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Although the intended primary application of this standard is stated in its scope, it is important to note that it remains the responsibility of the users of the Standard to judge its suitability for their particular purpose.

Level of harmonization

This standard adopts the IEC text with deviations.

The standard illustrates the national differences from the IEC text through the use of legislative text (strike-out and underline).

This Edition 1.1 of ANSI/ISA-60079-31 has been developed from the first edition of ANSI/ISA-61241-1 which it now cancels and supersedes.

The significant changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- Title changed to Equipment dust ignition protection by enclosure "t"
- Introduction of three levels of protection, “ta”, “tb” and “tc”
- Defined test voltage ranges and overload conditions for thermal tests.
- Introduction of a pressure test prior to the IP test
- Restrictions on available short circuit for level of protection “ta”
- Introduction of a variant of the IP6X test for level of protection “ta”
- Compulsory dust layer thermal test for level of protection “ta” by surrounding the enclosure with dust to a depth of at least 500 mm on all available surfaces
- Temperature rise test corrected to show dust layer testing in the same manner as ANSI/ISA-61241-1 and in the NEC[®]

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1 Scope

This ~~standard part of IEC 60079~~ is applicable to electrical equipment protected by enclosure and surface temperature limitation for use in explosive dust atmospheres. It specifies requirements for design, construction and testing of electrical equipment.

This standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of ~~ANSI/ISA-IEC 60079-0~~. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a requirement of ~~ANSI/ISA-IEC 60079-0~~, the requirement of this standard shall take precedence.

This standard does not apply to dusts of explosives, which do not require atmospheric oxygen for combustion, or to pyrophoric substances.

This standard does not apply to electrical equipment intended for use in underground parts of mines as well as those parts of surface installations of such mines endangered by firedamp and/or combustible dust.

This standard does not take account of any risk due to an emission of flammable or toxic gas from the dust.

NOTE 1 The application of electrical equipment in atmospheres, which may contain combustible dust as well as explosive gas, whether simultaneously or separately, may require additional protective measures.

NOTE 2 Where the equipment has to meet other environmental conditions, for example, protection against ingress of water and resistance to corrosion, additional methods of protection may be necessary. The method used should not adversely affect the integrity of the enclosure.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

~~ANSI/ISA-IEC 60079-0~~, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

~~ANSI/ISA-IEC 60079-7~~, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety “e”*

IEC 60127 series, *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60691, *Thermal-links – Requirements and application guide*

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: Deviation for constructional screw threads*

ANSI/UL 248-1, *Low-Voltage Fuses - Part 1: General Requirements*