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## Introduction

This document is a type C standard as stated in ISO 12100:2010. A type C standard is “a standard dealing with the detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines”.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this International Standard.

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events are covered are indicated in the Scope of this document.

When provisions of this type C standard are different from those that are stated in type A or B standards, the provisions of this type C standard take precedence over the provisions of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the provisions of this type C standard.

The extent of the applicability of the references may be limited by the context of the text within ISO 21789. Where a dated standard is specified this does not preclude the use of later versions provided that the requirements continue to meet the safety issues and identified hazards detailed in this standard. Where a reference is made to a specific clause in a standard only the text of that clause and references therein apply.<sup>1)</sup>

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1) References within Notes are provisions but not normative provisions of this document and are listed in the Bibliography.



# Gas turbine applications — Safety

## 1 Scope

This International Standard covers the safety requirements for aero derivative and industrial gas turbine prime mover applications using liquid or gaseous fuels and the safety related control and detection systems and essential auxiliaries for all types of open cycles (simple, combined, regenerative, reheat, etc.) used in onshore and offshore applications including floating production platforms.

This International Standard applies to mechanical, electrical, and pressure equipment components and systems necessary for the functionality of the prime mover. For example, but not limited to, a core gas turbine auxiliary gearbox, an output transmission gear box, combustion system, air filtration, gas turbine controls, oil systems, and fuel system. The standard also covers integration of safety risks within the overall installation eg exhaust purging or drainage.

This International Standard details the anticipated significant hazards associated with aero derivative and industrial gas turbine prime movers and specifies the appropriate preventative measures and processes for reduction or elimination of these hazards. This International Standard addresses the risks of injury or death to humans and risks to the environment. Equipment damage without risk to humans or the environment is not covered.

Gas turbine packages are generally specified using International Standards and national standards. Achieving safety is promoted by using additional safety codes and standards, which are shared by gas turbines with other technologies. It is necessary to recognize that local legislation in the country in which the equipment is to be put to use may not be covered by this International Standard.

The overall objective of this international standard is to ensure that equipment is designed, constructed, operated and maintained throughout its life in accordance with ISO 12100.

This International Standard approaches gas turbine safety from an international perspective based on the content of existing, recognized ISO and IEC standards to the greatest extent possible. Where no ISO or IEC standard exists, other codes or standards (such as EN, NFPA, etc.) have been included. Where local or national legislation accepts other established codes or standards, or an alternative international or national standard providing equivalent requirements for achieving risk reduction, the use of these alternative codes or standards in place of the references provided in [Clause 2](#) is permissible.

This International Standard excludes the following items;

- Exhaust system structural design
- Driven equipment;
- Micro turbines as covered by ISO 19372;
- Gas turbines used primarily for direct and indirect propulsion;
- Gas turbines used for mobile applications;
- Special heat source applications;
- Gas turbines in research and development programs;
- Compressed-air energy storage plants.

Where appropriate, this International Standard can be used to give general guidance in such applications.

This document is not applicable to machinery or safety components that were manufactured before the date of its publication as an International Standard.

## 2 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.

ISO 3977-1:1997, *Gas turbines — Procurement — Part 1: General introduction and definitions*

ISO 3977-3:2004, *Gas turbines — Procurement — Part 3: Design requirements*

ISO 3977-9:1999, *Gas turbines — Procurement — Part 9: Reliability, availability, maintainability and safety*

ISO 4413:2010, *Hydraulic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 4414:2010, *Pneumatic fluid power — General rules and safety requirements for systems and their components*

ISO 4871:1996, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 6183:2009/AMD 2:2019, *Fire protection equipment — Carbon dioxide extinguishing systems for use on premises — Design and installation*

ISO 10441:2007, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Flexible couplings for mechanical power transmission — Special-purpose applications*

ISO 10494:2018, *Turbines and turbine sets — Measurement of emitted airborne noise — Engineering/survey method*

ISO 11086:1996, *Gas turbines — Vocabulary*

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 12499:1999, *Industrial fans — Mechanical safety of fans — Guarding*

ISO 14001:2015, *Environmental management systems — Requirements with guidance for use*

ISO 14118:2017, *Safety of machinery — Prevention of unexpected start-up*

ISO 14120:2015, *Safety of machinery — Guards — General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*

ISO 14123-1:2015, *Safety of machinery — Reduction of risks to health resulting from hazardous substances emitted by machinery — Part 1: Principles and specifications for machinery manufacturers*

ISO 14520-1:2019, *Gaseous fire-extinguishing systems — Physical properties and system design — General requirements*

ISO 14691:2008, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Flexible couplings for mechanical power transmission — General-purpose applications*

ISO 19353:2015, *Safety of machinery — Fire prevention and protection*

IEC 60079-0:2017, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 0: Equipment — General requirements*

IEC 60079-10-1:2015, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 10-1: Classification of areas — Explosive gas atmospheres*

IEC 60079-14:2013, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 14: Electrical installations design, selection and erection*

- IEC 60079-17:2013, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 17: Electrical installations inspection and maintenance*
- IEC 60079-29-1:2016/ISH 2:2019, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 29-1: Gas detectors — Performance requirements of detectors for flammable gases*
- IEC 60079-29-2:2015, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 29-2: Gas detectors — Selection, installation, use and maintenance of detectors for flammable gases and oxygen*
- IEC/TS 60079-46:2017, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 46: Equipment assemblies*
- IEC 60204-1:2016, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 1: General requirements*
- IEC 60204-11:2018, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 11: Requirements for equipment for voltages above 1 000 V AC. or 1 500 V DC. and not exceeding 36 kV*
- IEC 60529:1989/AMD 2:2013, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
- IEC 60695-1-10:2016, *Fire hazard testing – Part 1-10: Guidance for assessing the fire hazard of electrotechnical products – General guidelines*
- IEC 60695-1-11:2014, *Fire hazard testing – Part 1-11: Guidance for assessing the fire hazard of electrotechnical products – Fire hazard assessment*
- IEC/TR 61000-5-1:1996, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines — Section 1: General considerations — Basic EMC publication*
- IEC/TR 61000-5-2:1997, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines — Section 2: Earthing and cabling*
- IEC 61000-6-2:2016, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 6-2: Generic standards - Immunity standard for industrial environments*
- IEC 61000-6-4:2018, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 6-4: Generic standards - Emission standard for industrial environments*
- ISO/IEC 80079-20-1:2017, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 20-1: Material characteristics for gas and vapour classification – Test methods and data*
- ISO 80079-36:2016, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 36: Non-electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres — Basic method and requirements*
- EN 12845:2015, *Fixed firefighting systems - Automatic sprinkler systems - Design, installation and maintenance*
- CEN/TS 14816:2008, *Fixed firefighting systems - Water spray systems - Design, installation and maintenance*
- NFPA 12:2018, *Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems*
- NFPA 13:2019, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*
- NFPA 15:2017, *Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection*
- NFPA 68:2018, *Standard on Explosion Protection by Deflagration Venting*
- NFPA 70:2020, *National Electrical Code*
- NFPA 750:2019, *Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems*
- NFPA 2001:2018, *Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 3977-1, ISO 3977-3, ISO 3977-9, ISO 11086, and ISO 12100:2010 and the following apply.

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

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

#### 3.1 auto-ignition temperature

##### AIT

lowest temperature of a heated surface at which the ignition of a combustible substance in the form of gas or vapour mixture with air can occur

Note 1 to entry: AIT is also referred to as ignition temperature, minimum ignition temperature or self-ignition temperature (see 5.16.4.4).

#### 3.2 drain valve

valve that is intended to remove liquids from a pipework system, and that normally drains to atmospheric pressure

#### 3.3 emergency shutdown

is a controlled and automated sequence of events to immediately cease the operation of the gas turbine and its associated equipment

EXAMPLE Isolation of the fuel supply to reduce the likelihood of an unsafe event from occurring, continuing, or escalating.

#### 3.4 emergency stop

a single human action to initiate an automated sequence of events to immediately cease the operation of the gas turbine and its associated equipment

#### 3.5 shutdown

is a controlled sequence of events to cease the operation of the gas turbine and its associated equipment in an orderly fashion. It can be initiated by human and non-human action. This is a normal stop.

#### 3.6 extinction safety time

maximum allowable period of time between the direct or indirect detection of loss of combustion and cessation of the fuel supply

#### 3.7 foreseeable lifetime

foreseeable lifetime includes all phases of life of a part or a system, for example, but not limited to, construction, transportation, commissioning, use, operation, cleaning, troubleshooting, maintenance, decommissioning, dismantling, final disposal, etc.

#### 3.8 ignition safety time

maximum allowable period of time between the opening of the fuel supply valve, which permits fuel to flow, and cessation of the fuel supply, in the absence of confirmation that combustion has commenced (e.g. unsuccessful ignition)

**3.9****interlock  
interlocking device**

mechanical, electrical or other type of device, the purpose of which is to prevent the operation of machine elements under specified conditions by an inhibit command from the interlocking device that directly interrupts the energy supply or directly disconnects parts from the equipment, or is introduced into the control system so that interruption of the energy or disconnection of parts from the equipment is triggered by the control system

**3.10****lower explosive limit****LFL**

volume concentration of flammable gas or vapour in air, below which the mixture is not explosive

Note 1 to entry: Lower flammability Limit (LFL) and Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) are deemed to be equivalent terms.

**3.11****operator**

person or organization having responsibility for the operation of the equipment

**3.12****original equipment manufacturer****OEM**

person or company having design responsibility for the equipment or for parts of it

Note 1 to entry: This may be the manufacturer/packager of the equipment.

**3.13****packager**

having responsibility for integrating the technical aspects of the equipment and all auxiliary systems included in the scope of the supply

**3.14****prime mover**

within the context of this standard the term covers a Gas Turbine as a source of rotating force and heat designed to receive energy as supplied by a fuel source and apply the torque / heat to equipment

**3.15****purchaser**

person or company having authority to specify and to buy the equipment

Note 1 to entry: This, in some cases, may designate the operator.

**3.16****relief valve**

safety device used for over-pressure protection and which does not operate under normal running conditions

**3.17****safety device**

all elements that are used to measure, limit or control safety relevant process variables, for processing safety relevant signals or for activation of automatic or manual safety related interventions

**3.18****safety related system**

systems/components whose primary failure is shown by the failure analysis as likely to cause a hazard and can require special measures in order to achieve an acceptably low probability of occurrence

### 3.19

#### spill valve

control valve that is intended to divert a portion of the liquids during normal running conditions

### 3.20

#### valve pressure proving

system to check the effective closure of automatic shut-off valves by detecting leakage

### 3.21

#### vent

opening intended to discharge gases, fumes or mists except the exhaust gas of the gas turbine, the latter being called the exhaust system

## 4 List of significant hazards

Hazards and the associated hazardous situations have been identified utilizing the procedure defined in ISO 12100:2010, 5.4. The results have been documented in [Annex A](#) Table A.1 for subsequent use in risk assessments to define the protective measures and associated references in the text of this standard.

## 5 Safety requirements

### 5.1 General

The overall objective of the safety requirements is to ensure that equipment is designed, constructed, operated and maintained throughout its life to attain an appropriate level of safety for its intended application.

Each hazard assessment shall consider all reasonably foreseeable operating conditions in the design of the equipment.

Machinery and its associated equipment shall comply with the safety requirements and/or protective measures of this standard. In addition, the machine shall be designed according to the principles of ISO 12100 for relevant but not significant hazards, which are not dealt with by ISO 21789.

The content of this International Standard shall not prejudice technical advances in the field of gas turbine safety or be used to inhibit innovation that can lead to increased safety.

### 5.2 Risk assessment

Risk assessments have been undertaken for the hazards identified by [clause 4](#) and detailed in [Annex A](#) in accordance with the principles defined in ISO 12100:2010, 5. The resulting protective measures and the associated clauses of this standard have been listed in [Annex A](#), Table A.1. The applicable verification actions for the protective measures are listed in [Annex B](#) Table B.1.

The criteria for protective measures comprise: -

- references to applicable standards;
- definition of specific requirements and
- further risk reduction or a combination of the criteria,

as applicable to comply with the requirements of [5.2.1](#).

The results of assessments and the criteria used shall be documented.

Other methods can be used in addition to the principles of ISO12100 to resolve risks. Possible methods are provided in standards such as IEC 60812:2006 (FMEA), IEC 61025:1990 (Fault tree) and IEC 61882:2001 (HAZOP).

The assessment process shall eliminate the hazard or reduce the risk associated with the hazard by applying the criteria defined in the relevant clauses of the standard, in the order given below;

- design for safety with passive protection measures;
- apply active protective measures;
- communicate the information covering any residual risk.

Reliance on risk assessment for the selection of protective measures, to supplement the specific protective measures defined in [clauses 5, 6 and 7](#) of this standard, is essential.

The design of gas turbine equipment shall take into account:

- the variations in the applied protective measures necessary to accommodate individual site conditions.
- the need to relate protective measures to hazards arising from reasonably foreseeable operations carried out on site.
- the need to have options in the selection of measures to control risk.

The criteria identified in the clauses of this standard may not identify every possible risk due to the different approaches taken by manufactures. To ensure that safety is not compromised, additional measures shall be considered, where necessary, to achieve the requirements of [5.2.1](#).

Requirements for functional safety are defined in [clause 5.20](#) and identifies the significant risks applicable to functional safety from Table A.1. Where risk reduction measures are undertaken, it is essential to ensure that additional measures do not introduce additional hazards.

Operation and maintenance requirements shall ensure that the levels of risk are maintained to comply with [5.2.1](#)

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In the event that subsequent analysis or experience identifies additional risks with the design, affected equipment shall be identified and communicated in accordance with [clause 7](#).

### 5.2.1 Risk assessments requirements

For hazards identified, risk assessments covering the gas turbine(s) and the associated equipment shall be performed. A quantitative or a qualitative risk assessment method must be applied.

For qualitative risk assessments care shall be taken to ensure that the factors and parameters used for risk assessment are clearly defined so that objective judgements can be made, and that the values used for each parameter are appropriately calibrated, where applicable, to ensure that they are valid for the assessment being undertaken.

For quantitative risk assessments, evaluate each hazard to ensure measures comply in achieving a maximum risk of fatality for a specific individual of  $10^{-3}$  per year (individual risk level for employees) and  $10^{-4}$  (public) shall be considered. The broadly acceptable level of individual risk is set at  $10^{-6}$  per year.

Note 1 For additional guidance on these values and how to apply them, see IGE/SR/15 Ed. 4 “Integrity of safety-related systems in the gas industry”.

Note 2 These are meant to be valid and verified values when performing quantitative risk assessment. As such a significant level of conservatism is applied to predicted likelihood. Confidence levels, occupancy and avoidance and limits on risk reduction from protection layers will limit how low a risk likelihood can be predicted. Based on broad industry experience, the actual achieved risk level is expected to be significantly lower.

During risk assessment consider applying As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) consideration, in accordance with local criteria.