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4: Determination of the limiting oxygen concentration LOC of
dust clouds**

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limite en oxygène CLO des nuages de poussière

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Foreword

This document (EN 14034-4:2004+A1:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 305 "Potentially explosive atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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- **A1** EN 14034-3 **A1**, Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds – Part 3: Determination of the lower explosion limit LEL of dust clouds;
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Introduction

This document specifies a method for experimental determination of the limiting oxygen concentration of dust/air/inert gas mixtures. The limiting oxygen concentration is the maximum concentration of oxygen of a dust/air/inert gas mixture at which dust explosions cannot occur. The measurement of the limiting oxygen concentration forms the basis for explosion protection by "Inerting".

This limiting oxygen concentration is a safety characteristic used for hazard identification and designing safety measures. This is done by avoidance or reduction of the amount of explosive atmosphere.

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1 Scope

This document describes a test method for the determination of the limiting oxygen concentration 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, substances 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 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 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

ignition delay

t_v

time between the initiation of the dust dispersion and the activation of the ignition source

3.4

inert gas

non-flammable gas which will not support combustion and does not react to produce a flammable gas