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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 60079, which is a Technical Specification, is being issued as a “prospective standard for provisional application” in the field of *Explosive Atmospheres – Intrinsically safe systems with electronically controlled spark duration limitation* because there is an urgent need for guidance on how standards in this field should be used to meet an identified need.

Intrinsically safe systems with electronically controlled spark duration can provide more power available in intrinsically safe circuits while maintaining the level of protection “ib” or “ic”. In addition to limiting the voltage and current (similar to conventional intrinsically safe circuits), the duration of the spark is limited, which also restricts the amount of energy available for ignition.

The general requirements for the installation of IS equipment are applicable to Power-i circuits.

This new technology allows an expansion in the field of industrial applications using the type of protection Intrinsic Safety ‘i’.

This technology, however, requires a new and more extensive approach of the type of protection Intrinsic Safety “i”.

EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 39: Intrinsically safe systems with electronically controlled spark duration limitation

1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies the construction, testing, installation and maintenance of Power-i apparatus and systems which utilise electronically controlled spark duration limitation to maintain an adequate level of intrinsic safety.

This Technical Specification contains requirements for intrinsically safe apparatus and wiring intended for use in explosive atmospheres and for associated apparatus intended for connection to intrinsically safe circuits entering such atmospheres.

This Technical Specification excludes the level of protection “ia” and the use of software-controlled circuits.

This Technical Specification applies to electrical equipment utilising voltages not higher than 40 V d.c. and a safety factor 1,5 for Groups IIB, IIA, I and III. It is also applicable to Group IIC “ic” apparatus with a safety factor 1,0. Group IIC “ib” apparatus with a safety factor 1,5 are restricted to voltages up to 32 V d.c.

This type of protection is applicable to electrical equipment in which the electrical circuits themselves are incapable of causing an explosion of the surrounding explosive atmospheres.

This Technical Specification is applicable to intrinsically safe apparatus and systems which utilise electronically controlled spark duration limitation with the aim of providing more electrical power while maintaining an adequate level of safety.

This Technical Specification is also applicable to electrical equipment or parts of electrical equipment located outside hazardous areas or protected by another type of protection listed in the IEC 60079 series, where the intrinsic safety of the electrical circuits in explosive atmospheres depends on the design and construction of such electrical equipment or parts of such electrical equipment. The electrical circuits located in the hazardous area are evaluated for use in such locations by applying this Technical Specification.

This Technical Specification supplements and modifies the requirements of IEC 60079-0, IEC 60079-11, IEC 60079-14, IEC 60079-17 and IEC 60079-25.

2 Normative references

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

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IEC 60079-14, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 14: Electrical installations design, selection and erection*