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#### Part 20-2: Material characteristics – Combustible dusts test methods

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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Combustible Dust Determination	5	X		
Procedure for Characterisation of combustible dust or combustible flying	6	X		
Test methods for determination of a combustible dust or a combustible flying	7	X		
MIT of a dust cloud	8.1	X		
MIT of a dust layer	8.2	X		
MIE of a dust/air mixture	8.3	X		
Tests on resistivity	8.4	X		
Measurement of temperature distribution on the surface of the hot plate	Annex A	X		
Godbert-Greenwald oven	Annex B	X		
Examples of spark-generating systems	Annex C	X		
Vertical tube apparatus	Annex D	X		
20-litre sphere	Annex E	X		
BAM oven	Annex F	X		
Data for dust explosion characteristics	Annex G	X		
1m <sup>3</sup> vessel	Annex H	X		

## EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

### Part 20-2: Material characteristics – Combustible dusts test methods

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 80079 describes the test methods for the identification of combustible dust and combustible dust layers in order to permit classification of areas where such materials exist for the purpose of the proper selection and installation of electrical and mechanical equipment for use in the presence of combustible dust.

The standard atmospheric conditions for determination of characteristics of combustible dusts are:

- temperature  $-20\text{ °C}$  to  $+60\text{ °C}$ ,
- pressure 80 kPa (0,8 bar) to 110 kPa (1,1 bar) and
- air with normal oxygen content, typically 21 % v/v.

The test methods defined do not apply to:

- recognized explosives, propellants (e.g. gunpowder, dynamite), or substances or mixtures of substances which may, under some circumstances, behave in a similar manner or
- dusts of explosives and propellants that do not require atmospheric oxygen for combustion, or to pyrophoric substances.

#### 2 Normative references

None.

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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

##### 3.1

##### **combustible dust**

finely divided solid particles, 500  $\mu\text{m}$  or less in nominal size, which may form explosive mixtures with air at standard atmospheric pressure and temperatures

Note 1 to entry: This includes dust and grit as defined in ISO 4225.

Note 2 to entry: The term 'solid particles' is intended to address particles in the solid phase but does not preclude a hollow particle.

##### 3.1.1

##### **conductive dust**

combustible metal dusts and other combustible dusts with electrical resistivity equal to or less than  $1 \times 10^3\ \Omega\cdot\text{m}$

Note 1 to entry: Metal dust is treated as conductive dust because it is assumed that surface oxidation cannot be depended upon to always ensure electrical resistivity greater than  $1 \times 10^3\ \Omega\cdot\text{m}$