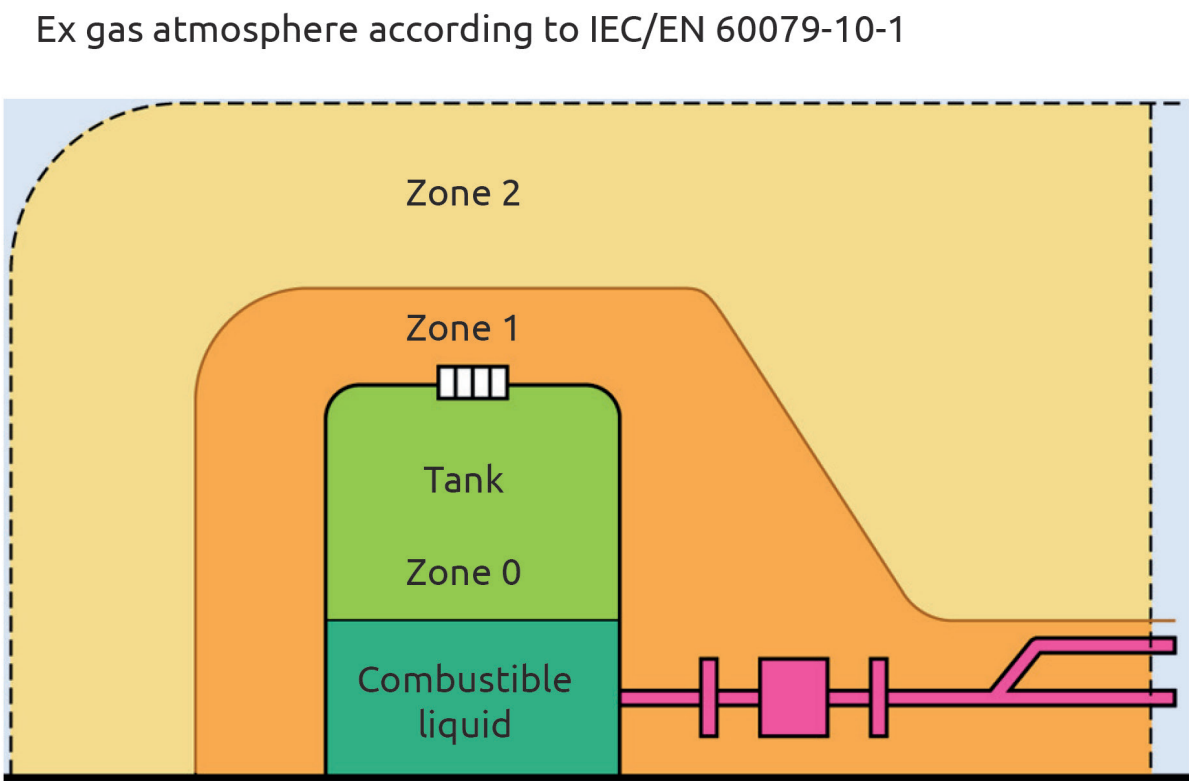
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Location Gas Group	Permitted Distance mm
IIA	10
IIB	30
IIC	40

Equipment Selections by ATEX Category			
Equipment Category	Hazardous Area Classification (Zones)		
	0/20	1/21	2/22
1	✓	✓	✓
2	✗	✓	✓
3	✗	✗	✓

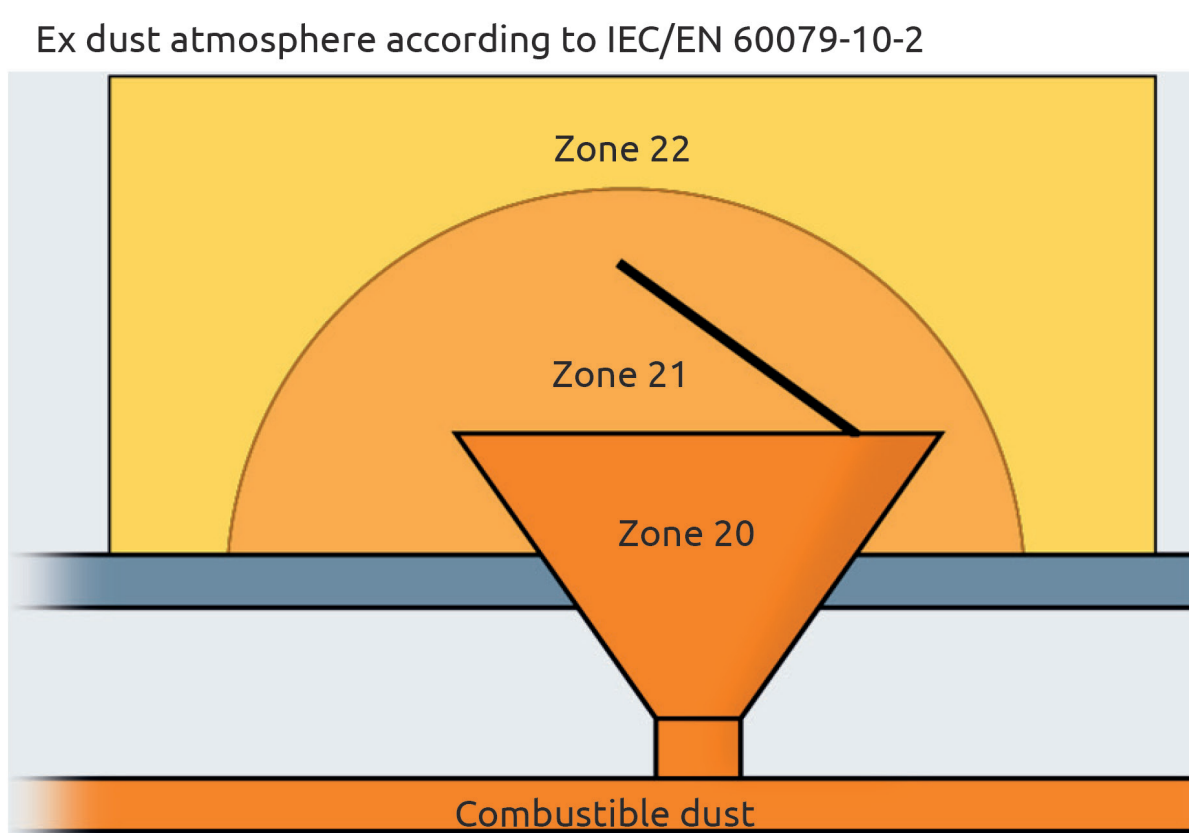
Equipment Group	Gas Area (Location)		
	IIC	IIB	IIA
IIC	✓	✓	✓
IIB	✗	✓	✓
IIA	✗	✗	✓
	Dust Area (Location)		
	IIIC	IIIB	IIIA
IIIC	✓	✓	✓
IIIB	✗	✓	✓
IIIA	✗	✗	✓

Equipment Selection by Temperature Class							
Equipment Class		Area					
		T6	T5	T4	T3	T2	T1
	T6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	T5	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	T4	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
	T3	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
	T2	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
	T1	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

Example of classifi cation of explosive gas atmospheres into zones



Example of classifi cation of explosive dust atmospheres into zones



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