

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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**Explosive atmospheres –  
Part 46: Equipment assemblies**





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## 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*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60079-0, IEC 60079-14, ISO 80079-36 and the following 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>

### 3.1

#### **equipment assembly**

pre-manufactured combination of Ex Equipment, together with other parts as necessary, that are electrically or mechanically interconnected that are pre-assembled prior to being placed into service at the end-user site, and that can be disassembled and then re-assembled at the end-user site

### 3.2

#### **equipment assembly certificate**

document that conveys the assurance of the conformity of an equipment assembly with specified requirements

Note 1 to entry: The certificate is either the supplier's declaration of conformity or the purchaser's recognition of conformity or certification (as a result of action by a third party) as defined in ISO/IEC 17000:2004, definition 2.

### 3.3

#### **pre-manufactured**

equipment assembly produced at any location(s) other than the end-user site

## **4 General requirements for equipment assemblies**

### **4.1 General specifications**

The equipment assembly shall be verified for suitability against the requirements of this document, IEC 60079-0, IEC 60079-14 and ISO 80079-36 as applicable.

The general specifications may be provided by the end-user or by the manufacturer for the intended use of the equipment assembly and shall cover the following as a minimum:

- manufacturer's unique equipment assembly identifier (e.g. serial number);
- input and output ratings;
- intended environmental conditions, including ambient temperature range and ingress protection;
- applicable explosion protection codes, standards and regulations;
- utility-related issues, including power supply;
- any requirements for items to be used in the equipment assembly;
- process conditions, including fluids, pressures, duty;
- external sources of heating and cooling;
- external interface parameters (e.g. for intrinsic safety, controls, shutdowns and interlocks, including details regarding failure modes)

These general specifications related to the application of the equipment assembly shall be documented by the manufacturer.

### **4.2 Explosion protection specifications**

In addition to the general specifications of 4.1, if not specified as part of them, the manufacturer shall document the following specifications related to the installation of the equipment assembly by the end-user:

- default equipment protection level (EPL) as defined in IEC 60079-14, as a minimum requirement;
- equipment Group;
- temperature classification or maximum surface temperature;
- allowances for dust layers as applicable;
- Specific Conditions of Use ("X" conditions).

### **4.3 Hazardous area classification related to the equipment assembly**

#### **4.3.1 General**

There are two aspects of area classification that can impact equipment assemblies. The first is due to the area in which the equipment assembly is to be installed, and the second is due to any source of release from the equipment assembly.

It is not a requirement of this document to verify either of these area classifications.

The manufacturer shall document the suitability of the equipment assembly for the intended end-site hazardous area classification and for the defined installation conditions.

### 4.3.2 Equipment assembly with its own source of release

If the equipment assembly has its own source of release, the manufacturer shall also document:

- the hazardous area classification identifying any source of release, factors relevant to the sources of release (e.g. release rate, orifice size, operating mode, failure mode, recommendation for management of the hazard) and any other information relevant to quantifying the hazard and the methodology and any references used to arrive at the classification;
- any conditions defined by the manufacturer such that the suitability of the equipment assembly for the hazardous area classification remains valid.

The classification of hazardous areas shall be in accordance with IEC 60079-10-1 or IEC 60079-10-2 as applicable. This classification may be provided by the end-user.

## 4.4 Competencies

For equipment assemblies subjected to type verification, the manufacturing process and the competency of the related personnel shall conform to ISO/IEC 80079-34.

For equipment assemblies subjected to unit verification, competency of the personnel performing the production processes is verified by conformity of the equipment assembly with this document. The verifying party shall be competent in the explosion protection aspects of the assembly being verified.

When equipment assemblies are subjected to unit verification, the verifying party shall have evidence of competency through an independent party or system.

Documentation regarding the above shall be included with each equipment assembly.

NOTE An example of suitable documentation to demonstrate the competency required for type verification would be a record of current assessment to ISO/IEC 80079-34 by a competent third-party assessor, and for unit verification it could be a current certificate issued by a competent third-party assessor.

## 5 Design of equipment assemblies

### 5.1 General

The selection, installation and inspection of the electrical equipment in an assembly shall be in accordance with IEC 60079-14, except as modified by this document.

### 5.2 Ex Equipment

#### 5.2.1 Individual items

Individual items that comprise the equipment assembly shall conform to the IEC 60079 series or ISO 80079 series standards based on the associated ignition risks, and shall have individual Ex Equipment certificates or be assessed as part of the assembly.

All individual items shall be suitably rated for the application and be utilized in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Where items other than suitably rated Ex Equipment were not separately assessed as part of Ex Equipment, an assessment, including further tests according IEC 60079 series or ISO 80079 series standards if necessary, shall be made as part of the equipment assembly evaluation.

NOTE Items other than Ex Equipment can include, for example, Ex Components, simple apparatus, general industrial products within an Ex "d" or Ex "p" enclosure, Group I equipment used in a Group II application.

### 5.2.2 Specific Conditions of Use as specified on certificates

All Specific Conditions of Use as specified on equipment certificates shall be considered and their application documented by the manufacturer as follows:

- If directly related to the equipment assembly, how they were satisfied in the equipment assembly.
- If directly related to the equipment assembly, but not satisfied in the equipment assembly, how they will be able to be satisfied in the end-user site installation.
- If not directly related to the equipment assembly, why they were not directly related.

Specific Conditions of Use that are related to items of equipment forming the equipment assembly, that are not satisfied in the equipment assembly, but able to be satisfied in the end-user site installation, shall be included or addressed, on the equipment assembly certificate.

### 5.2.3 Item list

An item list shall be prepared by the manufacturer of the equipment assembly and included as part of each equipment assembly certificate.

This list shall include an inventory of all Ex Equipment, including Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly, incorporated into the equipment assembly.

Regarding each item on this list, details shall be provided that indicate the:

- description (type of device);
- manufacturer's name and model or part number (type designation);
- identification number of each item (e.g. tag number);
- Ex Equipment certificate number, including issue number;
- Ex Component certificate number, including issue number, for Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly;
- type of protection, Group and temperature classification (which may be provided as the complete Ex marking string);
- ambient temperature range;
- ingress protection (IP Code), if applicable.

### 5.3 Other items

Regarding other items that may be relevant to explosion protection for the equipment assembly (e.g. non-metallic parts such as housings, handles, cable trays, rollers, fluid tubing), details shall be provided that indicate the:

- description (type of device);
- manufacturer's name and model or part number (type designation);
- description of any explosion risk involved and how the risks are mitigated.

NOTE ISO 80079-36 provides guidance regarding ignition risk assessments applicable to both non-electrical and electrical ignition risks.

### 5.4 Wiring system

Design of the wiring system for the equipment assembly that interconnects the Ex Equipment shall incorporate wiring methods that conform to IEC 60079-14.

Information shall be provided by the manufacturer for each wiring method, including termination means, used as part of each equipment assembly.

Regarding this information, details shall be provided that indicate the:

- type of cable or conduit construction designation (e.g. tray cable, marine cable, rigid metal conduit, flexible conduit);
- number and size of conductor cores, if applicable;
- temperature ratings, if applicable;
- electrical parameters (such as inductance and capacitance per meter, inductance to resistance ratio) for intrinsically safe systems;
- environmental compatibility in accordance with 4.1 (such as outdoor use, moisture, flexibility, vibration, chemical compatibility);
- verification that entry devices and fittings (e.g. cable glands, conduit sealing devices, conduit elbows) are appropriate for the Type of Protection of the interconnected item of Ex Equipment.

It is not a requirement of this document that the conformity of the cable specifications be verified by testing, except as required by IEC 60079-14.

## 5.5 Drawings

Drawings shall be provided by the manufacturer to cover all relevant information for the assembly including details found in other ISO 80079 and IEC 60079 series standards. This information may include, as applicable:

- layouts;
- mechanical details;
- single line diagrams;
- interconnection diagrams including wire and core designations;
- cable and conduit details;
- for intrinsically safe wiring systems a “systems descriptive document” as defined in IEC 60079-25 and IEC 60079-14.

## 6 Construction and assembly

### 6.1 General

The manufacturer shall provide mechanical layout drawings of the equipment assembly.

### 6.2 Disassembly and reassembly

The following is permitted to be performed by the manufacturer of the equipment assembly, as long as it is documented in the equipment assembly assessment records:

- disassembly in the factory of a completed equipment assembly;
- transportation of the disassembled equipment assembly to the end-user site, and;
- reassembly of the equipment assembly at the end-user site.

Alternatively, the reassembly activity is permitted to be performed under the responsibility of the manufacturer, as long as this is documented in the equipment assembly assessment records.

NOTE Local regulations might consider the reassembly of an equipment assembly in the field at the end-site as an installation activity, and therefore reassembly could be subject to local installation regulations.

### 6.3 System interfaces

The need for system interfaces related to the explosion protection shall be addressed by the manufacturer as part of the equipment assembly documentation. See 4.1.

When these interfaces are integral to the equipment assembly, they are addressed as indicated in this document.

When these interfaces are to be located remotely from the equipment assembly, the manufacturer shall include instructions as to the necessary characteristics of these interfaces.

### 6.4 Ignition hazard assessment

The manufacturer shall perform and document an assessment of all ignition hazards that might have been caused by the combination of the Ex Equipment in accordance with ISO 80079-36 for both non-electrical and electrical risks. Additionally, a risk assessment methodology specified by the end-user may also be performed.

The documentation shall address the risks as follows:

- ignition hazards directly related to the equipment assembly, and how they were mitigated in the equipment assembly;
- ignition hazards directly related to the equipment assembly, not mitigated in the equipment assembly, but able to be mitigated in the end-user site installation.

For ignition hazards that are not mitigated in the equipment assembly, but that are able to be mitigated in the end-user site installation, the equipment assembly certificate number shall include the "X" suffix in accordance with the marking requirements of IEC 60079-0 and the Specific Conditions of Use shall be listed on the certificate and in the instructions.

Ignition hazards for each item of Ex Equipment are addressed by the Ex Equipment certificates, and therefore need not be reassessed.

The verifier shall confirm that the manufacturer has carried out an ignition hazard assessment and documented control measures and any residual risk.

### 6.5 Calculations

The manufacturer shall provide all calculations and safety parameters (such as trip settings on a motor overload, explosion relief calculations, etc.) relevant to the explosion protection of equipment assembly in accordance with IEC 60079-14, and the applicable Type of Protection standards if not addressed by IEC 60079-14.

Calculations relevant to the explosion protection of equipment assemblies may include maximum power dissipation for increased safety "e" enclosures, cable rating with the settings of the overload protecting circuit breakers and intrinsically safe loop analysis (also referred to as descriptive system documents or control drawings).

NOTE It is not a requirement of this document that the calculations for remotely located items be verified.

### 6.6 Inspection & testing

Inspection and testing of the entire equipment assembly after assembly shall be performed and documented by the manufacturer.

The electrical aspects of the assembly shall be inspected and tested in accordance with IEC 60079-14, with the non-electrical aspects addressed in accordance with the ignition hazard assessment in 6.4.

When disassembly and reassembly is involved, the equipment assembly shall be subjected to an inspection and testing and documented either entirely after reassembly, or partially prior to disassembly and partial after reassembly.

## **6.7 Validation and documentation**

### **6.7.1 General**

Verification of an equipment assembly's conformity to the design drawings and specifications shall include:

- confirmation that all Ex Equipment on the assembly is identified in the documentation and that the documentation matches the assembly;
- verification of the content of the item list (see 5.2.3)

Assessment of the assembly shall include:

- confirmation that each Ex Equipment, including Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment, is appropriate for the application (e.g. ratings match operating conditions);
- confirmation that Specific Conditions of Use for Ex Equipment are either addressed in the assembly or passed on to the end-user;
- confirmation that the Schedule of Limitations for Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly are either addressed in the assembly or passed on to the end-user, including details regarding the assessment;
- inspection of the assembly is completed in accordance with 6.6, and that non-conformances are corrected;
- inspection of the assembly to ensure that it can be installed in accordance with IEC 60079-14 (including any local installation criteria);
- review of the instructions for each piece of Ex Equipment to confirm proper application of the Ex Equipment.

The final documentation package for an equipment assembly shall include the following:

- general specifications related to the application of the equipment assembly (see 4.1);
- explosion protection specifications related to the installation of the equipment assembly by the end-user (see 4.2);
- suitability of the equipment assembly for the end-site hazardous area classification and for the installation conditions defined by the end-user (see 4.3.1);
- details regarding any sources of release (see 4.3.2);
- competencies associated with the related manufacturing process personnel or verifying party as applicable (see 4.4);
- details regarding items relevant to the explosion protection of the equipment assembly as follows:
  - actions regarding all Specific Conditions of Use as specified on equipment (5.2.2)
  - item list of all Ex Equipment (see 5.2.3)
  - details regarding other items that may be relevant to the explosion protection of the equipment assembly (see 5.3);
- information regarding each wiring method, including termination means, used as part of the equipment assembly (see 5.4);
- drawings of the equipment assembly (see 5.5);
- mechanical layout drawings of the equipment assembly (see 6.1);
- any provisions for earthing and bonding of the equipment assembly as required for end-user site installation;

- details regarding disassembly and reassembly at the end-user site of the equipment assembly, either directly by the manufacturer of the equipment assembly or under the responsibility of the manufacturer, if applicable (see 6.2);
- the need for system interfaces related to the explosion protection, either integral to the equipment assembly or located remotely, if applicable (see 6.3);
- any residual risk identified by the ignition hazard assessment (see 6.4);
- all calculations and safety parameters relevant to the explosion protection of equipment assembly (see 6.5);
- results of the inspection and testing (see 6.6);
- other material specifications (see 6.7.2);
- instructions for each piece of Ex Equipment;
- instructions for the equipment assembly (see 6.8);
- access to equipment;
- environmental controls;
- allowances for field cabling;
- Ingress Protection assessment results.

### 6.7.2 Other material specifications

Materials used other than materials that are part of an item of Ex Equipment, including Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly, and that are related to the explosion protection of the equipment assembly, shall be verified for compliance with the applicable requirements of IEC 60079-0 and ISO 80079-36.

### 6.7.3 Schedule Documents standards from Standard Sharing Group and our chats

Documents sufficient to define the equipment assembly shall be referenced on the equipment assembly certificate (e.g. general assembly drawing that identifies the Ex Equipment used).

### 6.8 Instructions

In addition to the requirements in IEC 60079-0, IEC 60079-14 and ISO 80079-36, the manufacturer of the equipment assembly shall prepare instructions that address the following, as applicable:

- specific conditions of use that are not satisfied in the equipment assembly, but that are able to be satisfied in the end-user site installation;
- characteristics of interfaces that are related to the explosion protection and that are to be located remotely from the equipment assembly;
- any identified risks that are not mitigated in the equipment assembly, and that are able to be satisfied in the end-user site installation;
- user-specified design requirements;
- all required markings of the assembly and locations of these markings;
- explosion protection specifications related to the installation of the equipment assembly by the end-user (see 4.2).

## 7 Certificate

In addition to the requirements in IEC 60079-0 and ISO 80079-36, the certificate for the equipment assembly shall address the following, as applicable:

- assembly at the factory by the manufacturer of the equipment assembly;
- assembly at the end-site directly by the manufacturer or under the responsibility of the manufacturer of the equipment assembly;



- disassembly of an equipment assembly at the factory and reassembly at the end-site directly by the manufacturer or under the responsibility of the manufacturer;
- where the assembly has an internal source of release, the certificate shall state that the classification for the internal source of release has not been verified by the assessor, if such is the case;
- the specific clauses of IEC 60079-14 that have been satisfied;
- the level of inspection completed on the equipment assembly;
- where items other than Ex equipment were included as part of the assembly, the certificate shall list each such item and indicate the applicable marking on each item.

## 8 Marking

### 8.1 General

The equipment assembly shall be marked in accordance with IEC 60079-0 and ISO 80079-36, except for the symbol for each type (or level) of protection used, which is replaced by '60079-46'. As the types of protection are not included on the marking, the equipment protection level (EPL) for the complete equipment assembly shall be marked.

The manufacturer's name that appears on the assembly marking shall be that of the equipment assembler.

The Equipment Group, temperature classification (or maximum surface temperature), equipment protection level (EPL), and ambient temperature range, along with optional ingress protection (IP Code) markings for the equipment assembly shall be determined as detailed below. Separate determination of this marking content is needed for explosive gas atmospheres and explosive dust atmospheres, as applicable.

The equipment assembly markings are not intended to simply be a repeat of markings from the incorporated Ex Equipment, including Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly. The markings for the equipment assembly are to be determined specifically for the equipment assembly based on the requirements of this document.

Items which required additional assessment as a part of the assembly shall have an external marking, including Type of Protection and reference to the assembly certificate number.

The certificate shall include a Specific Condition of Use that the installation is required to be in accordance with the instruction documents.

If an assembly has parts that have different classifications or EPLs, the markings and instructions shall identify these.

### 8.2 Determining Group marking

The Equipment Group markings for the equipment assembly shall be based on the following:

- the lowest (e.g. IIB is lower than IIC) Group marking of all of the Ex Equipment, including Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly, for the involved explosive atmospheres, as applicable;
- other attributes of the equipment assembly construction that may affect the Equipment Group marking (e.g. material composition of external surfaces).

NOTE It is possible to have different area classifications applicable to the same equipment assembly, such as due to an internal source of release.

### 8.3 Determining temperature class or maximum surface temperature marking

The temperature class or maximum surface temperature marking for the equipment assembly shall be based on the following:

- the lowest temperature class code (e.g. T3 is lower than T6) or highest maximum surface temperature of any of the Ex Equipment, including Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly, for the involved explosive atmospheres, as applicable, as long as the items are operating within their specified ambient temperature range;
- other attributes of the equipment assembly construction that may affect the temperature class or maximum surface temperature marking (e.g. hot surfaces).

To determine if the Ex Equipment is operating within each item's specified ambient temperature range, a routine temperature test may be performed in accordance with IEC 60079-0. Should an item exceed its specified ambient temperature range, then corrective actions are required.

NOTE Use of a motor with a converter, if the motor is not designed for operation from a converter, can affect the temperature rise of the motor.

### 8.4 Determining Equipment Protection Level (EPL) marking

The EPL marking for the equipment assembly shall be based on the following:

- the EPL marking for the lowest Level of Protection of any of the Ex Equipment, including Ex Components that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly, for the involved explosive atmospheres, as applicable;
- other attributes of the equipment assembly construction that may affect the Level of Protection (e.g. external enclosure material surface area).

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For Ex Equipment that is not marked with an EPL, the default relationship between types of protection and EPLs from IEC 60079-14 shall be used to determine the EPL for that item of Ex Equipment.

### 8.5 Determining ambient temperature range marking

The ambient temperature range marking for the equipment assembly shall be based on the following:

- lowest upper maximum temperature that is common to all items and the highest lower minimum temperature that is common to all items that were assessed as part of this equipment assembly;
- other attributes of the equipment assembly construction that may affect the ambient temperature range (e.g. cable ambient ratings).

Measures may be required to maintain the Ex Equipment within its marked ambient temperature range.

### 8.6 Determining ingress protection (IP Code) rating

Assignment of the IP rating of the assembly may be made based on the rating of the individual items of equipment and the interconnecting accessories. Justification for the assigned ratings shall be documented.

Consideration may be given to Ex Equipment used in the assembly that is afforded supplemental protection by the assembly construction (e.g. a pre-manufactured room where some items of the assembly are mounted within the room and other items are mounted externally to the room).



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