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INTRODUCTION

Flammable gas detection equipment may be used whenever there is the possibility of a hazard to life or property caused by the accumulation of a flammable gas-air mixture. Such equipment can provide a means of reducing the hazard by detecting the presence of a flammable gas and issuing suitable audible or visual warnings. Gas detectors may also be used to initiate precautionary steps (for example plant shutdown, evacuation, and operation of fire extinguishing procedures).

Equipment may be used to monitor a gas atmosphere below the lower flammable limit in circumstances where accumulation of gas may result in a concentration of the gas/air mixture to potentially explosive levels. Performance requirements for gas detecting equipment for such purposes are set out in IEC 60079-29-1 and IEC 60079-29-4. Guidance for functional safety of fixed gas detection systems are set out in IEC 60079-29-3.

However performance capability alone cannot ensure that the use of such equipment will properly safeguard life or property where flammable gases may be present. The level of safety obtained depends heavily upon correct selection, installation, calibration and periodic maintenance of the equipment, combined with knowledge of the limitations of the detection technique required. This cannot be achieved without responsible informed management.

An additional hazard to life is the toxicity of some gases and of the vapours of all liquids except water. It is not generally appreciated that all flammable vapours are potentially toxic at concentration levels which are very small fractions of their respective lower flammable limits. Equipment covered by IEC 60079-29-1 and IEC 60079-29-4 is not specifically intended for toxic protection, and additional personal protection precautions will normally be needed where personnel could be exposed to toxic vapours.

Portable equipment covered by IEC 60079-29-1 and IEC 60079-29-2 commonly have additional detectors for specific toxic gases and also for oxygen deficiency. Users are cautioned that even mild oxygen deficiency may be due to toxic concentrations of some other gas or vapour, which may not be detectable or adequately detected by the equipment in use.

General requirements for the handbook or manual of any particular flammable gas detection equipment are specified in IEC 60079-29-1 and IEC 60079-29-4. These standards provide some necessary background knowledge on the points mentioned above.

This standard has been specifically written to cover all the functions necessary from selection to ongoing maintenance for a successful gas detection operation. Different clauses are appropriate for different tasks within this range of operations. Each clause has been written as stand-alone as far as practicable. This means that some information is repeated in different clauses but with a different emphasis.

Table 1 gives a broad suggestion as to the most relevant clauses to the typical tasks to be performed.

Table 1 – Typical Tasks and Most Relevant Causes

Tasks	Definitions	Basic information properties of gas and vapours	Measuring principles	Selection of equipment	Behaviour of gas releases	Design and installation of fixed gas detection systems	Use of portable and transportable flammable gas detection equipment	Training of operational personnel	Maintenance, routine procedures General administrative control	Measuring principles (full detail) (normative)	Environmental parameters (informative)
Function (Clause)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Annex A	Annex B
Authorities	+	+++	+++	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
General management	+	+++	+++	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+
Selection	+++	+++	+	+++	+++	+	++	-	+	+++	+++
Design engineering / management	+++	+++	+	+++	+++	+++	-	-	-	+++	+++
Installation engineering / management	+++	+++	+	++	+++	+++	-	-	-	+++	+++
Installation, technical	++	+++	++	++	++	++	-	-	-	+	++
Commissioning	+++	+++	++	+	++	+++	-	++	+	-	-
Operations management	++	+++	++	+	+	++	++	+++	+++	+	+++
Operation training	+++	+++	+	+	+	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
Servicing / Calibration	+++	+++	-	-	-	++	++	+	+++	++	++
Repair	++	+++	++	-	-	+	+	+	+++	++	-
<p>“+++” Most appropriate</p> <p>“++” Advisable</p> <p>“+” Useful</p> <p>“-” Not applicable</p> <p>It should be noted that Clause 5 is a simplified version of Annex A.</p>											

This standard makes recommendations on how to establish maintenance and calibration intervals. In certain countries there are mandatory general or industry-specific regulations which must be followed as a minimum requirement.

EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 29-2: Gas detectors – Selection, installation, use and maintenance of detectors for flammable gases and oxygen

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079-29 gives guidance on, and recommended practice for, the selection, installation, safe use and maintenance of electrically operated Group II equipment intended for use in industrial and commercial safety applications and Group I equipment in underground coal mines for the detection and measurement of flammable gases complying with the requirements of IEC 60079-29-1 or IEC 60079-29-4.

This standard is applicable for oxygen measurement for the purpose of inertisation where explosion protection is provided by the exclusion of oxygen instead of measuring the flammable gases or vapours present. A similar application is measuring oxygen when inertising a goaf (mined out) area in an underground coal mine.

This standard is a compilation of practical knowledge to assist the user, and applies to equipment, instruments and systems that indicate the presence of a flammable or potentially explosive mixture of gas or vapour with air by using an electrical signal from a gas sensor to produce a meter reading, to activate a visual or audible pre-set alarm or other device, or any combination of these.

Such equipment may be used as a means of reducing the risk whenever there is the possibility of a risk to life or property specifically due to the accumulation of a flammable gas-air mixture, by providing such warnings. It may also be used to initiate specific safety precautions (e.g. plant shutdown, evacuation, fire extinguishing procedures).

This standard is applicable to fixed installations and transportable equipment. Similarly it is applicable to the safe use of portable equipment. Since much modern equipment of this type also includes oxygen deficiency detection and/or specific toxic gas sensors, some additional guidance is given for these topics.

For the purposes of this standard, except where specifically stated otherwise, flammable gases include flammable vapours.

Mists are not covered by this standard due to measurement techniques currently used.

This standard applies to Group II equipment (i.e. equipment intended for use in industrial and commercial safety applications, involving areas classified in accordance with IEC 60079-10-1) and Group I equipment.

For the purposes of this standard, equipment includes

- a) fixed equipment including equipment mounted on a vehicle;
- b) transportable equipment; and
- c) portable equipment.

This standard is not intended to cover, but may provide useful information, for the following:

- a) equipment intended only for the detection of non-flammable toxic gases;
- b) equipment of laboratory or scientific type intended only for analysis or measurement purposes;