



Electrical equipment for potentially explosive atmospheres.

Understanding the marking of an equipment intended for use in hazardous areas is often difficult. INERIS gives here some keys to compare marking issued from international, north american and european standards in the field of explosion protection.

Ex marking

IEC	US (NEC 505)	US (NEC 500)	CENELEC
Explosion protected I.S. output Group Gas group Ex d [ia] IIC T5 Method of protection Temperature class	Permitted class American national standard Method of protection Group Gas group Class I, Zone I, AEx d [ia] IIC T5 Permitted zone Explosion protected I.S. output Temperature class	Method of protection <i>(optional except for I.S.)</i> Permitted class Explosionproof with I.S. Outputs, Class I, Division I, Groups A,B,C,D,T5 Permitted division <i>(optional except for division 2)</i> Permitted gas group Temperature class <i>(T5 & T6 optional)</i>	European standard Method of protection Group EEx d [ia] IIC T5 I.S. output Gas group Explosion protected Temperature class

Area classification

IEC CENELEC	Flammable material Present continuously	Flammable material Present intermittently	Flammable material Present abnormally
	Zone 0 <i>(Zone 20 - Dust)</i>	Zone 1 <i>(Zone 21 - Dust)</i>	Zone 2 <i>(Zone 22 - Dust)</i>
US NEC 505 NEC 500	Zone 0	Zone 1	Zone 2
	Division 1		Division 2

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INERIS (*) is one of the notified bodies in European Union approved to carry out the conformity assessment procedures for equipment in hazardous areas. It can assist designers, manufacturers and users of such equipment. INERIS can also assume tests in order to obtain an overseas certification (Factory Mutual in States or CANMET in Canada, ...).

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Training

INERIS technical courses:

- Provide you the essential knowledges about the ATEX European compliance in order to obtain the CE marking.
- Analyse the key elements of the other new approach directives as Electromagnetic Compatibility or Machinery directives.

(Training on your site or at INERIS).

Marking

According to the ATEX directive

Equipment group II (other than mines)

Category 1 (for zone 0 or 20)
 2 (for zone 1 or 21)
 3 (for zone 2 or 22)

G for gases, vapours and mist

D for dusts

Equipment group I

Category M1 and M2





The following figures inform you about relations between international applicable standards concerning protection methods and their applications according to hazardous areas classification.

Class I, Zone 0, 1 and 2 Protection Methods

Area	Protection Methods	Applicable Certification Standards				
		UL	FM	CSA	IEC	CENELEC
Zone 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Intrinsically safe, "ia" ■ Class I, Div. 1 Intrinsically safe method 	UL 2279, Pt.11 ANSI/UL 913	----- FM 3610	CSA-E79-11 CSA-157	IEC 79-11 -----	EN 50020 -----
Zone 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Encapsulation "m" ■ Flameproof "d" ■ Increased safety "e" ■ Intrinsically safe "ib" ■ Oil immersion "o" ■ Powder filling "q" ■ Purged/pressurized "p" ■ Any Class I, Zone 0 method ■ Any Class I, Div. I method 	UL 2279, Pt.18 UL 2279, Pt.1 UL 2279, Pt.7 UL 2279, Pt.11 UL 2279, Pt.6 UL 2279, Pt.5 UL 2279, Pt.2 ----- -----	FM 3614 FM 3618 FM 3619 FM 3610 FM 3621 FM 3622 FM 3620 ----- -----	CSA-E79-18 CSA-E79-1 CSA-E79-7 CSA-E79-11 CSA-E79-6 CSA-E79-5 CSA-E79-2 ----- -----	IEC 79-18 IEC 79-1 IEC 79-7 IEC 79-11 IEC 79-6 IEC 79-5 IEC 79-2 ----- -----	EN 50028 EN 50018 EN 50019 EN 50020 EN 50015 EN 50017 EN 50016 ----- -----
Zone 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nonincendive "NI" ■ Non-sparking device "nA" ■ Restricted breathing "nR" ■ Hermetically sealed "nC" ■ Any Class I, Zone 0 or 1 method ■ Any Class I, Div. 1 or 2 method 	UL 2279, Pt.15 UL 2279, Pt.15 UL 2279, Pt.15 UL 2279, Pt.15 ----- -----	FM 3611 ----- ----- ----- ----- -----	CSA-E79-15 CSA-E79-15 CSA-E79-15 CSA-E79-15 ----- -----	IEC 79-15 IEC 79-15 IEC 79-15 IEC 79-15 ----- -----	EN 50021 EN 50021 EN 50021 EN 50021 ----- -----

INERIS resources and facilities

<p><u>Agreement, certification and evaluation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres. ■ Equipment used in underground part of mines. ■ Safety components. ■ Protective personal equipment. ■ Explosives of civil uses. ■ Machines for the manufacture of pyrotechnics. ■ Explosive products and fireworks. ■ Opacity sensors metrology. 	<p><u>Other services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Risks due to electrostatic effects and lightning. ■ Routine tests according to international certification standards (IEC,...) and others requirements. ■ Training. ■ Assistance to users: risks analysis, area classification,... 	<p><u>Full scale laboratory trials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Testing equipment assuming temperatures until -50°C. ■ Ingress protection test chamber until 8m³. ■ Type tests of electrical and non-electrical equipment for use in explosion-hazardous areas (intrinsic safety, protection by enclosures,...). ■ Large scale facilities: fire test cell, explosive firing ranges, dust explosion cells, fire development chambers, anechoic chamber.
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Class 1

Flammable gases, vapors or liquids

Area classification

■ Division 1 and Zone 0

Where ignitable concentrations of flammable gases, vapors or liquids can exist all of the time or some of the time under normal operating conditions.

■ Zone 1

Where ignitable concentrations of flammable gases, vapors or liquids can exist some of the time under normal operating conditions.

■ Division 2 and Zone 2

Where ignitable concentrations of flammable gases, vapors or liquids are not likely to exist under normal operating conditions.

Groups

■ Division 1 and 2

- A (Acetylene)
- B (Hydrogen)
- C (Ethylene)
- D (Propane)

■ Zone 0, 1 and 2

- IIC (Acetylene & Hydrogen)
- IIB (Ethylene)
- IIA (Propane)

Class 2

Combustible dusts

Area classification

■ Division 1

Where ignitable concentrations of combustible dusts can exist all of the time or some of the time under normal operating conditions.

■ Division 2

Where ignitable concentrations of combustible dusts are not likely to exist under normal operating conditions.

Groups

■ Division 1 and 2

- E (Metals)
- F (Coal)
- G (Grain)

Class 3

Ignitable fibers & flyings

Area classification

■ Division 1

Where ignitable concentrations of ignitable fibers and flyings can exist all of the time or some of the time under normal operating conditions.

■ Division 2

Where ignitable concentrations of ignitable fibers and flyings are not likely to exist under normal operating conditions.

Groups

■ Division 1 and 2

None



Ingress Protection (IP)

FIRST NUMBER		SECOND NUMBER	
Protection against solid bodies		Protection against liquid	
0	No protection	No protection	No protection
1	Objects greater than 50 mm	Vertically dripping water	Vertically dripping water
2	Objects greater than 12 mm	75° to 90° dripping water	75° to 90° dripping water
3	Objects greater than 2,5 mm	Sprayed water	Sprayed water
4	Objects greater than 1 mm	Splashed water	Splashed water
5	Dust-protected	Water jets	Water jets
6	Dust-tight	Powerfull water jets	Powerfull water jets
7		Temporary immersion	Temporary immersion
8		Continuous immersion	Continuous immersion

APPROXIMATE US ENCLOSURE TYPE EQUIVALENT TO IPXX					
Type	IP	Type	IP	Type	IP
1	10	3S	54	6 & 6P	67
2	11	4 & 4X	55	12 & 12K	52
3	54	5	52	13	54
3R	14				

Apparatus Grouping

TYPICAL GAS	US (NEC 505) IEC CENELEC	US (NEC 500)
Acetylene Hydrogen Ethylene Propane Methane	Group IIC (Group IIB + H ₂) Group IIB Group IIA Group I	Class I / Group A Class I / Group B Class I / Group C Class I / Group D Gassy mines
Maximum surface Temperature	US (NEC 505) IEC CENELEC	US (NEC 500)
450°C	T1	T1
300°C	T2	T2
280°C		T2A
260°C		T2B
230°C		T2C
215°C		T2D
200°C	T3	T3
180°C		T3A
165°C		T3B
160°C		T3C
135°C	T4	T4
120°C		T4A
100°C	T5	T5
85°C	T6	T6

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