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Foreword

This European Standard was prepared by SC 31-8, Electrostatic painting and finishing equipment, of Technical Committee CENELEC TC 31, Electrical apparatus for potentially explosive atmospheres.

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The State of the Art is included in Annex ZY "*Significant changes between this European Standard and EN 50177:2006*".

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0 Introduction

0.1 Process

During the electrostatic coating process the coating powder is transported in an air stream from a powder hopper up to an electrostatic spraying device. As the powder particles flow through the spraying device they are electrostatically charged by means of a high voltage of the order of some tens of kilovolts and ejected in the form of a cloud which is directed towards the workpiece. The charged particles of the cloud are attracted by and applied to the earthed workpiece.

Powder, that is not applied to the workpiece (overspray) is removed by a suction device or other means in the powder collection unit.

After the coating process the workpieces are introduced into an oven where the powder is melted and cured into a coherent coating.

0.2 Explosion hazards

An explosion could occur, if

– the concentration of coating powder in air is within the explosion limits,

– an ignition source of appropriate energy for this coating powder cloud is present.

Ignition sources could be, for instance, a hot surface, an open flame, an electric arc or a spark.

An explosion could be prevented, if one – or better both – conditions are avoided. Because it is very difficult to exclude the possibility of ignitable discharges completely, the main focus should be the prevention of ignitable concentrations of coating powder in air.

0.2.1 Mixtures of ignitable coating powder and air could only explode within a given range of concentration, but not, if the concentration is above or below this range.

NOTE 1 If an explosive cloud of coating powder and air is trapped into a closed room, an explosion could lead to a fatal increase of pressure.

NOTE 2 The particle size distribution of coating powders is usually in the range of 5 µm to 120 µm.

0.2.2 It is important that deposits of powder are not allowed to accumulate within the spraying areas for they may be whirled up and give rise to an explosive atmosphere. This does not apply to deposits on filter devices and accumulations of coating powder in hoppers where filters and hoppers are integrated in the spraying area and are designed to collect the coating powder. [See EN 12981:2005, 4.6].

0.2.3 Particular attention should be paid to the prevention of electrostatic charges on different surfaces, which are in the vicinity of the powder cloud. This could apply to workpieces during the coating process or the reciprocating devices and the mounting parts of the powder spraying system etc.

0.3 Electric hazards

0.3.1 Electric shock (by direct or indirect contact) could be generated, for instance, by contact with

– live parts, which are not insulated for operational reasons,

– conductive parts, which are not under dangerous voltage during normal operation, but in case of failure,

– insulated live parts whose insulation is insufficient or has been damaged due to mechanical influences.

0.3.2 Inadequate grounding could occur, for instance, due to

– faulty connections to the protective grounding system,

– a too high resistance to ground.

0.3.3 Hazards could occur, for instance, if hazardous malfunctions (e.g. shortcut of the electronic safety circuits, of access guards to dangerous areas or of warning devices) occur due to interferences of the high voltage equipment and the components of control and safety systems.

0.3.4 Hazardous electrostatic discharges could be generated, for instance, by non-earthed conductive components or by large insulating surfaces, especially if they are backed with conductive material.

1 Scope

1.1 This European Standard specifies the requirements for stationary electrostatic application equipment for ignitable coating powders to be used in explosive atmospheres generated by their own spray cloud. A distinction is made between spraying systems corresponding to EN 50050:2001 and spraying systems designed for higher discharge energies and/or currents. The charging of ignitable coating powder can be achieved by applying high voltage or triboelectrically.

This European Standard also specifies the design-related requirements for a safe operation of the stationary equipment including its electrical installation.

1.2 This European Standard considers three types of electrostatic spraying systems; see 5.1 for more details.

1.3 This European Standard deals with all hazards significant for the electrostatic spraying of coating materials, which could also contain small quantities of added metal particles, if the work is carried out under conditions recommended by the manufacturer. In particular, this includes ignition hazards resulting from the generated explosive atmosphere, and the protection of persons from electric shocks.

1.4 This stationary equipment is classified as equipment of group II, category 2D or category 3D for use in potentially explosive areas of zone 21 or 22, respectively.

NOTE For other safety aspects like

- zone classification of the areas in and around spray booths, see EN 12981:2005, 5.6.2.3;
- zone classification of other areas with explosive atmosphere, see EN 60079-10-2;
- selection, erection and application of other electrical and non electrical equipment in areas with explosion hazard, see EN 60079-14 and EN 12981:2005, 5.6.2.4;

- health protection (for instance, noise) see also EN 12981:2005, 5.4 and EN 14462;
- cleaning of spraying areas, see instruction manual of the spraying equipment;
- fire prevention and protection (for instance fire hazards due to other sources) see also EN 12981:2005, 5.6;
- explosion protection system, see EN 12981:2005, 5.6.2.5;
- dust hazards, see EN 12981:2005, 5.5.

Design-related measures for reducing the generation of noise of the stationary equipment for electrostatic coating are given in EN ISO 11688-1. See also EN 14462.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are incorporated 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.

EN 1081, *Resilient floor coverings – Determination of the electrical resistance*

EN 1127-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Explosion prevention and protection – Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology*

EN 1149-5, *Protective clothing – Electrostatic properties – Part 5: Material performance and design requirements*

EN 12981:2005, *Coating plants - Spray booths for application of organic powder coating material - Safety requirements*

EN 13463-1, *Non-electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres – Part 1: Basic method and requirements*

EN 13478:2001, *Safety of machinery – Fire prevention and protection*

EN 50050:2001, *Electrical apparatus for potentially explosive atmospheres – Electrostatic hand-held spraying equipment*

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

EN 60204-1, *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – Part 1: General requirements* (IEC 60204-1)

EN 60529:1991, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code)* (IEC 60529:1989)

EN 61340-4-1, *Electrostatics – Part 4-1: Standard test methods for specific applications – Electrical resistance of floor coverings and installed floors* (IEC 61340-4-1)

EN 62061, *Safety of machinery – Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems* (IEC 62061)

EN ISO 13849-1, *Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control systems – General principles for design* (ISO 13849-1)

EN ISO 20344, *Personal protective equipment – Test method for footwear* (ISO 20344)

3 Definitions

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

3.1
stationary electrostatic application equipment for ignitable coating powders
equipment in which the electrostatic spraying equipment is either fixed stationary (e.g. on supports) and is operated automatically or is guided by reciprocators (e.g. robots).

In general, the equipment comprises the following:

– powder spray booth;
– spraying area;
– spraying system;
– dosing device;
– fixtures for workpieces;
– conveyors;
– grounding system;
– forced ventilation;
– fire prevention and protection equipment

3.2
spraying system
devices for application of coating powder by means of electrostatic charge.

In general, the spraying system consists of the following components:

– device for the supply of coating material;
– high voltage electrode;
– high voltage supply system;
– spraying device

3.3
high voltage supply system
system consisting in general of the following components:

– low voltage section with devices for switching on and off the unit and for adjustment, control, regulation, limitation and monitoring of current and voltage, as well as the required connecting cables;
– high voltage generator;
– high voltage switching device;
– high voltage cable;
– high voltage plug-and-socket connector

3.4
spraying area
area, closed or not, in which the coating powder is applied to the workpiece by the electrostatic spraying system

3.5
dangerous discharge
discharge which generates the hazard of ignition of explosive mixtures or of electric shock

3.6
dosing device
in general, the dosing devices comprise the following components:

– devices for dosing the coating powder;
– supply lines for coating powder;
– devices for drive, control and monitoring powder delivery

3.7
workpiece
article to which the coating powder is applied

3.8
ignitable coating powder
coating powder which, in whirled-up state, could be ignited by an effective ignition source and which continues to burn after the ignition source has been removed or may react in the form of an explosion

3.9
explosive atmosphere
mixture of air, under atmospheric conditions, and of ignitable substances in the form of gas, vapour, mist, powder or flock, in such proportions that it can be ignited by effective ignition sources, such as excessive temperature, arcs or sparks [see EN 1127-1]

3.10
lower explosion limit (LEL)
concentration of ignitable gas, vapour, mist, powder or flock in air below which an explosive atmosphere will not be formed

3.11
average concentration of ignitable coating powder in air
mass of the ignitable coating powder applied in the spraying area divided by the volume of air exchanged during the same period of time in the spraying area

3.12
discharge energy
energy discharged from a conductive part of the installation in form of a spark which could cause both electric shock to a person and an ignition of an explosive atmosphere

3.13
antistatic footwear
footwear that has a resistance to earth via its sole, which is low enough to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charges capable to produce an incendive discharge [see EN ISO 20344]

NOTE A necessary electric insulating resistance to prevent electric shocks is not contradictory to this definition.

3.14
antistatic clothes
clothes that have a resistance to earth, which is low enough to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charges capable of an incentive discharge [see EN 1149-5]

NOTE A necessary electric insulating resistance to prevent electric shocks is not contradictory to this definition.

3.15
antistatic floor
floor that has a resistance to earth, which is low enough to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charges capable to produce an incendive discharge

3.16
minimum air volume flow
air volume flow of the forced ventilation which shall be ensured in case of worst operational conditions as described in 5.4.1 and 5.4.4

3.17
accessories
accessories are all devices, components and other equipment, except for 3.2 of this standard

3.18
constant-voltage operation
closed control circuit system with direct feedback of the actual value of the output high voltage. During the constant-voltage operation the adjusted output high voltage is maintained constant up to the capacity of the high voltage part via a control device, independent of the variable operational current

NOTE In general the symbol for this type of operation is U_k.

3.19
voltage-controlled operation
open control circuit system without feedback of the output high voltage. During the voltage-controlled operation the output high voltage is adjusted generally at a defined operational current. The output high voltage, however, is not maintained constant by a control device, it varies depending on the operational current and the on-load behaviour of the high voltage device

NOTE In general the symbol for this type of operation is U_v.

3.20
constant current operation
closed control circuit system with direct feedback of the actual value of the high voltage current to a control device. In doing so, the operational current is maintained constant, and the output high voltage varies load-dependently between a minimum and a maximum value defined by the process

NOTE In general the symbol for this type of operation is I_k.

3.21
operational current
current which flows within the high voltage circuit during failure-free operation

NOTE In general the symbol for the operational current is I_b.

3.22
overcurrent
current occurring during a malfunction, exceeding the operational current of the high voltage circuit and giving rise to expect that in voltage-controlled and constant voltage operation hazardous discharges or arcs between high voltage parts and earthed parts of the plant could occur in case the safety distance drops below the permissible limit

NOTE In general the symbol for overcurrent in the high voltage circuit is $I_{ü}$.

3.23
minimum voltage
voltage of the high voltage circuit giving rise to expect that in constant current operation hazardous discharges or arcs could occur between high voltage parts and earthed parts of the plant in case the safety distance drops below the permissible limit

NOTE In general the symbol for minimum voltage in the high voltage circuit is U_{min}.