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**Part 4-11: Standard test methods for specific applications – Testing of electrostatic properties of composite IBC**

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## 116 INTRODUCTION

117 Rigid Intermediate Bulk Containers (RIBC), including composite IBC, are widely used for storage,  
118 transportation and handling of liquids.

119 Only composite IBC are considered in this part of IEC 61340. The detailed definition of composite IBC  
120 is specified in clause 6.5.1.3.4 of the Reference [1]<sup>1</sup>. Composite IBC with plastic inner receptacles  
121 comprise a rigid outer casing surrounding a plastic inner receptacle, together with appropriate  
122 service and structural equipment. The assembled outer casing and inner receptacle form an  
123 integral unit for filling, storage, transportation and emptying.

124 The inner receptacle is not intended to perform a containment function without its outer casing. A “rigid”  
125 inner receptacle is a receptacle which retains its general shape when empty without closures in place  
126 and without benefit of the outer casing. Any inner receptacle that is not “rigid” is considered to be  
127 “flexible” (see paragraph 6.5.5.4.2 of Reference[1]).

128 Usually such a receptacle is made of HDPE (High Density Poly Ethylene) which shows a good chemical  
129 resistance to various liquids. The volume is usually between 0,5 m<sup>3</sup> and 1,3 m<sup>3</sup> and is typically 1 m<sup>3</sup>.

130 HDPE is an electrically insulating material which can become electrostatically charged. Often the liquid  
131 inserted into a composite IBC is also electrically insulating. High electrostatic charges can occur during  
132 filling and emptying processes, and remain for a long period of time. An ignition hazard can occur which  
133 is why electrostatically unprotected composite IBC are not permitted to be used in hazardous areas.

134 Hazardous areas require the use of electrostatic protected IBC.

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography



## ELECTROSTATICS –

### Part 4-11: Standard test methods for specific applications – Testing of electrostatic properties of composite IBC

#### Scope

This part of IEC 61340 specifies the electrostatic testing, design and safe use requirements for composite intermediate bulk containers (IBC) intended for use in hazardous areas.

Composite IBC are often filled with flammable liquids which can create an explosive atmosphere in the inner receptacle. The design requirements for composite IBC intended for such use are defined in 7.3.4.5 of IEC TS 60079-32-1:2013.

The test procedures described in this document can be used by manufacturers, suppliers and product users for product qualification and compliance verification of new and reconditioned composite IBC. Additionally the requirements of this standard may be used for testing the electrostatic properties of composite IBC, independent of any inspection periods.

Precautions regarding the use of composite IBC (e.g., stirring, cleaning etc.) are defined in 7.3.4.5 of IEC TS 60079-32-1:2013.

Compliance with the requirements of this document does not mitigate the need for full risk assessment.

#### Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 TS 60079-32-1:2013 *Explosive atmospheres - Part 32-1: Electrostatic hazards, guidance +AMD1:2017*

IEC 60079-32-2:2015 *Explosive atmospheres - Part 32-2: Electrostatic hazard – Tests*

IEC 61010-1, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61010-2-030, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 2-030: Particular requirements for equipment having testing or measuring circuits*

ISO 48-4:2018, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic - Determination of hardness - Part 4: Indentation hardness by durometer method (Shore hardness)*

#### Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions of IEC/TS 60079-32-1:2013 and the following apply.

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

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

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**3.1****reconditioning**

176 refurbishment of a composite IBC using various processes to make it ready for re-use without any  
177 additional restrictions regarding its intended use

178 Note to entry:

179 Reconditioning refers to the Routine maintenance of rigid IBCs (e.g. cleaning of IBC), Remanufactured IBC or Repaired IBC  
180 as defined in clause 1.2.1 of Reference [2]

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**3.2****rebotting**

184 replacement of the inner receptacle of a used composite IBC by a new one

185 Note 1 to entry: Inner receptacle is also known as bottle.

186 Note 2 to entry: Rebotting can be done under the regime of Repaired IBC as defined in clause 1.2.1 of Reference [2]

**Electrical resistance measurements****4.1 Atmosphere for conditioning and testing**

189 Unless otherwise agreed, the atmosphere for conditioning and testing for laboratory evaluation and  
190 acceptance testing shall be  $(23 \pm 2) ^\circ\text{C}$  and  $(25 \pm 5) \%$  relative humidity, and the conditioning time prior  
191 to testing shall be at least 24 h.

192 Compliance verification testing is commonly performed under prevailing operational conditions of  
193 temperature and relative humidity. If compliance verification testing is done outside of normal operations,  
194 in a separate laboratory for example, temperature and relative humidity shall either be as specified  
195 above, or as typically found in normal operations. The temperature and relative humidity at the time of  
196 testing, and during any conditioning period, shall be recorded with the test results.

**4.2 Apparatus****4.2.1 Instrumentation for measuring surface resistance and resistance to earth****4.2.1.1 General**

200 Resistance measuring apparatus may consist of either a DC power supply and ammeter, or an  
201 integrated instrument (ohmmeter).

202 With some instrumentation, either one of the measuring terminals can be connected to earth. However,  
203 in some cases, it is important to only connect the correctly designated terminal to earth. This is an  
204 important consideration if the earth bonding point is connected to earth when measurements are made.

205 **WARNING** – The procedures and equipment described in this document can expose personnel to  
206 hazardous electrical conditions. Users of this document are responsible for selecting equipment that  
207 complies with applicable laws and regulatory codes. Test procedures shall not be carried out in the  
208 presence of powders, liquids or gases that can form explosive atmospheres. Users of this document are  
209 encouraged to carry out proper risk assessments before undertaking any of the test procedures. Safety  
210 requirements for electrical equipment for measurements are given in IEC 61010-1 and IEC 61010-2-  
211 030.

**4.2.1.2 Instrumentation for laboratory evaluation**

213 The open circuit voltage shall be  $(10,0 \pm 0,5) \text{ V}$  for measurements less than  $1 \times 10^6 \Omega$ .

214 The output voltage under load shall be  $(500 \pm 25) \text{ V}$  for measurements greater than or equal to  $1 \times 10^6 \Omega$ .

215 If an ohmmeter is used, readings shall be possible at least from  $1 \times 10^3 \Omega$  to  $1 \times 10^{13} \Omega$ , with an accuracy  
216 of  $\pm 10\%$ .