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3: Determination of the lower explosion limit LEL of dust clouds**

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de poussière - Partie 3: Détermination de la limite inférieure
d'explosivité LIE des nuages de poussière

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Foreword

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- Part 2: Determination of the maximum rate of explosion pressure rise $(dp/dt)_{\max}$ of dust clouds;
- Part 3: Determination of the lower explosion limit LEL of dust clouds;
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Introduction

This European Standard specifies a method for experimental determination of the lower explosion limit of dust clouds. The lower explosion limit is the lowest concentration of a combustible dust in mixture with air at which an explosion occurs. The measurement of the lower explosion limit forms the basis for hazard identification and explosion prevention.

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1 Scope

This standard describes a test method for the determination of the lower explosion limit of dust clouds in a closed vessel under defined initial conditions of pressure and temperature.

This method is not suitable for use with recognised explosives, like gunpowder and dynamite, explosives which do not require oxygen for combustion, pyrophoric substances, or substances or mixtures of substances which may under some circumstances behave in a similar manner. Where any doubt exists about the existence of hazard due to explosive properties, expert advice should be sought.

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.

EN 14460, *Explosion resistant equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
dust
small solid particles in the atmosphere which settle out under their own weight, but which may remain suspended in air for some time (includes dust and grit, as defined in ISO 4225)

NOTE Generally maximum particle size will not exceed 500 µm.

3.2
combustible dust
dust able to undergo an exothermic reaction with air when ignited

NOTE The terms “flammable” and “combustible” are used synonymously.

3.3
explosion pressure
 p_{ex}
highest overpressure occurring during an explosion of a dust cloud in a closed vessel

3.4
explosive atmosphere
mixture with air, under atmospheric conditions, of flammable (combustible) substances in the form of gases, vapours, mists or dusts, in which, after ignition has occurred, combustion spreads to the entire unburned mixture

3.5
ignition delay
 t_v
time between the initiation of the dust dispersion and the activation of the ignition source