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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2004. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The significant changes with respect to the previous edition are the following:

- removal of intrinsically safe design;
- introduction of gas mixing function;
- new informative rating plate layout;
- induced changes due to publication of IEC 60974-1, edition 3.

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

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ARC WELDING EQUIPMENT –

Part 8: Gas consoles for welding and plasma cutting systems

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 specifies safety and performance requirements for gas consoles intended to be used with combustible gases or oxygen. These gas consoles are designed to supply gases for use in arc welding, plasma cutting, gouging and allied processes in non-explosive atmospheres.

The gas console can be external or internal to the power source enclosure. In the latter case, this standard also applies to the power source.

NOTE See Annex A for mechanised plasma system diagram.

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 60050-151, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices*

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

IEC 60974-1:2005, *Arc welding equipment – Part 1: Welding power sources*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions, as well as those of IEC 60050-151 and IEC 60974-1, apply.

3.1

gas console

device for gas-flow routing, mixing or both that contains electrical apparatus in a single or multiple enclosure, or open structure

3.2

lower explosion limit

LEL

concentration of flammable gas or vapour in air, below which the gas atmosphere is not explosive

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