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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2001, and constitutes a technical revision.

The significant changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- requirements for electrical connections expanded and clarified,
- requirements for luminaire ballasts expanded and clarified,
- requirements for evaluation and testing of motor rotors clarified.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 specifies the requirements for the design, construction, testing and marking of electrical apparatus with type of protection increased safety "e" intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres. This standard applies to electrical apparatus where the rated voltage does not exceed 11 kV r.m.s. a.c. or d.c. Additional measures are applied to ensure that the apparatus does not produce arcs, sparks, or excessive temperatures in normal operation or under specified abnormal conditions.

This standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a requirement of IEC 60079-0, the requirement of this standard takes precedence.

NOTE Increased safety "e" can provide Equipment Protection Levels (EPL) Mb or Gb. For further information, see Annex I.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60034-5, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the internal design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification*

IEC 60044-6, *Instrument transformers – Part 6: Requirements for protective current transformers for transient performance*

IEC 60050(426), *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 426: Electrical apparatus for explosive atmospheres*

IEC 60061-1, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety – Part 1: Lamp caps*

IEC 60061-2, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety – Part 2: Lampholders*

IEC 60064, *Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes – Performance requirements*

IEC 60068-2-6, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Fc: Vibration (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60068-2-27:1987, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-42, *Environmental testing – Part 2-42: Tests – Test Kc: Sulphur dioxide test for contacts and connections*

IEC 60079-0:2004, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 0: General requirements*

IEC 60079-1, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 1: Flameproof enclosures "d"*

IEC 60079-11, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"*

IEC 60085, *Electrical insulation – Thermal classification*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60317-3:2004, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 3: Polyester enamelled round copper wires, class 155*

IEC 60317-7:1990, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 7: Polyimide enamelled round copper wire, class 220*

IEC 60317-8:1990, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 8: Polyesterimide enamelled round copper wire, class 180*

IEC 60317-13:1990, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 13: Polyester or polyesterimide overcoated with polyamide-imide enamelled round copper wire, class 200*

IEC 60364-3, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-55: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Other equipment*

IEC 60400, *Lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and starterholders*

IEC 60432-1, *Incandescent lamps – Safety specifications – Part 1: Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60664-1:1992, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements, and tests*

IEC 60947-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 60947-7-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7: Ancillary equipment – Section 1: Terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60947-7-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 2 – Ancillary equipment – Section 1: Protective conductor terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60999-1, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*

IEC 60999-2, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 2: Particular requirements for clamping units for conductors above 35 mm² up to 300 mm² (included)*

IEC 61195:1999, *Double-capped fluorescent lamps – Safety specifications*

IEC 61347-2-3:2000, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-3: Particular requirements for a.c. supplied electronic ballasts for fluorescent lamps*
Amendment 1(2004)
Amendment 2 (2006)

IEC 62086-1, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Electrical resistance trace heating – Part 1: General and testing requirements*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes – Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions used in IEC 60079-0, together with the following terms and definitions apply.

For the definitions of any other terms, particularly those of a more general nature, reference should be made to IEC 60050(426) or other appropriate parts of the IEV (International Electrotechnical Vocabulary).

3.1

clearance

shortest distance in air between two conductive parts

3.2

connections, factory

terminations intended for connection during a manufacturing process under controlled conditions

3.3

connections, field-wiring

terminations intended for connection by the installer in the field

3.4

creepage distance

shortest distance along the surface of an electrically insulating material between two conductive parts