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IEC 60079-11	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60079-11.
IEC 60079-17	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60079-17.
IEC 60079-18	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 60079-18.
IEC 60297 (series)	NOTE	Harmonized in EN 60297 series.
IEC 61347-2-1	NOTE	Harmonized as EN 61347-2-1.

Annex ZA (normative)

Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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NOTE 2 Up-to-date information on the latest versions of the European Standards listed in this annex is available here: www.cenelec.eu.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60079-0	-	Explosive atmospheres - Part 0: Equipment - General requirements	EN IEC 60079-0	2018
IEC 60079-7	-	Explosive atmospheres - Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"	EN 60079-7	2015

Annex ZZ (informative)

Relationship between this European standard and the essential requirements of 2014/34/EU [2014 OJ L96] aimed to be covered

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**Table ZZ.1 – Correspondence between this European standard and Annex II of Directive
2014/34/EU [2014 OJ L96]**

<i>Essential Requirements of 2014/34/EU</i>	Clause(s) / sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks / Notes
1.0.1.	Entire Standard	Second indent only
1.0.2.	3.7 and note	In addition to EN 60079-0
1.0.3.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.0.4.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.0.5.		And reference to EN 60079-0
1.0.6.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.1.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.2.1.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.2.2.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.2.3.		Not applicable. Release of flammable material is not foreseen
1.2.4.		Not applicable. Dust atmospheres and deposits are out of scope
1.2.5.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.2.6.		Warning label deemed adequate for Category 3 Equipment
1.2.7.		Reference to EN 60079-0 and relevant standards for normal industrial applications
1.2.8.		Not specifically applied to Category 3 Equipment but covered in general for normal conditions by the installation requirements in EN 60079-14
1.2.9.		Not applicable
1.3.1.		Reference to EN 60079-0, plus the principle of Ex n protection throughout standard
1.3.2.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.3.3.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.3.4.		Not applicable
1.3.5.		Not applicable
1.4.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.5.		Not applicable

1.6.1. to 1.6.3		Not applicable
1.6.4.		Reference to EN 60079-0
1.6.5.		Not applicable
2.0. 2.1 and 2.2		Not applicable. Out of scope
2.3.1.	Entire standard	And reference to EN 60079-0
2.3.2.		Not applicable. Out of scope
3.		Not applicable. Out of scope

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EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –**Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection "n"****FOREWORD**

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This edition includes the following significant changes with respect to the previous edition:

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
31/1339/FDIS	31/1355/RVD

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This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This International Standard is to be read in conjunction with IEC 60079-0.

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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
Requirements for enclosed break devices have been removed	-			C1
Requirements for type of protection "nA" has been removed	-			C2
Scope has been updated to allow equipment with internal working voltages over 15 kV such as starters for HID luminaires	1		X	
Definition for cable sealing box removed	3	X		
Definitions for creepage distance and clearance removed as they are now in 60079-0	3	X		
Definition of non-sparking device "nA" removed, as the concept has been transferred to 60079-7	3			C2
Definition of duty cycle removed	3	X		
Definition of enclosed break device moved as the concept has been transferred to 60079-1	3			C1
Definition of hermetically sealed device revised	3	A1		
Definition for normally sparking device added	3.2	X		
Small component temperature clause removed, part of moving type of protection "nA" to 60079-7	5			C2
Minimum degree of protection requirements; clearance, creepage and separation requirements; determination of working voltage; conformal coating; CTI requirement; Insulation between conductive parts and measurement of creepage and clearance requirements have been removed.	6			C2
Connection facilities and terminal compartment requirements have been removed	-			C2
Supplementary requirements for non-sparking electrical rotating machines have been removed	-			C2
Supplementary requirements for non-sparking fuses and fuse assemblies have been removed	-			C2
Supplementary requirements for non-sparking plugs and sockets have been removed	-			C2
Supplementary requirements for non-sparking luminaires have been removed	-			C2
Supplementary requirements for equipment incorporating non-sparking cells and batteries have been removed	-			C2
Supplementary requirements for non-sparking low power equipment have been removed	-			C2
Supplementary requirements for non-sparking current transformers have been removed	-			C2
Requirements for other non-sparking electrical equipment have been removed	-			C2
General supplementary requirements for equipment producing arcs, sparks or hot surfaces have been removed	-			C2
Requirements for enclosed break devices have been removed	-			C1
Voltage and current limitations added for non-incendive components.	7.2			C6

		Type		
Changes	Clause	Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
The requirements for sealed devices have been extended to require more documentation,	9.1		X	
The +20K requirement for luminaire materials has been removed	9.5			C2
Notes 1-3 have been removed, as this information is covered elsewhere	10.1	X		
Entry device requirements added	10.1		X	
Industrial standard compliance and battery requirements added	10.2.1.2		X	
The exemption for manually operated sparking devices moved to here, creepage and clearance requirements in industrial standards added for switching devices, and cell and battery requirements added	10.2.1.2		X	
Requirements for cable glands and conduit entries have been clarified	10.2.3	X		
Requirements for gasketed windows expanded to allow a removable window mounted in a frame.	10.2.5.2		X	
Requirement to include documentation on the thermal stability of gaskets or seals added	10.2.6			C4
Requirements reworded for clarity	10.2.7	X		
Requirements for "nR" enclosures fitted with fans added.	10.2.9			C5
Type test requirements for enclosed break "nC" and "nA" equipment removed	-			C1, C2
The dielectric test after the leakage test for sealed devices has been eliminated unless the results of the leakage test are uncertain.	11.2.2		X	
Tests for sealed devices, screw lampholders, starters, lamps, ignitors, and ignitor pulses for luminaires have been removed	-			C2
All testing for batteries has been removed.	-			C2
All testing for electrical machines removed	-			C2
Routine test requirements re-written for sealed components, non-incendive components and restricted breathing equipment to take out the testing for enclosed break and nA equipment	12			C1, C2
Preparation of non-incendive component samples	11.1.1			C3
Marking requirements modified to remove labelling requirements for enclosed break components, nA equipment, and batteries.	-			C1, C2
Documentation requirements modified to remove to remove labelling requirements for enclosed break components, nA equipment, and batteries.	14			C1, C2
The instruction section has been expanded to include new requirements	15		X	
Annex A has been removed.	-			C2

NOTE The technical changes referred to include the significance of technical changes in the revised IEC Standard, but they do not form an exhaustive list of all modifications from the previous version.

Explanation of the types of changes:

A) Definitions

1) **Minor and editorial changes:**

- Clarification
- Decrease of technical requirements
- Minor technical change
- Editorial corrections

These are changes which modify requirements in an editorial or a minor technical way. They include changes of the wording to clarify technical requirements without any technical change, or a reduction in level of existing requirement.

2) **Extension:** Addition of technical options

These are changes which add new or modify existing technical requirements, in a way that new options are given, but without increasing requirements for equipment that was fully compliant with the previous standard. Therefore, these will not have to be considered for products in conformity with the preceding edition.

3) **Major technical changes:**

- addition of technical requirements
- increase of technical requirements

These are changes to technical requirements (addition, increase of the level or removal) made in a way that a product in conformity with the preceding edition will not always be able to fulfil the requirements given in the later edition. These changes have to be considered for products in conformity with the preceding edition. For these changes additional information is provided in Clause B below.

NOTE These changes represent current technological knowledge. However, these changes should not normally have an influence on equipment already placed on the market.

B) Information about the background of changes

- A1 – It was determined that this was already covered by the sealed device definition
- C1 – Enclosed break devices “nC” are now designated as “dc” and the requirements are located in IEC 60079-1:2014.
- C2 – Type of protection “nA” is now designated as type of protection “ec” and the requirements for “ec” equipment are located in IEC 60079-7:2015.
- C3 – Test time for the preparation of non-incendive component samples has been specified.
- C4 – Additional documentation requirements for seals and gaskets.
- C5 – As the pressure inside an enclosure fitted with fans can be affected by the operation of the fan, it is now specified that the restricted breathing test is conducted with fans operating and stationary.
- C6 – The limitations from IEC 60079-15 Ed 3 were added.

EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection "n"

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 specifies requirements for the construction, testing and marking for Group II electrical equipment with type of protection "n" which includes; sealed devices "nC", hermetically sealed devices "nC", non-incendive components "nC" and restricted breathing enclosures "nR" intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres. This part of IEC 60079 applies to electrical equipment where the rated input voltage does not exceed 15 kV r.m.s. AC or DC including where the internal working voltages of the Ex product exceeds 15 kV, for example starters for HID luminaires.

This part of IEC 60079 supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0, except as indicated in Table 1. Where a requirement of this part of IEC 60079 conflicts with a requirement of IEC 60079-0, the requirement of this part of IEC 60079 takes precedence.

Table 1 – Relationship of IEC 60079-15 to IEC 60079-0

Clause of IEC 60079-0			IEC 60079-0 clause application to IEC 60079-15	
Ed. 6.0 (2011) (informative)	Ed. 7.01 (future edition) (informative)	Clause / Subclause title (normative)	Protected sparking "nC"	Restricted breathing "nR"
3	3	Definitions	Applies	Applies
4	4	Equipment grouping		
4.1	4.1	Group I	Excluded	Excluded
4.2	4.2	Group II	Applies	Applies
4.3	4.3	Group III	Excluded	Excluded
4.4	4.4	Equipment for a particular explosive atmosphere	Applies	Applies
5	5	Temperatures		
5.1	5.1	Environmental influences	Applies	Applies
5.2	5.2	Service temperature	Applies	Applies
5.3	5.3	Maximum surface temperature		
5.3.1	5.3.1	Determination of maximum surface temperature	Applies	Applies
5.3.2	5.3.2	Limitation of maximum surface temperature		
5.3.2.1	5.3.2.1	Group I equipment	Excluded	Excluded
5.3.2.2	5.3.2.2	Group II equipment	Applies	Applies
5.3.2.3	5.3.2.3	Group III equipment	Excluded	Excluded

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Clause of IEC 60079-0			IEC 60079-0 clause application to IEC 60079-15	
Ed. 6.0 (2011) (informative)	Ed. 7.01 (future edition) (informative)	Clause / Subclause title (normative)	Protected sparking “nC”	Restricted breathing “nR”
5.3.3	5.3.3	Small component temperature for Group I and Group II equipment	Applies	Excluded
-	5.3.4	Component temperature of smooth surfaces for Group I or Group II equipment (Applies for smaller than 10 000 mm ² only)	Applies	Excluded
6	6	Requirements for all electrical apparatus		
6.1	6.1	General	Applies	Applies
6.2	6.2	Mechanical strength	Applies	Applies
6.3	6.3	Opening times	Excluded	Applies
6.4	6.4	Circulating currents	Applies	Applies
6.5	6.5	Gasket retention	Applies	Applies
6.6	6.6	Electromagnetic and ultrasonic radiating equipment	Applies	Applies
7	7	Non-metallic enclosures and non-metallic parts of enclosures		
7.1	7.1	General		
7.1.1	7.1.1	Applicability	Applies	Applies
7.1.2	7.1.2	Specification of materials	Applies	Applies
7.2	7.2	Thermal endurance		
7.2.1	7.2.1	Tests for thermal resistance	Applies	Applies
7.2.2	-	Material selection	Modified	Modified
-	7.2.2	Material selection	Applies	Applies
7.2.3	7.2.3	Alternative qualification for elastomeric sealing O-rings	Applies	Applies
7.3	7.3	Resistance to ultraviolet light	Applies	Applies
7.4	7.4	Electrostatic charges on external non-metallic materials		
7.4.1	7.4.1	Applicability	Applies	Applies
7.4.2	7.4.2	Avoidance of build-up of electrostatic charge on Group I or Group II electrical equipment	Applies	Applies
7.4.3	7.4.3	Avoidance of build-up of electrostatic charge on equipment for Group III	Excluded	Excluded

Clause of IEC 60079-0			IEC 60079-0 clause application to IEC 60079-15	
Ed. 6.0 (2011) (informative)	Ed. 7.01 (future edition) (informative)	Clause / Subclause title (normative)	Protected sparking “nC”	Restricted breathing “nR”
7.5	7.5	External conductive parts	Applies	Applies
8	8	Metallic enclosures and metallic parts of enclosures		
8.1	8.1	Material composition	Applies	Applies
8.2	8.2	Group I	Excluded	Excluded
8.3	8.3	Group II	Applies	Applies
8.4	8.4	Group III	Excluded	Excluded
NR	8.5	Copper alloys	Applies	Applies
9	9	Fasteners		
9.1	9.1	General	Applies	Applies
9.2	9.2	Special fasteners	Excluded	Excluded
9.3	9.3	Holes for special fasteners	Excluded	Excluded
9.3.3	-	Hexagon socket set screws	Excluded	Excluded
-	9.4	Hexagon socket set screws	Excluded	Excluded
10	10	Interlocking devices	Excluded	Excluded
11	11	Bushings	Applies	Applies
12	-	Materials used for cementing	Modified	Modified
-	12	Reserved for future use.	Excluded	Excluded
13	13	Ex components	Applies	Applies
14	14	Connection facilities	Applies	Applies
15	15	Connection facilities for earthing and bonding conductors	Applies	Applies
16	16	Entries into enclosures	Applies	Applies
17	17	Supplementary requirements for electric machines	Excluded	Excluded
18	18	Supplementary requirements for switchgear	Excluded	
18.1	18.1	Flammable dielectric	Excluded	Applies
18.2	18.2	Disconnectors	Excluded	Applies
18.3	18.3	Group I – Provisions for locking	Excluded	Excluded
18.4	18.4	Doors and covers	Excluded	Applies
19	-	Supplementary requirements for fuses	Excluded	Excluded
-	19	Reserved for future use.	Excluded	Excluded
20	20	Supplementary requirements for plugs and sockets		

Clause of IEC 60079-0			IEC 60079-0 clause application to IEC 60079-15	
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20.1	20.1	General	Applies	Applies
20.2	20.2	Explosive gas atmospheres	Excluded	Excluded
20.3	20.3	Explosive dust atmospheres	Excluded	Excluded
20.4	20.4	Energized plugs	Applies	Applies
21	21	Supplementary requirements for luminaires		
21.1	21.1	General	Applies	Applies
21.2	21.2	Covers for luminaires of EPL Mb, EPL Gb or EPL Db	Excluded	Excluded
21.3	21.3	Covers for luminaires of EPL Gc or EPL Dc	Applies	Applies
21.4	21.4	Sodium lamps	Applies	Applies
22	22	Supplementary requirements for caplights and handlights		
22.1	22.1	Group I caplights	Excluded	Excluded
22.2	22.2	Group II and Group III caplights and handlights	Excluded	Applies
23	23	Equipment incorporating cells and batteries	Applies	Applies
23.12	23.12	Replacement battery pack	Applies	Applies
24	24	Documentation	Modified	Modified
25	25	Compliance of prototype or sample with documents	Applies	Applies
26	26	Type tests	Applies	Applies
26.4	26.4	Tests of enclosures		
26.4.1	26.4.1	Order of tests		
26.4.1.1	26.4.1.1	Metallic enclosures, metallic parts of enclosures and glass or ceramic parts of enclosures	Applies	Applies
26.4.1.2	26.4.1.2	Non-metallic enclosures or non-metallic parts of enclosures		
26.4.1.2.1	26.4.1.2.1	General	Applies	Applies
26.4.1.2.2	26.4.1.2.2	Group I electrical equipment	Excluded	Excluded
26.4.1.2.3	-	Group II and Group III electrical equipment	Modified	Modified
-	26.4.1.2.3	Group II and Group III electrical equipment	Applies	Applies
26.4.2	26.4.2	Resistance to impact	Applies	Applies

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26.4.3	26.4.3	Drop test	Applies	Applies
26.4.4	26.4.4	Acceptance criteria	Applies	Applies
26.4.5	26.4.5	Degree of protection by enclosure	Applies	Applies
26.5	26.5	Thermal tests		
26.5.1	26.5.1	Temperature measurement	Applies	Applies
26.5.1.1	26.5.1.1	General	Applies	Applies
26.5.1.2	26.5.1.2	Service Temperature	Applies	Applies
26.5.2	26.5.2	Thermal shock test	Applies	Applies
26.5.3	26.5.3	Small component ignition test (Group I and Group II)	Applies	Excluded
26.6	26.6	Torque test for bushings	Applies	Applies
26.7	26.7	Non-metallic enclosures or non-metallic parts of enclosures		
26.7.1	26.7.1	General	Applies	Applies
26.7.2	-	Test temperatures	Modified	Modified
-	26.7.2	Test temperatures	Applies	Applies
26.8	-	Thermal endurance to heat	Modified	Modified
-	26.8	Thermal endurance to heat	Applies	Applies
26.9	26.9	Thermal endurance to cold	Applies	Applies
26.10	26.10	Resistance to light		
26.10.1	26.10.1	General	Applies	Applies
26.10.2	26.10.2	Light exposure	Applies	Applies
26.10.3	26.10.3	Acceptance criteria	Applies	Applies
26.11	26.11	Resistance to chemical agents for Group I electrical equipment	Excluded	Excluded
26.12	26.12	Earth continuity	Applies	Applies
26.13	26.13	Surface resistance test of parts of enclosures of non-metallic materials	Applies	Applies
26.14	26.14	Measurement of capacitance		
26.14.1	26.14.1	General	Applies	Applies
26.14.2	26.14.2	Test procedure	Applies	Applies
26.15	26.15	Verification of ratings of ventilating fans	Excluded	Excluded
26.16	26.16	Alternative qualification of elastomeric sealing O-rings	Applies	Applies