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Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
References to “electrical systems” changed to “systems”, and note added that installation requirement for Group I are being considered	1	X		
Normative references updated to remove references that were outdated or not mentioned in the body of the standard	2	X		
Reference to IEC Electropedia and ISO Online Browsing platform added, abbreviations dropped from title. Definition of “system designer” deleted, definitions of certified intrinsically safe electrical system, and uncertified intrinsically safe electrical system dropped	3	X		
“Intrinsically safe electrical system” changed to “intrinsically safe system”	3.1	X		
Definition for “multi-circuit cable” added	3.2	X		
“Maximum” changed to “total” on definitions of cable capacitance and cable inductance	3.4, 3.5	X		
“Maximum” deleted on definition of cable inductance to resistance ratio	3.6	X		
FISCO changed to definition from abbreviation	3.9	X		
The requirement for the system designer to sign and date the document dropped, editorial changes for clarity made, and a reference to Annex E made to show typical descriptive system documents	4	X		
Title of clause changed to “Grouping and temperature classification”, ambient temperature range added to things to be included in the system document, and reworded for clarity	5		X	
Notes moved and reworded among the clauses.	6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4	X		
Changed from “Ambient temperature rating” which was moved to Clause 5, and new section renamed “Non-intrinsically safe circuits” added	7		X	
Clause reorganized into sections and some rewording done for clarity	8	X		
Title changed to “Requirements of single and multi-circuit cables”	9	X		
Requirement for insulation thickness moved into this clause, and it now applies to all cables	9.1		X	
Title changed to “Dielectric strength” and consolidates requirements for single circuit and multi-circuit cables. Requirement for dielectric testing changed to twice circuit voltage with a minimum of 500VAC	9.2		X	
Dielectric strength requirements for single circuit cables consolidated here	9.2.1	X		
Dielectric strength requirements for multi- circuit cables consolidated here	9.2.2	X		

Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
Title changed to "Intrinsic safety parameters of cables"	9.3	X		
Title changed to "Enclosures"	10	X		
Most the old Clause 12 moved to 60079-14.	11			C1
This clause was Clause 13 in the previous edition, and the entire clause has been re-arranged for clarity and easier reading	12	X		
This General clause has been re-written in list format to make it easier to understand, and analysis of single and multiple power supplies moved to 12.4 and 12.5 respectively	12.1		X	
This clause added to clarify fault applications in assemblies of certified equipment	12.2		X	
This clause added to provide guidance on how to handle non-certified items in larger assemblies.	12.3		X	
Analysis of single power source information collected here and amplified	12.4		X	
Analysis of multiple power sources information collected in this clause, information added for clarity	12.5		X	
The circuit analysis example dropped in text for simple apparatus, new Annex F added with more information	12.6	X		
This section added to provide more information on determining capacitance, inductance and L/R that was moved in from Annex A	12.7		X	
Requirements for Type A, B, and C cables reworded for clarity	12.8	X		
Information on evaluation of capacitance and inductance moved to 12.7	Annex A	X		
Changed from normative to informative	Annex B			
Reordered and rewritten for greater clarity	Annex C	X		
Annex updated for clarity	Annex E	X		
The former Annex F on surge protection has been removed .	Annex F			C2
Annex G in the previous edition was on testing of cable parameters and has been removed from this edition. Annex G is now FISCO systems.	Annex G	X		

145 **NOTE:** The technical changes referred to include the significance of technical changes in the revised IEC
 146 Standard, but they do not form an exhaustive list of all modifications from the previous version. More guidance
 147 may be found by referring to the Redline Version of the standard.

148 Explanations:

149 A) Definitions

150 Minor and editorial changes

clarification

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decrease of technical requirements

152 minor technical change
153 editorial corrections

154 These are changes which modify requirements in an editorial or a minor technical way. They
155 include changes of the wording to clarify technical requirements without any technical change,
156 or a reduction in level of existing requirement.

157 **Extension** addition of technical options

158 These are changes which add new or modify existing technical requirements, in a way that
159 new options are given, but without increasing requirements for equipment that was fully
160 compliant with the previous standard. Therefore, these will not have to be considered for
161 products in conformity with the preceding edition.

162 **Major technical changes** addition of technical requirements
163 increase of technical requirements

164 These are changes to technical requirements (addition, increase of the level or removal)
165 made in a way that a product in conformity with the preceding edition will not always be able
166 to fulfil the requirements given in the later edition. These changes have to be considered for
167 products in conformity with the preceding edition. For these changes additional information is
168 provided in clause B) below.

169 Note: These changes represent current technological knowledge. However, these changes should not normally
170 have an influence on equipment already placed on the market.

171 **B) Information about the background of 'Major Technical Changes'**

172 C1 – Most of the earthing and bonding requirements have been moved to IEC 60079-14, and
173 the surge protection requirements that were in the old Clause 12 were added here in Clause
174 11. The rest of the old Clause 12 was also removed and moved to IEC 60079-14

175 C2 – The former Annex F on surge protection has been removed and will be covered in IEC
176 60079-14, Annex F is now Simple Apparatus, which was Annex H in the previous edition

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

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179 Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on
180 voting indicated in the above table.

181 This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

182 A list of all parts of IEC 60079 series, under the general title *Explosive atmospheres*, can be
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- 189 • replaced by a revised edition, or
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199 **1 Scope**

200 This part of IEC 60079 contains the specific requirements for design, construction and
201 assessment of intrinsically safe systems, Type of Protection “i”, intended for use, as a whole
202 or in part, in locations in which the use of Group I, II or III Ex Equipment is required.

203 NOTE 1 This standard is intended for use by the designer of the system who may be a manufacturer, a specialist
204 consultant or a member of the end-user’s staff.

205 This document supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0 and the
206 intrinsic safety standard IEC 60079-11. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a
207 requirement of IEC 60079-0 or IEC 60079-11, the requirement of this standard takes
208 precedence.

209 This document supplements IEC 60079-11, the requirements of which apply to apparatus
210 used in intrinsically safe systems.

211 The installation requirements of Group II or Group III systems designed in accordance with
212 this standard are specified in IEC 60079-14.

213 NOTE 2 Group I installation requirements are presently not provided in IEC 60079-14. Installation requirements
214 for Group I are being considered.

215 **2 Normative references**

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

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

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

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

223 IEC 61158-2, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 2: Physical
224 layer specification and service definition*

225 **3 Terms and definitions**

226 For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions, specific to intrinsically
227 safe systems, apply. They supplement the terms and definitions which are given in IEC
228 60079-0 and IEC 60079-11.

229 ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following
230 addresses:

- 231 • IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- 232 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

233 **3.1** 234 **intrinsically safe system**

235 assembly of interconnected items of apparatus, described in a descriptive system document,
236 in which the circuits or parts of circuits, intended to be used in an explosive atmosphere, are
237 intrinsically safe circuits

- 238 **3.2**
239 **multi-circuit cable**
240 multi-core cable containing more than one intrinsically safe circuit
- 241 **3.3**
242 **descriptive system document**
243 document in which the items of apparatus, their intrinsic safety parameters and those of the
244 interconnecting wiring are specified
- 245 **3.4**
246 **total cable capacitance**
247 C_c
248 total capacitance of the interconnecting cable that can be connected into an intrinsically safe
249 circuit
- 250 **3.5**
251 **total cable inductance**
252 L_c
253 total inductance of the interconnecting cable that can be connected into an intrinsically safe
254 circuit
- 255 **3.6**
256 **cable inductance to resistance ratio**
257 L_c/R_c
258 value of the ratio inductance (L_c) to resistance (R_c) of the interconnecting cable connected
259 into an intrinsically safe circuit
- 260 **3.7**
261 **linear power source**
262 power source from which the available output current is determined by a resistor; the output
263 voltage decreases linearly as the output current increases
- 264 **3.8**
265 **non-linear power source**
266 power source where the output voltage and output current have a non-linear relationship
- 267 Note 1 to entry: For example, a supply with a constant voltage output that can reach a constant current limit
268 controlled by semiconductors
- 269 **3.9**
270 **FISCO**
271 **Fieldbus Intrinsically Safe Concept**
272 intrinsically safe system architecture which is bus-powered and designed in accordance with
273 IEC 61558-2, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications – Part 2: Physical*
274 *layer specification and service definition*
- 275 **4 Descriptive system document**
- 276 A descriptive system document shall be created for all intrinsically safe systems. The
277 descriptive system document shall include the technical justification for the combination of the
278 apparatus and shall include at a minimum the following:
- 279 a) a block diagram of the system listing all the items of apparatus within the system including
280 simple apparatus and the interconnecting wiring;
- 281 b) a statement of the Group subdivision (for Groups II and III), the Level of Protection and
282 the Equipment Protection Level (EPL) for each part of the system, the temperature
283 classification, and the ambient temperature rating in accordance with Clauses 5 and 6;
- 284 c) the requirements and permitted parameters of the interconnecting wiring in accordance
285 with Clause 8;
- 286 d) details of the earthing and bonding points on which intrinsic safety depends;

287 e) where applicable, the confirmation of apparatus as simple apparatus in accordance with
288 IEC 60079-11;

289 f) the result of the assessment of intrinsically safe systems in accordance with Clause 12;
290 and

291 g) a unique document identification.

292 The requirements found in Clauses 5 through 12 shall be used to determine the content of the
293 descriptive system document.

294 NOTE The descriptive system document is not the same as the Control Drawing referred to in IEC 60079-11.

295 Annex E shows an example of a typical diagram, illustrating the requirements of the
296 descriptive system document.

297 **5 Grouping and temperature classification**

298 Parts of intrinsically safe systems that are intended for use in an explosive atmosphere shall
299 be grouped in accordance with the equipment grouping requirements of IEC 60079-0. They
300 shall be assigned a temperature class or a maximum surface temperature in accordance with
301 the temperature requirements of IEC 60079-0 and IEC 60079-11.

302 Associated apparatus not intended for use in an explosive atmosphere shall only be grouped
303 in accordance with the equipment grouping requirements of IEC 60079-0.

304 Where the intrinsically safe system or parts of the intrinsically safe system are specified as
305 being suitable for operation outside the normal operating temperature range of -20 °C and
306 +40 °C, then this shall be specified in the descriptive system document.

307 NOTE Different parts of the same intrinsically safe system may have different subdivisions A, B or C. The
308 apparatus used may have different temperature classes and different ambient temperature ratings.

309 **6 Levels of Protection** [kSIST FprEN IEC 60079-25:2020](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/28021f1e-d934-4de0-bbd8-9c4c21b3c03a/ksist-fpren-iec-60079-25-2020)

310 **6.1 General**

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311 Each part of an intrinsically safe system intended for use in an explosive atmosphere shall
312 have a Level of Protection “ia”, “ib” or “ic” in accordance with IEC 60079-11 and an Equipment
313 Protection Level (EPL) in accordance with IEC 60079-0. Separate parts of the system may
314 have a different Level of Protection or EPL.

315 NOTE For Group I applications, an intrinsically safe system can be “ib” in normal operation with external power,
316 but when power is removed under defined safety circumstances (e.g. ventilation failure) then the system could
317 become “ia” under back up battery power. The Level of Protection will be clearly defined for intended
318 circumstances.

319 **6.2 Level of Protection “ia”**

320 Where the requirements applicable to apparatus of Level of Protection “ia” (see IEC 60079-
321 11) are satisfied by an intrinsically safe system or part of a system considered as an entity,
322 then that system or part of a system shall be assigned a Level of Protection “ia”.

323 **6.3 Level of Protection “ib”**

324 Where the requirements applicable to apparatus of Level of Protection “ib” (see IEC 60079-
325 11) are satisfied by an intrinsically safe system or part of a system considered as an entity,
326 then that system or part of a system shall be assigned a Level of Protection “ib”.

327 NOTE For example, a Level of Protection “ia” field instrument powered via a Level of Protection “ib” associated
328 apparatus would be considered as a Level of Protection “ib” system or a Level of Protection “ib” field instrument
329 powered via a Level of Protection “ia” associated apparatus would also be considered as a Level of Protection “ib”
330 system.

331 **6.4 Level of Protection “ic”**

332 Where the requirements applicable to apparatus of Level of Protection “ic” (see IEC 60079-
333 11) are satisfied by an intrinsically safe system or part of a system considered as an entity,
334 then that system or part of a system shall be assigned a Level of Protection “ic”.

335 NOTE For example, a Level of Protection “ia” field instrument powered via a Level of Protection “ic” associated
 336 apparatus would be considered as Level of Protection “ic” system or a Level of Protection “ic” field instrument
 337 powered via a Level of Protection “ia” associated apparatus would also be considered as a Level of Protection “ic”
 338 system.

339 7 Non-intrinsically safe circuits

340 The descriptive system document shall define the limitations for connection of circuits to the
 341 non-intrinsically safe terminals of associated apparatus, such as the U_m value(s).

342 8 Interconnecting wiring / cables used in an intrinsically safe system

343 8.1 General

344 The intrinsic safety parameters of the interconnecting wiring upon which intrinsic safety
 345 depends and the derivation shall be specified in the descriptive system document. If a specific
 346 type of wiring is specified, then the justification for its use shall be included in the
 347 documentation.

348 Cables for the interconnecting wiring shall comply with the applicable requirements of Clause
 349 9.

350 Cable faults shall be assessed in accordance with the requirements of Clause 12.8.

351 8.2 Cables containing a single intrinsically safe circuit

352 Cables containing a single intrinsically safe circuit shall comply with the requirements of 9.1,
 353 9.2, 9.3 and where applicable, 9.4.

354 8.3 Cables containing more than one intrinsically safe circuit

355 The descriptive system document shall specify the permissible types of multi-circuit cables
 356 according to Clause 9, if used for particular circuits. In the particular case where faults
 357 between separate circuits have not been taken into account, a note shall be included on the
 358 block diagram of the descriptive system document stating the following: “Where the
 359 interconnecting cable utilizes part of a multi-circuit cable containing other intrinsically safe
 360 circuits, the multi-circuit cable shall be in accordance with the requirements of a multi-circuit
 361 cable Type A or Type B, as specified in Clause 9.

362 A multi-circuit cable containing circuits classified as Level of Protection “ia”, “ib” or “ic” shall
 363 not contain non-intrinsically safe circuits.

364 Where Level of Protection “ia”, “ib” or “ic” circuits are run together in a cable of Type A or
 365 Type B as specified in 9.5.2 and 9.5.3, each circuit retains its Level of Protection and
 366 equipment grouping.

367 Where Level of Protection “ia”, “ib” or “ic” circuits are run together in a cable of Type C as
 368 specified in 9.5.4, the combination of circuits shall be assessed according to 12.8 to
 369 determine the Level of Protection, EPL and applicable equipment grouping.

370 NOTE: Assessment according to 12.8 might determine that the combination is no longer intrinsically safe.

371 9 Requirements of single and multi-circuit cables

372 9.1 General

373 If the cable is specified as part of the system, then:

- 374 • individual conductors or strands of multi-stranded conductors within the hazardous
 375 area shall have a diameter of at least 0,1 mm; and
- 376 • the radial thickness of the insulation of each core of multi circuit cable shall be
 377 appropriate to the conductor diameter and the nature of the insulation with a minimum
 378 of 0,2 mm.

379 NOTE This clause is not intended to prevent the use of bare conductors that are intended to be bridged out in a
 380 signalling system. Such conductors are considered as simple apparatus and not interconnecting wiring.

381 9.2 Dielectric strength

382 9.2.1 Cables containing a single intrinsically safe circuit

383 The insulation of cables used for intrinsically safe circuits shall be capable of withstanding a
384 dielectric strength test with twice the voltage of the intrinsically safe circuit or 500 V RMS (or
385 700 V DC) whichever is the greater.

386 9.2.2 Cables containing more than one intrinsically safe circuit

387 Multi-circuit cables shall not be used for intrinsically safe circuits with voltages exceeding
388 90 V.

389 Multi-circuit cables shall be capable of withstanding a dielectric strength test of at least:

- 390 a) 500 V RMS or 700 V DC applied between any armouring and/or screen(s) joined
391 together and all the cores joined together; and
- 392 b) 1 000 V RMS or 1 400 V DC applied between a bundle comprising one half of the
393 cable cores joined together and a bundle comprising the other half of the cores joined
394 together. This test is not applicable to multi-circuit cables with conducting screens for
395 individual circuits.

396 If information from the cable manufacturer is not available, then the dielectric strength test
397 shall be carried out in accordance with an appropriate cable standard or dielectric strength
398 tests of IEC 60079-11.

399 NOTE It is not a requirement of this standard that the conformity of the manufacturer's specification of the cable
400 needs to be verified.

401 9.3 Intrinsic safety parameters of cables

402 The intrinsic safety parameters (C_c and L_c or C_c and L_c/R_c) for all cables used within an
403 intrinsically safe system shall be determined according to a), b) or c):

- 404 a) the most onerous intrinsic safety parameters provided by the cable manufacturer;
- 405 b) intrinsic safety parameters determined by measurement of a sample, with the method of
406 testing intrinsic safety parameters of cables given in Annex A; or
- 407 c) where the interconnection comprises two or three cores of a conventionally constructed
408 cable (with or without screen) the following values may be used: 200 pF/m and either
409 1 μ H/m or an inductance to resistance ratio (L_c/R_c) calculated by dividing 1 μ H by the
410 manufacturers specified loop resistance per meter. Alternatively, for currents up to $I_o =$
411 3 A an L/R ratio of 30 μ H/ Ω may be used.

412 Where a FISCO system is used, the requirements for the cable parameters shall comply with
413 Annex G.

414 9.4 Conducting screens

415 Where conducting screens provide protection for separate intrinsically safe circuits in order to
416 prevent such circuits becoming connected to one another, the screen shall provide a minimum
417 60% coverage along the entire length of the cable.

418 9.5 Types of multi-circuit cables

419 9.5.1 General

420 Multi-circuit cables shall be identified as Type A, Type B or Type C for the purposes of
421 applying faults and assessing the safety of the cabling within an intrinsically safe system. The
422 cable types are specified in 9.5.2, 9.5.3, and 9.5.4.

423 9.5.2 Type A cable

424 A multi-circuit cable that has conducting screens providing individual protection for each
425 intrinsically safe circuit according to 9.4.

426 9.5.3 Type B cable

427 A multi-circuit cable that is fixed, is protected against damage by installation and does not
428 contain any circuit with a maximum voltage U_o exceeding 60 V.

429 9.5.4 Type C cable

430 A multi-circuit cable that is not Type A or B.

431 10 Enclosures

432 Enclosures used for connection of separate intrinsically safe circuits, such as terminal boxes,
433 shall provide separations for external connection facilities and meet the applicable enclosure
434 requirements in IEC 60079-11.

435 11 Earthing and bonding of intrinsically safe systems

436 The descriptive system document should clearly indicate which point or points of the system
437 are intended to be earthed and any special requirements of such a bond.

438 The use of surge protection devices which interconnect the circuit and the structure via
439 nonlinear devices such as gas discharge tubes and semiconductors is not considered to
440 adversely affect the intrinsic safety of a circuit, provided that in normal operation the current
441 through the device is less than 10 μ A.

442 NOTE If insulation testing at 500 V is carried out then it might be necessary to disconnect the surge suppression
443 devices to prevent them invalidating the measurement.

444 Intrinsically safe systems utilizing surge suppression techniques shall be supported by an
445 adequately documented analysis of the effect of indirect multiple earthing, taking into account
446 the criteria set out above. The capacitance and inductance of the surge suppression devices
447 shall be considered in the assessment of the intrinsically safe system.

448 12 Assessment of an intrinsically safe system

449 12.1 General

450 The compliance of an intrinsically safe system shall be demonstrated by the consideration of
451 the following:

- 452 a) suitability of the individual apparatus for the hazardous area according to the applicable
453 installation requirements e.g. IEC 60079-14;
- 454 b) suitability of the individual apparatus for the ambient temperature range;
- 455 c) comparison of input and output characteristics and parameters of the separately evaluated
456 apparatus;
457 NOTE 1 Occasionally the safety of the field device is completely specified by only one of these parameters.
458 In these circumstances the unspecified parameters are not relevant.
- 459 d) cable parameters of the interconnecting wiring;
- 460 e) faults within cables;
- 461 f) suitability and influence of simple apparatus;
- 462 g) separation of termination, and connection facilities; and
- 463 h) earthing and bonding.

464 Where all the necessary information is available, it is permissible to apply the fault count to
465 the system as a whole even when apparatus conforming to IEC 60079-11 is being used. This
466 is an alternative solution to the more usual straightforward comparison of input and output
467 characteristics of the separately certified apparatus.

468 For Level of Protection “ic” field wiring faults are only considered when Type C cables are
469 specified.

470 NOTE 2 It is recognized that applying faults to the system as a whole is less stringent than applying faults to each
471 piece of apparatus; nevertheless, this is considered to achieve an acceptable level of safety.