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Specific references to IEC 60079-0 have been reworded so the references to IEC 60079-0 can be non-dated references	4.1.3 4.8 4.8.3	X		
The “housing” surrounding the powder filled equipment or Ex Component has been redefined as a “container” to avoid confusion with the “enclosure” requirements of IEC 60079-0	4.1	X		
A relaxation has been introduced to permit reduced distances through filling material for instances where there is no adjacent gap in the container	4.3.1		X	
A relaxation has been introduced to permit the use of creepage dimensions per IEC 60079-7 where CTI is better than 175	4.8.3		X	
An evaluation of joints employed when the reduced distances according to Table 1 are applied, has been added.	5.1.1		X	
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EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 5: Equipment protection by powder filling “q”

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 contains specific requirements for the construction, testing and marking of electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components in the type of protection powder filling “q”, intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

NOTE 1 Electrical equipment and Ex components protected by powder filling “q” can contain electronic circuits, transformers, protection fuses, relays, intrinsically safe electrical apparatus, associated electrical apparatus, switches, etc.

NOTE 2 Type of protection powder filling “q” provides Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Gb or Mb.

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This standard applies to electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components with:

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- a rated supply voltage less than or equal to 1 000 V;
- a rated power consumption less than or equal to 1 000 W.

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

IEC 60079-11, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety “i”*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

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

IEC 61558-1, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes – Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*