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Systèmes de suppression d'explosion

Explosions-Unterdrückungssysteme

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1 Scope

This document describes the basic requirements for the design and application of explosion suppression systems. This document also specifies test methods for evaluating the effectiveness and the scaling up of explosion suppression systems against defined explosions. This document covers:

- general requirements for explosion suppression system parts;
- evaluating the effectiveness of an explosion suppression system;
- evaluating the scale up of an explosion suppression system to larger than tested volumes;
- development and evaluation of design tools for explosion suppression systems;
- installation, operation and maintenance instructions for an explosion suppression system.

This document is applicable only to explosion suppression systems intended for the protection of closed, or essentially closed, enclosures in which an explosion could result as a consequence of ignition of an explosible mixture, e.g. dust-air, gas(vapour)-air, dust-gas(vapour)-air and mist-air.

This document is not applicable for explosions of materials listed below, or for mixtures containing some of those materials:

- unstable materials that are liable to dissociate;
- explosive materials;
- pyrotechnic materials;
- pyrophoric materials.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 1127-1:2019, *Explosive atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection - Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology*

EN 13237:2012, *Potentially explosive atmospheres - Terms and definitions for equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres*

EN 15233:2007, *Methodology for functional safety assessment of protective systems for potentially explosive atmospheres*

EN 15967:2011, *Determination of maximum explosion pressure and the maximum rate of pressure rise of gases and vapours*

EN 14034-1:2004+A1:2011, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds - Part 1: Determination of the maximum explosion pressure p_{max} of dust clouds*

EN 14034-2:2006+A1:2011, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds - Part 2: Determination of the maximum rate of explosion pressure rise $(dp/dt)_{max}$ of dust clouds*

EN IEC 60079-0:2018, *Explosive atmospheres - Part 0: Equipment - General requirements (IEC 60079-0:2017)*

EN 60079-14:2014, *Explosive atmospheres - Part 14: Electrical installations design, selection and erection (IEC 60079-14:2013)*

EN 60529:1991,¹ *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529:1989)*

EN ISO 80079-36:2016, *Explosive atmospheres - Part 36: Non-electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres - Basic method and requirements (ISO 80079-36:2016)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1127-1:2019 and EN 13237:2012 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

high rate discharge suppressor

HRD-suppressor

vessel with opening mechanism, which upon activation discharges an explosion suppressant at a high rate

3.2

suppressant

substance contained in the HRD-suppressor which, when dispersed into an enclosure to be protected, can arrest and mitigate a developing explosion in that enclosure

3.2.1

powder suppressant

powder with recognised flame extinguishing properties such as products based on monoammonium phosphate, potassium bicarbonate or sodium bicarbonate

3.2.2

liquid suppressant

substance stored as a liquid with recognised flame extinguishing properties such as cold or hot water

3.3

dispersion pressure

p_s

pressure in HRD-suppressor to disperse the suppressant, which is provided by gas, chemical reaction or the application of heat

¹ As impacted by amendments EN 60529:1991/A1:2000 and EN 60529:1991/A2:2013.