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Throughout document, "electrical equipment" replaced by "equipment" where appropriate.	Multiple	X		
Scope List of "Type of "Protection" and "Product" standards combined into one list.	<a href="#">1</a>	X		
Definitions used in multiple sub-parts added. Definitions harmonized across sub-parts and added to 60079-0 where appropriate. Battery definitions updated	<a href="#">3</a>	X		
Clarification of the way that information on process temperature influences can be expressed.	<a href="#">5.1.2</a>	X		
Clarification regarding the determination of service temperatures when dust layers are present	<a href="#">5.2</a>	X		
Clarification on the need to provide service temperature information for Ex Components in the Schedule of Limitations	<a href="#">5.2</a>	X		
Relocation of EPL Da dust layer requirements from IEC 60079-18 & IEC 60079-31	<a href="#">5.3.2.3.1</a>	A1		
Clarified that for EPL Db, a maximum specified dust layer of greater than 200 mm is not permitted as thicker layers have no additional effect on maximum surface temperature.	b)	X		
Added for EPL Db, a dust layer in a specified orientation, marked as $T_L$	c)		X	
Clarified that for EPL Dc, no dust layer tests are required.	<a href="#">5.3.2.3.3</a>	X		
Clarified that the "temperature" is the temperature of the air surrounding the component	<a href="#">5.3.3</a>	X		
Subdivided section dealing with higher permitted surface temperatures for "smooth" surfaces. Corrected area from 1 000 mm <sup>2</sup> to 10 000 mm <sup>2</sup> .	<a href="#">5.3.4</a>	X		
Clarified that the "Ex" requirements of IEC 60079 supplement those of the relevant industrial standards.	<a href="#">6.1</a>	X		
Added requirement that where an adhesive is used to secure a gasket, it shall be used within its COT and shall comply with the requirements for cements.	<a href="#">6.5</a>			C1
Requirements relocated to IEC 60079-28	former 6.6.2	A2		
Ultrasonic requirements updated based on latest research work	<a href="#">6.6.3</a>		X	
Added reference to IEC 60079-28	<a href="#">6.6.4</a>	A2		
Material identification parameters have been revised to reflect reasonably obtainable information	<a href="#">7.1.2.2</a>	X		
"RTI-mechanical" has been clarified to include "RTI-mechanical strength" and "RTI-mechanical impact"	<a href="#">7.1.2.2</a>	X		
Material identification parameters have been revised to reflect reasonably obtainable information	<a href="#">7.1.2.3</a>	X		
Relocated information on "cements" from Clause 12.	<a href="#">7.1.2.4</a>	X		
"RTI-mechanical" has been clarified to include "RTI-mechanical strength" and "RTI-mechanical impact". Requirements for cements aligned with the requirements for elastomers.	<a href="#">7.2.2</a>	X		
Relocation of 10 K margin for EPL Gc or Dc from IEC 60079-15, IEC 60079-18 & IEC 60079-31	<a href="#">7.2.2</a>	A3		
Added clarification with respect to gaskets and seals where only the outer edge is potentially exposed to light.	<a href="#">7.3</a>	X		

Explanation of the significance of the changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
Clarification added that one or more of the described techniques may be used	<a href="#">7.4.2</a>	X		
Added additional relaxation for the case where a surface is in contact with an earthed surface on only two of four sides.	<a href="#">7.4.2 b)</a>		X	
Added reference to IEC 60243-1 and IEC 60243-2 for test method to require a 4 kV DC test.	<a href="#">7.4.2 c)</a>			C2
Additional guidance added with respect to the possible Specific Conditions of Use	<a href="#">7.4.2 e)</a>	X		
New option added for portable, mains-powered equipment with earth-connected guard	<a href="#">7.4.2 f)</a>		X	
Added option for determination of maximum transferred charge.	<a href="#">7.4.2 g)</a> <a href="#">Table 10</a>		X	
Added missing limits (same as 7.4.2)	<a href="#">7.4.3 a)</a>	X		
Clarified that it is a dc test that is conducted	<a href="#">7.4.3 b)</a>	X		
Clarified that this requirement is not applied to personal or portable equipment	<a href="#">7.5</a>	X		
Clarified Group I limits	<a href="#">8.2</a>	X		
Clarified Group II, EPL Ga limits	<a href="#">8.3</a>	X		
Added limitation for external surfaces of >65% copper	<a href="#">8.5</a>			C3
Added clarification as to what is considered a tool	<a href="#">9.1</a>	X		
Clarified that the tolerance class of the set screw is not critical, only that it not protrude from the threaded hole after tightening.	<a href="#">9.4</a>	X		
Information on cements transferred to Clause 7	<a href="#">12</a>	X		
Required that Ex Component Certificates require a Schedule of Limitations in all cases	<a href="#">13.5</a>		X	
Revised to clarified that all connection facilities may not be a "Compartment".	<a href="#">14</a>	X		
Sub-clause split to separate the requirements for protective earthing and equipotential bonding into separate sections	<a href="#">15.3</a> <a href="#">15.4</a>	X		
Section split to separate secureness of electrical connections from the internal earth continuity plate.	<a href="#">15.6</a> <a href="#">15.7</a>	X		
Non-threaded Group I cable glands are no longer required to be Ex Components.	<a href="#">16.3</a>		X	
Non-threaded Group I blanking elements are no longer required to be Ex Components.	<a href="#">16.4</a>		X	
Scope of Clause 17 clarified to define applicability	<a href="#">17</a>	X		
Additional guidance notes added to address bearings	<a href="#">17.3</a>	X		
Clarified applicability to disconnectors, interlocks, and maintenance switches.	<a href="#">18.2</a>	X		
Fuse requirements deleted as they are addressed in the individual sub-parts	<a href="#">19</a>	X		
Added requirements for EPL Gc and Dc	<a href="#">20.1</a>			C4
The test circuit requirements for a flameproof connection have been removed as they are more completely specified in IEC 60079-1.	<a href="#">20.2</a>	X		
The impact test requirements for luminaires are relocated to Table 15	<a href="#">21.1</a> <a href="#">Table 15</a>	X		
Clarified interlock switch operation for flameproof luminaires	<a href="#">21.2</a>	X		
Clarified that some Types of Protection permit connection of cells in parallel	<a href="#">23.2</a>	X		

Explanation of the significance of the changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
New cell types and data added based on latest available data	<a href="#">Table 13</a>		X	
New cell types and data added based on latest available data	<a href="#">Table 14</a>			C5
Clarification of what documentation is to be prepared regarding the explosion safety aspects of the equipment	<a href="#">24</a>	X		
Clarification that the type tests are to take into consideration the installation instructions	<a href="#">26.2</a>	X		
Clarification that the "glass" requirements also apply to "ceramic" parts	<a href="#">26.4.1.1</a>	X		
Added a permission to interchange the order of tests at the "lower test temperature" and the "upper test temperature".	<a href="#">26.4.1.2.2</a> <a href="#">26.4.1.2.3</a>	X		
Clarified the construction of the impact test fixture	<a href="#">26.4.2</a>	X		
Clarified the impact tests for glass parts	<a href="#">26.4.2</a>	X		
Added clarification to deal with the new IPX9 ratings	<a href="#">26.4.5.1</a>		X	
Clarified the test voltage for maximum surface temperature	<a href="#">26.5.1.3</a>	X		
Relocation of EPL Da dust layer requirements from IEC 60079-18 & IEC 60079-31	<a href="#">26.5.1.3</a>	A1		
Relocation of EPL Db specified dust layer requirements from IEC 60079-31	<a href="#">26.5.1.3</a>	A4		
Added for EPL Db, a dust layer in a specified orientation, marked as $T_L$	<a href="#">26.5.1.3</a>		B1	
Clarified that for EPL Dc, the testing is conducted without a dust layer.	<a href="#">26.5.1.3</a>	X		
Relocation of thermal endurance to heat 10K relaxation for Gc equipment from IEC 60079-15, IEC 60079-18, & IEC 60079-31	<a href="#">Table 17</a>	X		
Clarification of a consistent way to address elastomeric materials exposed to ultraviolet light	<a href="#">26.10</a>	X		
Replacement of "oil No. 2" with the revised designation of "oil IRM 902".	<a href="#">26.11</a>	X		
Option added for testing at lower voltages when low resistance materials are encountered	<a href="#">26.13</a>		X	
Transferred charge test added based on IEC TS 60079-32-2	<a href="#">26.17</a>		X	
The reference to a specific instruction document instead of an "X" condition relocated to e) instead of a note giving a permission	<a href="#">29.3 e)</a>	X		
Updated to reflect the additional levels of protection already shown in the sub-parts: "da", "dc", "eb", "ec", "oc", "op is", "op pr", "op sh", "pxb", "pyb", "pzc", "qb", "sa", "sb", and "sc".	<a href="#">29.4 b)</a>	X		
Text added to address marking of "Ex associated equipment"	<a href="#">29.4</a>		X	
Updated to reflect the additional levels of protection already shown in the sub-parts: "ic", "op is", "op pr", "op sh", "pxb", "pyb", "pzc", "sa", "sb", and "sc".	<a href="#">29.5 b)</a>	X		
Clarified marking of EPL Da, EPL Db with no dust layer, EPL Db with a specified dust layer, and EPL Dc.	<a href="#">29.5 d)</a>	X		
Introduced marking for EPL Db with a dust layer in a specified orientation	<a href="#">29.5 d)</a>		X	
Text added to address marking of "Ex associated equipment"	<a href="#">29.5</a>		X	
Text added to address marking of equipment intended to be installed in a boundary wall.	<a href="#">29.9</a>		X	
The marking of Ex Component enclosure was aligned with the marking requirements of IEC 60079-1 and IEC 60079-7	<a href="#">29.10</a>	X		



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

<b>Major technical changes</b>	addition of technical requirements
	increase of technical requirements

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

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

## B) Information about the background of changes

A1 The dust layer requirements for EPL Da are unchanged from what previously existed in IEC 60079-18, Ed 4 and IEC 60079-31, Ed 2, but have been relocated to IEC 60079-0 to allow consistent application in all Types of Protection.

A2 IEC 60079-28 now includes all requirements for optical radiation for all EPLs.

A3 The COT requirements for EPL Gc or Dc are unchanged from what previously existed in IEC 60079-15, Ed 4, IEC 60079-18, Ed 4, and IEC 60079-31, Ed 2, but have been relocated to IEC 60079-0 to allow consistent application in all Types of Protection.

A4 The dust layer requirements for EPL Db with a specified dust layer depth are unchanged from what previously existed in IEC 60079-31, Ed 2, but have been relocated to IEC 60079-0 to allow consistent application in all Types of Protection.

B1 Dust layer requirements for EPL Db with a dust layer in a specified orientation have been added.

C1 It is recognized that the new requirements were, in many cases, already applied. The change is to ensure that they are uniformly and consistently applied.

C2 Require that the test be conducted at 4 kV DC.

C3 The limitation applies to external surfaces of other than cable glands, blanking elements, thread adapters and bushings.

C4 The added requirements for tool securing and marking are consistent with the approach in IEC 60079-15

C5 Voltage values were changed following additional research due to the complicated assessment and sometimes unspecified construction of Li/Ion-cells. It was found that some voltage values previously stated were too low.

C6 The now required EPL marking may be other than that permitted by the Level of Protection to account for limiting restrictions of material or plastic material surface area.

C7 Additional instruction material for electric machines required to facilitate selection, installation, and maintenance.

C8 Additional instruction material for cable glands required to facilitate selection and installation.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
31/1345/FDIS	31/1356/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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

A list of all parts of the IEC 60079 series, under the general title *Explosive atmospheres*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
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# EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements

## 1 Scope

**1DV DR DE Modification of Clause 1 to replace with the following:**

This ~~part of IEC 60079~~ document specifies the general requirements for construction, testing and marking of Ex Equipment and Ex Components intended for use in explosive atmospheres. Explosive atmospheres are identified by the National Electrical Code®, ANSI/NFPA 70 as hazardous (classified) locations and include the following specified locations:

- Zone 0
- Zone 1
- Zone 2
- Zone 20
- Zone 21
- Zone 22

See 6.1 for the relationship of the Equipment Protection Level (EPL) to the Zone area classification.

The standard atmospheric conditions (relating to the explosion characteristics of the atmosphere) under which it may be assumed that Ex Equipment can be operated are:

- temperature  $-20\text{ °C}$  to  $+60\text{ °C}$ ;
- pressure 80 kPa (0,8 bar) to 110 kPa (1,1 bar); and
- air with normal oxygen content, typically 21 % v/v.

This ~~part of IEC 60079~~ document and other standards supplementing this standard specify additional test requirements for Ex Equipment operating outside the standard temperature range, but further additional consideration and additional testing may be required for Ex Equipment operating outside the standard atmospheric pressure range and standard oxygen content. Such additional testing may be particularly relevant with respect to Types of Protection that depend on quenching of a flame such as ‘flameproof enclosures “d”’ (IEC 60079-1) or limitation of energy, ‘intrinsic safety “i”’ (IEC 60079-11).

NOTE 1 Although the standard atmospheric conditions above give a temperature range for the atmosphere of  $-20\text{ °C}$  to  $+60\text{ °C}$ , the normal ambient temperature range for the Ex Equipment is  $-20\text{ °C}$  to  $+40\text{ °C}$ , unless otherwise specified and marked. See 5.1.1. It is considered that  $-20\text{ °C}$  to  $+40\text{ °C}$  is appropriate for many items of Ex Equipment and that to manufacture all Ex Equipment to be suitable for a standard atmosphere upper ambient temperature of  $+60\text{ °C}$  would place unnecessary design constraints.

NOTE 2 Requirements given in this standard result from an ignition hazard assessment made on equipment. The ignition sources taken into account are those found associated with this type of equipment, such as hot surfaces,

electromagnetic radiation, mechanically generated sparks, mechanical impacts resulting in thermite reactions, electrical arcing and static electric discharge in normal industrial environments.

NOTE 3 Where an explosive gas atmosphere and a combustible dust atmosphere are, or can be, present at the same time, the simultaneous presence of both often warrants additional protective measures. ~~Additional guidance on the use of Ex Equipment in hybrid mixtures (mixture of a flammable gas or vapour with a combustible dust or combustible flyings) is given in IEC 60079-14.~~

~~DE IEC 60079~~ **This standard does not specify requirements for safety, other than those directly related to the explosion risk.**

Ignition sources like adiabatic compression, shock waves, exothermic chemical reaction, self-ignition of dust, naked flames and hot gases/liquids, are not addressed by this standard.

NOTE 4 Although outside the scope of this standard, such equipment would typically be subjected to a hazard analysis that identifies and lists all of the potential sources of ignition by the equipment and the measures to be applied to prevent them becoming effective. See ISO/IEC 80079-36.

This document is supplemented or modified by the following parts and technical specifications:

- IEC 60079-1: Gas – Flameproof enclosures "d";
- IEC 60079-2: Gas and dust – Pressurized enclosure "p";
- IEC 60079-5: Gas – Powder filling "q";
- IEC 60079-6: Gas – Liquid immersion "o";
- IEC 60079-7: Gas – Increased safety "e";
- IEC 60079-11: Gas and dust – Intrinsic safety "i";
- ~~IEC 60079-13: Gas and dust – Equipment protection by pressurized room "p" & artificially ventilated room "v";~~
- IEC 60079-15: Gas – Type of protection "n";
- IEC 60079-18: Gas and dust – Encapsulation "m";
- IEC 60079-25: Gas and dust – Intrinsically safe electrical systems
- IEC 60079-26: Gas – Equipment with equipment protection level (EPL) Ga
- IEC 60079-28: Gas and dust – Protection of equipment and transmission systems using optical radiation
- ~~IEC 60079-29-1: Gas detectors – Performance requirements of detectors for flammable gases~~
- IEC 60079-29-4: Gas detectors – Performance requirements of open path detectors for flammable gases

- ~~– IEC/IEEE 60079-30-1: Gas and dust – Electrical resistance trace heating – General and testing requirements.~~
- ~~– IEC 60079-31: Dust – Protection by enclosure “t”~~
- ~~– IEC 60079-33: Gas and dust – Special protection “s”~~
- ~~– IEC 60079-35-1: Caplights for use in mines susceptible to firedamp – General requirements – Construction and testing in relation to the risk of explosion~~
- ~~– IEC TS 60079-39: Gas – Intrinsically safe systems with electronically controlled spark duration limitation~~
- ~~– IEC TS 60079-40: Gas – Requirements for process sealing between flammable process fluids and electrical systems~~
- ~~– ISO 80079-36: Gas and dust – Non-electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres – Basic method and requirements~~

Where references are made to IEC, IEC/IEEE, ISO, and ISO/IEC standards, the referenced requirements found in these standards shall apply as modified by any applicable U. S. National Differences for that standard (see Clause 2).

## 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.

**2DV DR Modification of Clause 2 references to replace with the following:**

**ANSI/NFPA 70, National Electrical Code**

**ASTM D5964, Standard practice for rubber IRM 901, IRM 902, and IRM 903 replacement oils for ASTM No. 1, ASTM No. 2, and ASTM No. 3**

~~IEC 60034-1, Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance~~

~~IEC 60034-5, Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) – Classification~~

~~IEC 60079-1, Explosive atmospheres – Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures “d”~~

~~IEC 60079-20-1, Explosive atmospheres – Part 20-1: Material characteristics for gas and vapour classification – Test methods and data~~

~~IEC 60079-26, Explosive atmospheres – Part 26: Equipment with Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Ga~~

~~IEC 60079-35-1, Explosive atmospheres – Part 35-1: Caplights for use in mines susceptible to firedamp – General requirements – Construction and testing in relation to the risk of explosion~~

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

IEC 60192, Low-pressure sodium vapour lamps – Performance specifications

IEC 60216-1, Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 1: Ageing procedures and evaluation of test results

IEC 60216-2, Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 2: Determination of thermal endurance properties of electrical insulating materials – Choice of test criteria

IEC 60243-1, Electric strength of insulating materials – Test methods – Part 1: Tests at power frequencies

IEC 60423, Conduit systems for cable management – Outside diameters of conduits for electrical installations and threads for conduits and fittings

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

IEC 60662, High-pressure sodium vapour lamps – Performance specifications

IEC 60664-1, Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests

~~IEC 60947-1, Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules~~

IEC 62626-1, Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear enclosed equipment – Part 1: Enclosed switch-disconnectors outside the scope of IEC 60947-3 to provide isolation during repair and maintenance work

ISO 48, Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD)

ISO 178, Plastics – Determination of flexural properties

ISO 179 (all parts), Plastics – Determination of Charpy impact properties

ISO 262, ISO general-purpose metric screw threads – Selected sizes for screws, bolts and nuts

ISO 273, Fasteners – Clearance holes for bolts and screws

ISO 527-2, Plastics – Determination of tensile properties – Part 2: Test conditions for moulding and extrusion plastics

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

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

**ISO 3601-1, Fluid power systems – O-rings – Part 1: Inside diameters, cross-sections, tolerances and designation codes**

**ISO 3601-2, Fluid power systems – O-rings – Part 2: Housing dimensions for general applications**

**ISO 4014, Hexagon head bolts – Product grades A and B**

**ISO 4017, Hexagon head screws – Product grades A and B**

**ISO 4026, Hexagon socket set screws with flat point**

**ISO 4027, Hexagon socket set screws with cone point**

**ISO 4028, Hexagon socket set screws with dog point**

**ISO 4029, Hexagon socket set screws with cup point**

**ISO 4032, Hexagon nuts, style 1 – Product grades A and B**

**ISO 4762, Hexagon socket head cap screws**

**ISO 4892-2, Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps**

**ISO 7380, Hexagon socket button head screws**

**ISO 14583, Hexalobular socket pan head screws**

**UL 347, High Voltage Industrial Control Equipment**

**UL 486E, Equipment Wiring Terminals for use with Aluminum and/or Copper Conductors**

**UL 508, Industrial Control Equipment**

**ANSI/UL 746B, Polymeric Materials – Long-Term Property Evaluations**

**ANSI/UL 746C, Polymeric Materials – Used in Electrical Equipment Evaluations**

**UL 60034-1, Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance**

**UL 60079-1, Explosive atmospheres – Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures "d"**

**UL 60079-26, Explosive atmospheres – Part 26: Equipment with Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Ga**

**UL 60947-1, Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: General rules**

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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>

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

#### 3.1

##### **ambient temperature**

temperature of the air or other media, in the immediate vicinity of the equipment or component

Note 1 to entry: This does not refer to the temperature of any process media, unless the equipment or component is totally immersed in the process media. See [5.1.1](#).

Note 2 to entry: If Ex Equipment or an Ex Component is located inside or adjacent to another piece of equipment, the "ambient temperature" is the temperature of the air or other media surrounding the Ex Equipment or Ex Component and may be higher than the ambient air surrounding the complete equipment due to the additional heat dissipated within the complete equipment.

Note 3 to entry: The ambient temperature referred to in the IEC 60079 series is only related to the explosion safety of the Ex Equipment or Ex Component.

#### 3.2

##### **area, hazardous**

area in which an explosive atmosphere is present, or may be expected to be present, in quantities such as to require special precautions for the construction, installation and use of equipment

#### 3.3

##### **area, non-hazardous**

area in which an explosive atmosphere is not expected to be present in quantities such as to require special precautions for the construction, installation and use of equipment

#### 3.4

##### **associated apparatus**

electrical apparatus which contains both intrinsically safe and non-intrinsically safe circuits and is constructed so that the non-intrinsically safe circuits cannot adversely affect the intrinsically safe circuits

Note 1 to entry: Associated apparatus is either:

- a) additionally protected by a Type of Protection suitable for use in the appropriate explosive atmosphere, or
- b) not protected by a Type of Protection suitable for use in the appropriate explosive atmosphere and therefore is not to be used within an explosive atmosphere

#### 3.5

##### **Ex associated equipment**

auxiliary equipment used in conjunction with explosion-protected equipment to maintain specific aspects of the Type of Protection of the explosion-protected equipment

Note 1 to entry: Examples include special time/current relays for increased safety motors, pressurization control systems, power limits for encapsulated Ex Equipment, and the like.

Note 2 to entry: Ex associated equipment is either:

- a) additionally protected by a Type of Protection suitable for use in the appropriate explosive atmosphere; or
- b) not protected by a Type of Protection suitable for use in the appropriate explosive atmosphere and therefore is not to be used within an explosive atmosphere,

Note 3 to entry: A similar concept is applied to intrinsic safety where it is referred to as “associated apparatus”. See [3.4](#). A single piece of equipment may include both Ex associated equipment and associated apparatus.

### 3.6

#### **auto-ignition temperature**

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lowest temperature (of a surface) at which, under specified conditions (according to IEC 60079-20-1), an ignition of a flammable gas or vapour in mixture with air or air/inert gas occurs

### 3.7

#### **cells and batteries**

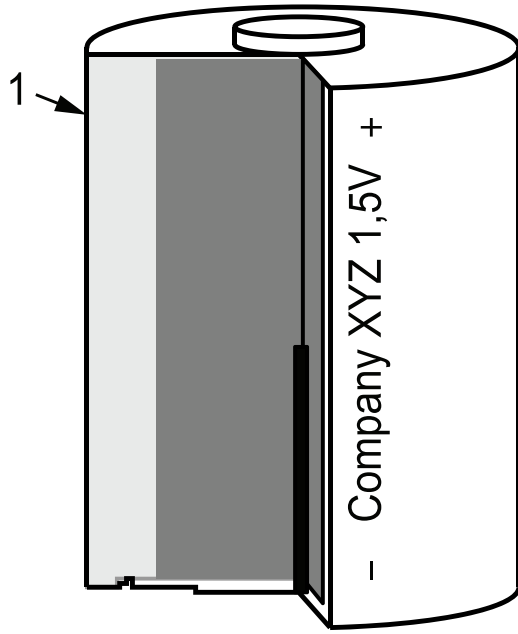
##### 3.7.1

#### **battery**

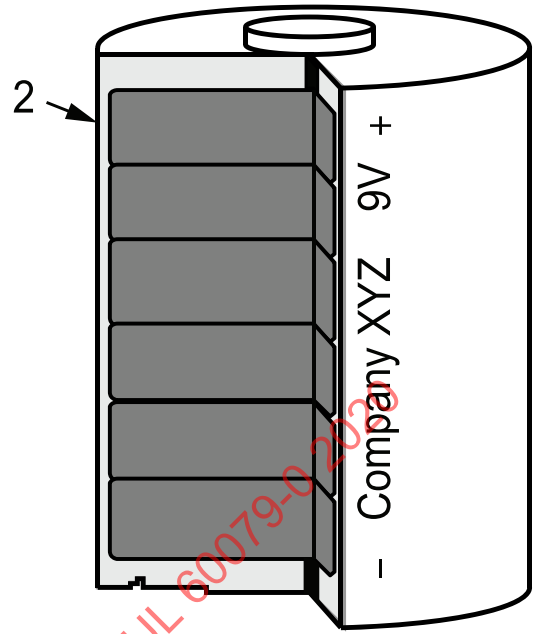
one or more cells fitted with devices necessary for use, for example, terminals, marking and protective devices

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 1](#) for examples of typical battery constructions.

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**Single Cell Battery**



**Multiple Cell Battery**

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**Key**

- 1 Cell Case/Battery Case
- 2 Batter Cases

**Figure 1**

Typical battery examples

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## 3.7.2

**capacity**

electric charge which a battery or cell can deliver under specified discharge conditions

Note 1 to entry: The SI unit for electric charge, or quantity of electricity, is the coulomb ( $1\text{ C} = 1\text{ A} \times \text{s}$ ) but in practice, capacity is usually expressed in ampere hours (Ah).

## 3.7.3

**cell**

basic functional unit, consisting of an assembly of electrodes, electrolyte, case, terminals and usually separators, that is a source of electric energy obtained by direct conversion of chemical energy

Note 1 to entry: See primary cell and secondary cell.

## 3.7.4

**charging**

operation during which a secondary cell or battery is supplied with electric energy from an external circuit which results in chemical changes within the cell and thus the storage of energy as chemical energy

## 3.7.5

**deep discharge**

event which reduces a cell voltage below that recommended by the cell or battery manufacturer

## 3.7.6

**maximum open-circuit voltage**

<cell or battery>

voltage of a new primary battery or of a fully charged secondary battery when the discharge current is zero

Note 1 to entry: See [Table 13](#) and [Table 14](#) which show the maximum open-circuit voltage for acceptable cells.

## 3.7.7

**nominal voltage**

<cell or battery>

suitable approximate value of the voltage used to designate or identify a cell or battery or an electrochemical system

## 3.7.8

**vented cell or battery**

secondary cell, or battery, having a cover provided with an opening through which gaseous products may escape

## 3.7.9

**primary cell or battery**

cell or battery which is not designed to be electrically recharged

## 3.7.10

**reverse charging**

act of forcing current through either a primary cell or secondary cell in the same direction as the normal flow, generally due to the reverse polarity in an expired cell of a series connected battery

## 3.7.11

**sealed cell**

secondary cell which remains closed and does not release either gas or liquid when operated within the limits specified by the cell manufacturer

Note 1 to entry: A sealed cell is often equipped with a safety device to protect against a dangerously high internal pressure and is designed to operate during its life in its original sealed state.

### 3.7.12

#### **valve-regulated cell or battery**

cell or battery which is closed under normal conditions but which has an arrangement which allows the escape of gas if the internal pressure exceeds a pre-determined value

Note 1 to entry: The cell cannot normally receive an addition to the electrolyte.

### 3.7.13

#### **secondary cell or battery**

cell which is designed to be electrically recharged

Note 1 to entry: The recharge is accomplished by way of a reversible chemical reaction.

### 3.7.14

#### **battery compartment**

compartment of the equipment that accommodates one or more cells and batteries

Note 1 to entry: The battery compartment is an integral part of the equipment.

Note 2 to entry: A battery compartment may be a battery container.

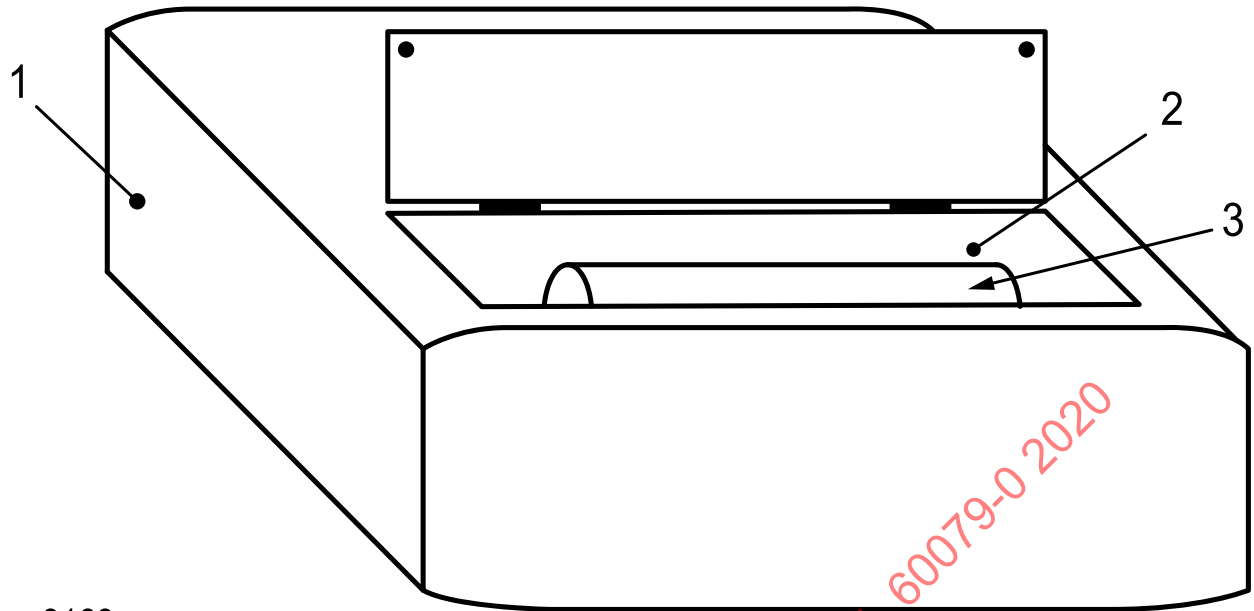
### 3.7.15

#### **battery container**

enclosure to contain one or more cells or batteries

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 2](#) for examples of typical battery constructions.

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**Key**

- 1 Equipment
- 2 Battery Compartment
- 3 Cell/Battery/Replaceable Battery Pack

**Figure 2**

**Typical battery compartment**

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## 3.7.16

**battery case****cell case**

cell or battery enclosure that is an integral part of the construction of the cell or battery

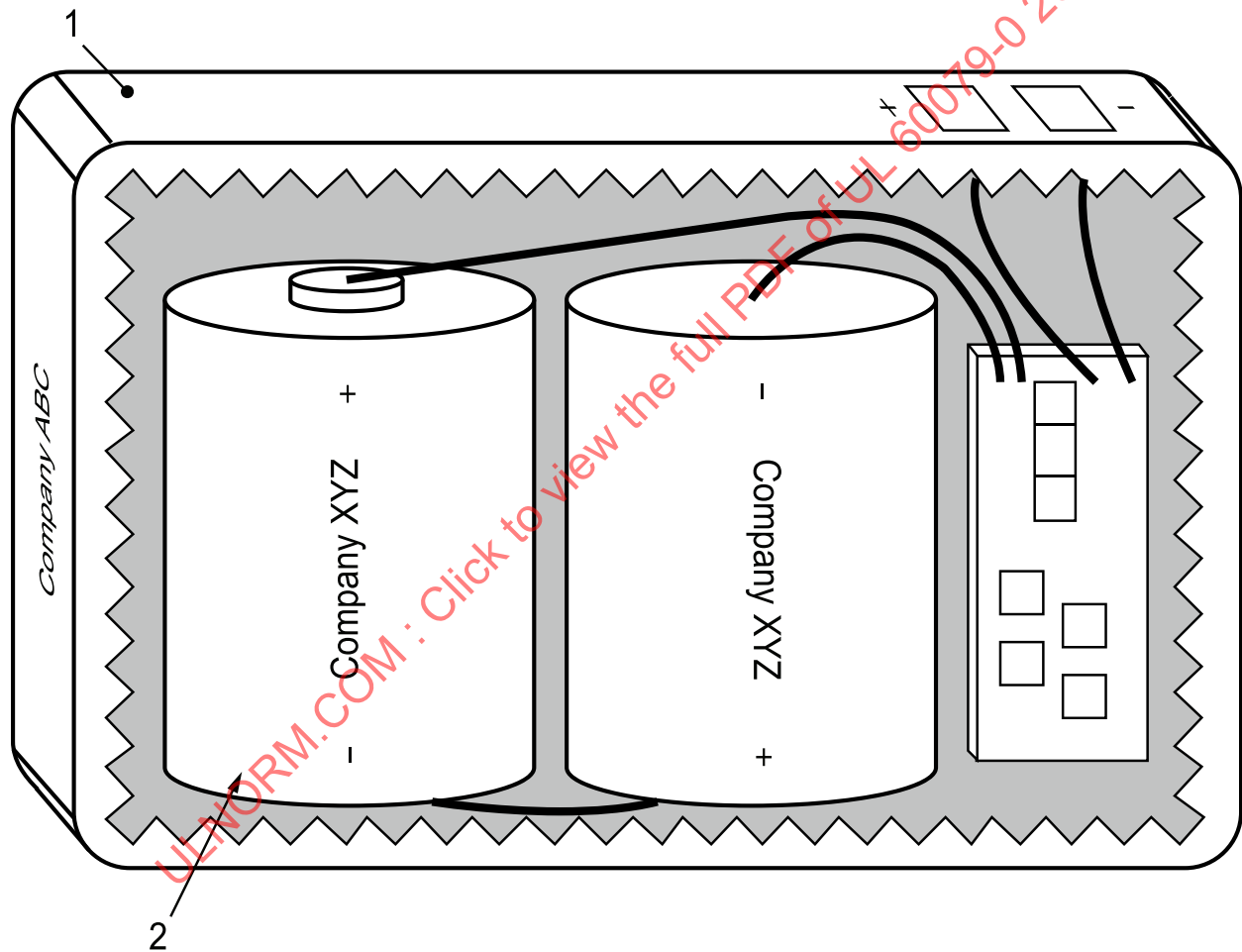
Note 1 to entry: The case can be sealed, valve-regulated, or vented.

## 3.7.17

**replaceable battery pack**

assembly consisting of one or more interconnected cells, along with any integrated protective components, which form a complete replaceable battery

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#) for examples of typical replaceable battery pack construction.



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**Key**

- 1 Battery Container
- 2 Cell/Battery

**Figure 3**

**Typical replaceable battery pack**