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IEC TS 60079-46, which is a technical specification, has been prepared by IEC technical committee TC 31: Equipment for explosive atmospheres.

The text of this technical specification is based on the following documents:

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31/1312/DTS	31/1327/RVDTS

Full information on the voting for the approval of this technical specification 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 in the IEC 60079 series, published under the general title *Explosive atmospheres*, can be found on the IEC website.

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

- transformed into an International standard,
- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

INTRODUCTION

The provision of products into end markets for installation by end users may take the form of either individual items of equipment or pre-manufactured assemblies comprising many items of equipment. Pre-manufactured equipment assemblies may be as either subsystems requiring integration as part of an installation at a site or complete functional machines which require little or no additional reassembly on site.

This document is applied when assembly of Ex Equipment(s) results in an assembly that creates a need for additional assessment that is not already completely covered by the individual equipment certificates. Additional assessment might include (but is not limited to) evaluation of wiring methods used to connect the equipment(s) or temperature rise within the assembly.

This document provides requirements for the design, construction, assembly, testing, inspection, marking, documenting and assessment of equipment assemblies such that the items of Ex Equipment and the interconnection of the items of equipment form an assembly that also meets other parts of the ISO 80079 and IEC 60079 series.

This document is intended to be used for verification of assemblies to assist in ensuring products are in compliance with the requirements of the ISO 80079 and IEC 60079 series at the time of initial installation at the end user site.

After the initial installation, the assembly is considered as part of the site installation in accordance with other parts of the ISO 80079 and IEC 60079 series.

EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 46: Equipment assemblies

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079, which is a technical specification, specifies requirements for the design, construction, assembly, testing, inspection, marking, documenting and assessment of equipment assemblies for use in explosive atmospheres under the responsibility of the manufacturer of the equipment assembly.

The requirements of this document apply to individual items according to the IEC 60079 series or ISO 80079 series that comprise the assembly and that have individual certificates. These individual items are then integrated as part of the equipment assembly. Also included are requirements to address aspects for the assembly which may be beyond the certificates of the individual items forming the assembly.

The scope of this document includes assessment of the additional requirements for assemblies for hazardous areas and does not include requirements for non-hazardous areas. It is assumed that compliance with other electrical or mechanical requirements that are applicable for non-hazardous areas will be verified by either the same or different party in addition to the requirements of this document.

This document does not apply to:

- equipment which is covered, in its entirety, by one or more IEC 60079 and ISO 80079 equipment types of protection;
- pressurized rooms, “p”, in accordance with IEC 60079-13, artificial ventilation for the protection of analyzer(s) houses in accordance with IEC TR 60079-16, and other standards addressing specific Ex assemblies;
- installation at the end-user site under the scope of IEC 60079-14;
- classification of the hazardous area;
- equipment assemblies for mines susceptible to firedamp (Group I applications);
- inherently explosive situations and dust from explosives or pyrophoric substances (for example explosives manufacturing and processing);
- rooms used for medical purposes;
- electrical installations in areas where the hazard is due to flammable mist.

The specification is only intended to provide validation for the initial supply of an assembly.

NOTE 1 Additional guidance on the requirements for hazards due to hybrid mixtures of dust or flyings and flammable gas or vapour is provided in IEC 60079-14.

Where a requirement of this document conflicts with a requirement of either IEC 60079-0 or ISO 80079-36, the requirement of this document takes precedence.

NOTE 2 For this first edition, the only requirements of this document that take precedence over IEC 60079-0 or ISO 80079-36 are the markings for equipment assemblies.

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.

IEC 60079 (all parts), *Explosive atmospheres*

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

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

IEC 60079-10-2, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 10-2: Classification of areas – Explosive dust atmospheres*

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

IEC 60079-25, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 25: Intrinsically safe electrical systems*

ISO 80079 (all parts), *Explosive atmospheres*

ISO/IEC 80079-34, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 34: Application of quality systems for equipment manufacture*

ISO 80079-36, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 36: Non-electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres – Basic method and requirements*