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- a) revisions to Clause 5 regarding markings and conditions of safe use when a dimension of a flameproof joint is other than the relevant minimum or maximum;
- b) revisions to Table 1 regarding maximum gap for flanged, cylindrical or spigot joints;
- c) revisions to Table 4 regarding requirements for taper threaded joints;
- d) revisions to Clause 10 regarding volume restrictions and test conditions associated with breathing and draining devices;
- e) revisions to Clause 11 regarding requirements for fasteners, associated holes and blanking elements;
- f) revisions to Clause 12 regarding material restrictions associated with zinc and zinc alloys;

- g) revisions to Table 5 regarding conditions for the determination of maximum surface temperatures;
- h) revisions to Clause 15 regarding the determination of explosion pressure (reference pressure);
- i) revisions to Table 6 regarding the reduction in length of a threaded joint for non-transmission testing;
- j) revisions to Table 7 regarding the test factors to increase pressure or test gap (i_E);
- k) revisions to Table 8 regarding the minimum distance of obstructions from flange openings;
- l) revisions to Clause 19 regarding tests for flameproofness;
- m) revisions to Clause 20 regarding a tabulated collection of marking requirements;
- n) revisions to Annex C regarding additional requirements for flameproof entry devices;
- o) revisions to Annex D regarding empty flameproof enclosures as Ex components,
- p) addition of a new Annex F regarding mechanical properties for screws and nuts; and
- q) addition of a new Annex G regarding equipment protection levels for Ex equipment.

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This standard is to be read in conjunction with IEC 60079-0:2004, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 0: General requirements*.

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EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures “d”

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 contains specific requirements for the construction and testing of electrical equipment with the type of protection flameproof enclosure “d”, intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

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 will take precedence.

NOTE Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures “d” provides Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Gb. For further information, see Annex G.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 60061 (all parts), *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety*

IEC 60079-0:2004, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 0: General requirements*

IEC 60079-1-1, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 1-1: Flameproof enclosures “d” – Method of test for ascertainment of maximum experimental safe gap*

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 60079-14:2002, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 14: Electrical installations in hazardous areas (other than mines)*

IEC 60086-1:2000, *Primary batteries – Part 1: General*

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60623:2001, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Vented nickel-cadmium prismatic rechargeable single cells*

IEC 60662:1980, *High-pressure sodium vapour lamps*

IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 61951-1:2003, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 1: Nickel-cadmium*

IEC 61951-2:2003, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 2: Nickel-metal hydride*

ISO 185:1988, *Grey cast iron – Classification*

ISO 965-1:1998, *ISO general-purpose metric screw threads – Tolerances – Part 1: Principles and basic data*

ISO 965-3:1998, *ISO general-purpose metric screw threads – Tolerances – Part 3: Deviations for constructional threads*

ISO 2738:1999, *Sintered metal materials, excluding hard metals – Permeable sintered metal materials – Determination of density, oil content and open porosity*

ISO 3864: 1984, *Safety colours and safety signs*

ISO 4003:1977, *Permeable sintered metal materials – Determination of bubble test pore size*

ISO 4022:1987, *Permeable sintered metal materials – Determination of fluid permeability*

ANSI/ASME B1.20.1-1983 (R2001), *Pipe threads, general purpose (inch)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions, in addition to those given in IEC 60079-0, apply.

NOTE Additional definitions applicable to explosive atmospheres can be found in IEC 60050-426.

3.1

flameproof enclosure “d”

enclosure in which the parts which can ignite an explosive gas atmosphere are placed and which can withstand the pressure developed during an internal explosion of an explosive mixture, and which prevents the transmission of the explosion to the explosive gas atmosphere surrounding the enclosure

3.2

volume

total internal volume of the enclosure. However, for enclosures in which the contents are essential in service, the volume to be considered is the remaining free volume

NOTE For luminaries, the volume is determined without lamps fitted.

3.3

flameproof joint or flamepath

place where the corresponding surfaces of two parts of an enclosure, or the conjunction of enclosures, come together and which prevents the transmission of an internal explosion to the explosive gas atmosphere surrounding the enclosure

3.4

width of flameproof joint

L

shortest path through a flameproof joint from the inside to the outside of an enclosure

NOTE This definition does not apply to threaded joints.

**3.5
distance***l*

shortest path through a flameproof joint, when the width of the flameproof joint *L* is interrupted by holes intended for the passage of fasteners for assembling the parts of the flameproof enclosure

**3.6
gap of flameproof joint***i*

distance between the corresponding surfaces of a flameproof joint when the electrical apparatus enclosure has been assembled

NOTE For cylindrical surfaces, forming cylindrical joints, the gap is the difference between the diameters of the bore and the cylindrical component.

**3.7
maximum experimental safe gap (for an explosive mixture)
MESG**

maximum gap of a joint of 25 mm in width which prevents any transmission of an explosion during 10 tests made under the conditions specified in IEC 60079-1-1

**3.8
shaft**

part of circular cross-section used for the transmission of rotary movement

**3.9
operating rod**

part used for the transmission of control movements which may be rotary or linear or a combination of the two

**3.10
pressure-piling**

results of an ignition, in a compartment or subdivision of an enclosure, of a gas mixture pre-compressed, for example, due to a primary ignition in another compartment or subdivision

**3.11
quick-acting door or cover**

door or cover provided with a device which permits opening or closing by a simple operation, such as the movement of a lever or the rotation of a wheel. The device is arranged so that the operation has two stages:

- one for locking or unlocking,
- another for opening or closing

**3.12
door or cover fixed by threaded fasteners**

door or cover, the opening or closing of which requires the manipulation of one or more threaded fasteners (screws, studs, bolts or nuts)

**3.13
threaded door or cover**

door or cover which is assembled to a flameproof enclosure by a threaded flameproof joint

**3.14
breathing device**

device which permits an exchange between the atmosphere within an enclosure and the surrounding atmosphere and which maintains the integrity of the type of protection

3.15

draining device

device which permits liquids to flow out from an enclosure and which maintains the integrity of the type of protection

3.16

Ex blanking element

threaded blanking element tested separately from the equipment enclosure but having an equipment certificate and which is intended to be fitted to the equipment enclosure without further consideration

NOTE 1 This does not preclude a component certificate for blanking elements in accordance with IEC 60079-0. Examples of blanking elements are shown in Figure 22.

NOTE 2 Non-threaded blanking elements are not equipment.

3.17

Ex thread adapter

thread adapter tested separately from the enclosure but having an equipment certificate and which is intended to be fitted to the equipment enclosure without further consideration

NOTE This does not preclude a component certificate for thread adapters in accordance with IEC 60079-0. Examples of thread adapters are shown in Figure C.2.

3.18

Ex component enclosure

empty flameproof enclosure provided with an Ex component certificate, without the internal equipment being defined, so as to enable the empty enclosure to be made available for incorporation into an equipment certificate without the need for repetition of type testing

4 Equipment grouping and temperature classification

The equipment grouping and temperature classification defined in IEC 60079-0 for the use of electrical equipment in explosive gas atmospheres apply to flameproof enclosures. The subdivisions A, B and C for electrical equipment of Group II also apply.

5 Flameproof joints

5.1 General requirements

All flameproof joints, whether permanently closed or designed to be opened from time to time, shall comply, in the absence of pressure, with the appropriate requirements of Clause 5.

The design of joints shall be appropriate to the mechanical constraints applied to them.

The dimensions given in 5.2 to 5.5 inclusive specify the minimum or maximum values that may be applied to the essential parameters of flamepaths. In instances where a dimension of a flameproof joint is other than the relevant minimum or maximum (for example, in order to comply with the test for non-transmission of an internal ignition), the equipment shall be marked "X" according to 29.2 item i) of IEC 60079-0 and the specific conditions of use on the certificate shall be in accordance with one of the following:

- a) dimensions of the flameproof joints shall be detailed; or
- b) specific drawing referenced that details the dimensions of the flameproof joints; or
- c) specific guidance noted to contact the original manufacturer for information on the dimensions of the flameproof joints.

The surface of joints may be protected against corrosion.

Coating with paint or powder-coat finish is not permitted. Other coating material may be used if the material and application procedure have been shown not to adversely affect the flameproof properties of the joint.

A corrosion inhibiting grease may be applied to joint surfaces before assembly. The grease, if applied, shall be of a type that does not harden because of ageing, does not contain an evaporating solvent, and does not cause corrosion of the joint surfaces. Verification of suitability shall be in accordance with the grease manufacturer's specifications.

Joint surfaces may be electroplated. The metal plating, if applied, shall not be more than 0,008 mm thick.

5.2 Non-threaded joints

5.2.1 Width of joints (L)

The width of joints shall not be less than the minimum values given in Tables 1 and 2. The width of joints for cylindrical metallic parts press-fitted into the walls of a metallic flameproof enclosure of a volume not greater than 2 000 cm³ may be reduced to 5 mm, if

- the design does not rely only on an interference fit to prevent the part being displaced during the type tests of Clause 15, and
- the assembly meets the impact test requirements of IEC 60079-0, taking the worst-case interference fit tolerances into account, and
- the external diameter of the press-fitted part, where the width of the joint is measured, does not exceed 60 mm.

5.2.2 Gap (i)

The gap, if one exists, between the surfaces of a joint shall nowhere exceed the maximum values given in Tables 1 and 2.

The surfaces of joints shall be such that their average roughness R_a (derived from ISO 468) does not exceed 6,3 μm .

For flanged joints, there shall be no intentional gap between the surfaces, except for quick-acting doors or covers.

For electrical equipment of group I, it shall be possible to check, directly or indirectly, the gaps of flanged joints of covers and doors designed to be opened from time to time. Figure 1 shows an example of construction for indirect checking of a flameproof joint.

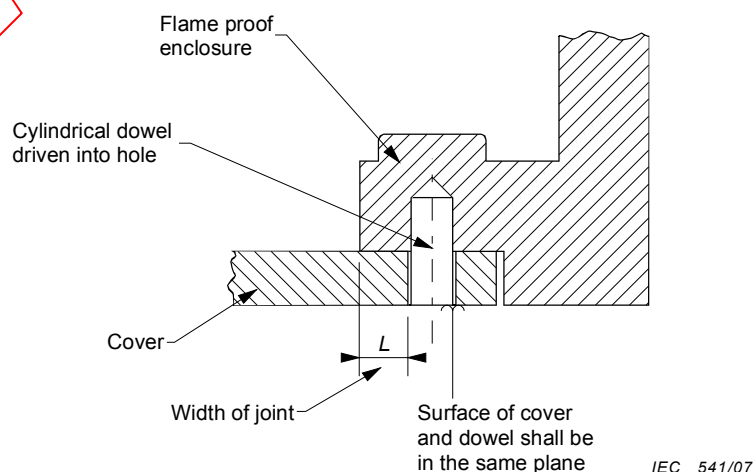


Figure 1 – Example of construction for indirect checking of a flanged group I flameproof joint

5.2.3 Spigot joints

For the determination of the width L of spigot joints, one of the following shall be taken into account:

- the cylindrical part and the plane part (see Figure 2a). In this case, the gap shall nowhere exceed the maximum values given in Tables 1 and 2;
- the cylindrical part only (see Figure 2b). In this case, the plane part need not comply with the requirements of Tables 1 and 2.

NOTE For gaskets, see also 5.4.

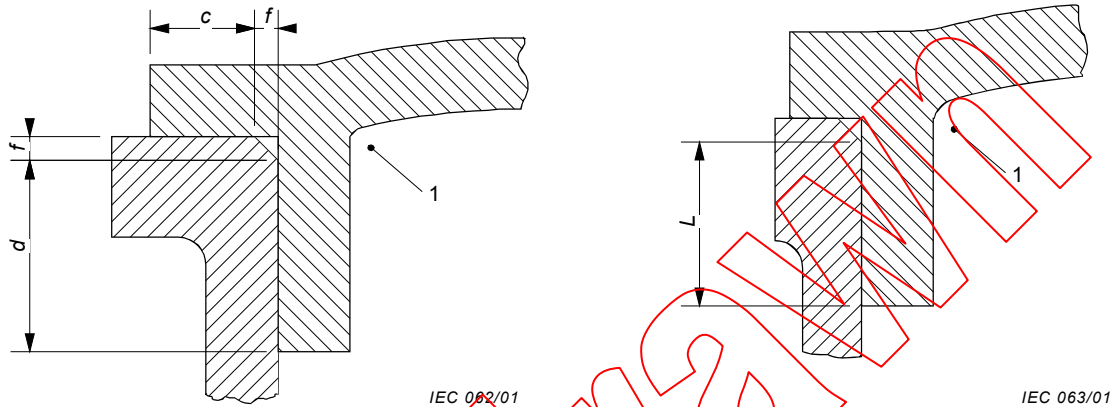


Figure 2a – Cylindrical part and plane part

Figure 2b – Cylindrical part only

Key

- $L = c + d$ (I, IIA, IIB, IIC)
- $c \geq 6,0$ mm (IIC)
- $c \geq 3,0$ mm (I, IIA, IIB)
- $d \geq 0,50 L$ (IIC)
- $f \leq 1,0$ mm (I, IIA, IIB, IIC)
- 1 interior of enclosure

Figure 2 – Spigot joints

5.2.4 Holes in joint surfaces

Where a plane joint or the plane part or partial cylindrical surface (see 5.2.6) of a joint is interrupted by holes intended for the passage of threaded fasteners for assembling the parts of a flameproof enclosure, the distance l to the edge of the hole shall be equal to or greater than

- 6 mm when the width of joint L is less than 12,5 mm,
- 8 mm when the width of joint L is equal to or greater than 12,5 mm but less than 25 mm,
- 9 mm when the width of joint L is equal to or greater than 25 mm.

NOTE The requirements for clearance holes of fasteners are specified in IEC 60079-0.

The distance l is determined as follows.

5.2.4.1 Flanged joints with holes outside the enclosure (see Figures 3 and 5)

The distance l is measured between each hole and the inside of the enclosure.

5.2.4.2 Flanged joints with holes inside the enclosure (see Figure 4)

The distance l is measured between each hole and the outside of the enclosure.