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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-014, Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres, to supersede AS/NZS 60079.5:2007.

The objective of this Standard is to set out the requirements for the construction, testing and marking of electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components in the type of protection powder filling ‘q’, intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from IEC 60079-5 Ed.4.0 (2015), *Explosive atmospheres,* Part 5*: Equipment protection by powder filling "q".*

This Standard is to be read in conjunction with AS/NZS 60079.0, *Explosive atmospheres,* Part 0: *Equipment—General requirements*. Changes to the Standard introduced by this edition are listed in the IEC Foreword.

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(a) In the source text ‘this part of IEC 60079’ should read ‘this Australian/New Zealand Standard’.

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Reference to International Standard		*Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standard*	
IEC		AS/NZS	
60079	Explosive atmospheres	60079	Explosive atmospheres
60079-0	Part 0: Equipment—General requirements	60079.0	Part 0: Equipment—General requirements
60079-7	Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"	60079.7	Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety ‘e’
60079-11	Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety “i”	60079.11	Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety ‘i’
60529	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	60529	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)
61558	Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products	61558	Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products
61558-1	Part 1: General requirements and tests	61558.1	Part 1: General requirements and tests
61558-2-6	Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers	61558.2.6	Part 2.6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers

Only informative references that have been adopted as Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standard have been listed.

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IEC FOREWORD

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

NOTE The technical changes referred to include the significant technical changes in the revised IEC standard, but they do not form an exhaustive list of all modifications from the previous edition. More guidance may be found by referring to the redline version of the IEC standard, if available.

		Type		
Significant changes	**Clause/subclause**	**Minor and editorial changes**	**Extension**	**Major technical changes**
Specific references to IEC 60079-0 have been reworded so the references to IEC 60079-0 can be non-dated references	4.1.3 4.8 4.8.3	X		
The “housing” surrounding the powder filled equipment or Ex Component has been redefined as a “container” to avoid confusion with the “enclosure” requirements of IEC 60079-0	4.1	X		
A relaxation has been introduced to permit reduced distances through filling material for instances where there is no adjacent gap in the container	4.3.1		X	
A relaxation has been introduced to permit the use of creepage dimensions per IEC 60079-7 where CTI is better than 175	4.8.3		X	
An evaluation of joints employed when the reduced distances according to Table 1 are applied, has been added.	5.1.1		X	
Text for determination of maximum temperature clarified with respect to overloads and malfunctions	5.1.4	X		
A batch routine test has been introduced	5.2.1		X	

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Part 5:
Equipment protection by powdered filling 'q'

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 contains specific requirements for the construction, testing and marking of electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components in the type of protection powder filling “q”, intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

NOTE 1 Electrical equipment and Ex components protected by powder filling “q” can contain electronic circuits, transformers, protection fuses, relays, intrinsically safe electrical apparatus, associated electrical apparatus, switches, etc.

NOTE 2 Type of protection powder filling “q” provides Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Gb or Mb.

This standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a requirement of IEC 60079-0, the requirement of this standard takes precedence.

This standard applies to electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components with:

– a rated supply current less than or equal to 16 A;
– a rated supply voltage less than or equal to 1 000 V;
– a rated power consumption less than or equal to 1 000 W.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-7, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"*

IEC 60079-11, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 61558-1, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes – Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*