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- ER 1.3.1
- ER 1.5.1
- ER 2.0.1
- ER 2.0.2
- ER 2.1.1
- ER 2.1.2
- ER 2.2.1
- ER 2.2.2
- ER 2.3.1
- ER 2.3.2

Compliance with this standard provides one means of conformity with the specified essential requirements of the Directive[s] concerned.

WARNING: Other requirements and other EC Directives may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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## INTRODUCTION

Optical equipment in the form of lamps, lasers, LEDs, optical fibers etc. is increasingly used for communications, surveying, sensing and measurement. In material processing, optical radiation of high irradiance is used. Where the installation is inside or close to explosive atmospheres, the radiation from such equipment may pass through these atmospheres. Depending on the characteristics of the radiation it might then be able to ignite a surrounding explosive atmosphere. The presence or absence of an additional absorber, such as particles, significantly influences the ignition.

There are four possible ignition mechanisms:

- a) Optical radiation is absorbed by surfaces or particles, causing them to heat up, and under certain circumstances this may allow them to attain a temperature which will ignite a surrounding explosive atmosphere.
- b) Thermal ignition of a gas volume, where the optical wavelength matches an absorption band of the gas or vapour.
- c) Photochemical ignition due to photo dissociation of oxygen molecules by radiation in the ultraviolet wavelength range.
- d) Direct laser induced breakdown of the gas or vapour at the focus of a strong beam, producing plasma and a shock wave both eventually acting as ignition source. These processes can be supported by a solid material close to the breakdown point.

The most likely case of ignition occurring in practice with lowest radiation power of ignition capability is case a). Under some conditions for pulsed radiation case d) also will become relevant. These two cases are addressed in this standard. Although one should be aware of ignition mechanism b) and c) explained above, they are not addressed in this standard due to the very special situation with ultraviolet radiation and with the absorption properties of most gases (see Annex A).

This standard describes precautions and requirements to be taken when using optical radiation transmitting equipment in explosive gas or dust atmospheres. It also outlines a test method, which can be used in special cases to verify that a beam is not ignition capable under selected test conditions, if the optical limit values cannot be guaranteed by assessment or beam strength measurement.

There is equipment outside the scope of this standard because the optical radiation associated with this equipment is considered not to be a risk of ignition for the following reasons:

- due to low radiated power or divergent light, and
- as hot surfaces created due to a too small distance from the radiation source to an absorber which is already considered by general requirements for lighting equipment.

In most cases the optical equipment is associated with electrical equipment and where the electrical equipment is located in a hazardous area then other parts of the IEC 60079 series will also apply. This standard provides guidance for:

- a) Ignition hazards associated with optical systems in explosive atmospheres as defined in IEC 60079-10-1 and IEC 60079-10-2, and,
- b) Control of ignition hazards from equipment using optical radiation in explosive atmospheres.

This standard is related to the integrated system used to control the ignition hazard from equipment using optical radiation in explosive atmospheres.