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## **Explosiv atmosfär – Del 15: Utrustning i utförande "n"**

*Explosive atmospheres –  
Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection "n"*

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## Foreword

The text of document 31/833/FDIS, future edition 4 of IEC 60079-15, prepared by IEC TC 31, Equipment for explosive atmospheres, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60079-15 on 2010-05-01.

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The significant technical changes with respect to EN 60079-15:2005 are as follows:

- addition of equipment protection levels;
- removal of the requirements for energy-limited “nL” and associated energy limited apparatus “[nL]”;
- removal of the requirements for encapsulated Devices “nC”;
- requirements for electrical connections expanded and clarified;
- requirements for luminaire ballasts expanded and clarified;
- requirements for evaluation and testing of motor rotors clarified;
- 15 kV limit for equipment protection by type of protection “n” added;
- spacing requirement for voltages above 10 kV modified;
- requirements for restricted breathing enclosures modified;
- modification to requirements for motor rotors and stators;
- addition of Annex A (informative);
- undated references to IEC 60079-0 included.

This standard is to be used in conjunction with EN 60079-0.

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IEC/TS 60034-17	NOTE	Harmonized as CLC/TS 60034-17.
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## Annex ZA (normative)

### Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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.

NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60034	Series	Rotating electrical machines	EN 60034	Series
IEC 60034-1	-	Rotating electrical machines - Part 1: Rating and performance	EN 60034-1	-
IEC/TS 60034-25	-	Rotating electrical machines - Part 25: Guidance for the design and performance of a.c. motors specifically designed for converter supply	CLC/TS 60034-25	-
IEC 60061	Series	Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety	-	-
IEC 60061-1	-	Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety - Part 1: Lamp caps	EN 60061-1	-
IEC 60068-2-27	2008	Environmental testing - Part 2-27: Tests - Test Ea and guidance: Shock	EN 60068-2-27	2009
IEC 60079-0	2007	Explosive atmospheres - Part 0: Equipment - General requirements	EN 60079-0	2009
IEC 60079-1	-	Explosive atmospheres - Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures "d"	EN 60079-1	-
IEC 60079-11	-	Explosive atmospheres - Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"	EN 60079-11	-
IEC 60112	-	Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials	EN 60112	-
IEC 60155	-	Glow-starters for fluorescent lamps	EN 60155	-
IEC 60228	-	Conductors of insulated cables	EN 60228	-
IEC 60238	-	Edison screw lampholders	EN 60238	-
IEC 60269-3	-	Low-voltage fuses - Part 3: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by unskilled persons (fuses mainly for household or similar applications) - Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to F	HD 60269-3	-
IEC 60400	-	Lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and starterholders	EN 60400	-

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60529	-	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529	-
IEC 60598	Series	Luminaires	EN 60598	Series
IEC 60598-1 (mod)	2008	Luminaires -	EN 60598-1	2008
-	-	Part 1: General requirements and tests	+ A11	2009
IEC 60598-2	Series	Luminaires - Part 2: Particular requirements	EN 60598-2	Series
IEC 60664-1	-	Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests	EN 60664-1	-
IEC 60927	-	Auxiliaries for lamps - Starting devices (other than glow starters) - Performance requirements	EN 60927	-
IEC 60947-7-1	-	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 7-1: Ancillary equipment - Terminal blocks for copper conductors	EN 60947-7-1	-
IEC 60947-7-2	-	Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 7-2: Ancillary equipment - Protective conductor terminal blocks for copper conductors	EN 60947-7-2	-
IEC 60998-2-4	-	Connecting devices for low voltage circuits for household and similar purposes - Part 2-4: Particular requirements for twist-on connecting devices	EN 60998-2-4	-
IEC 60999-1	-	Connecting devices - Electrical copper conductors - Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units - Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm <sup>2</sup> up to 35 mm <sup>2</sup> (included)	EN 60999-1	-
IEC 60999-2	-	Connecting devices - Electrical copper conductors - Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units - Part 2: Particular requirements for clamping units for conductors above 35 mm <sup>2</sup> up to 300 mm <sup>2</sup> (included)	EN 60999-2	-
IEC 61048	-	Auxiliaries for lamps - Capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits - General and safety requirements	EN 61048	-
IEC 61184	-	Bayonet lampholders	EN 61184	-
IEC 61195	-	Double-capped fluorescent lamps - Safety specifications	EN 61195	-
IEC 61347-1 (mod)	2007	Lamp controlgear - Part 1: General and safety requirements	EN 61347-1	2008
IEC 61347-2-1	-	Lamp controlgear - Part 2-1: Particular requirements for starting devices (other than glow starters)	EN 61347-2-1	-
IEC 61347-2-2	-	Lamp controlgear - Part 2-2: Particular requirements for d.c. or a.c. supplied electronic step-down convertors for filament lamps	EN 61347-2-2	-
IEC 61347-2-3	-	Lamp controlgear - Part 2-3: Particular requirements for a.c. supplied electronic ballasts for fluorescent lamps	EN 61347-2-3	-

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 61347-2-4	-	Lamp controlgear - Part 2-4: Particular requirements for d.c. supplied electronic ballasts for general lighting	EN 61347-2-4	-
IEC 61347-2-7	-	Lamp controlgear - Part 2-7: Particular requirements for d.c. supplied electronic ballasts for emergency lighting	EN 61347-2-7	-
IEC 61347-2-8	-	Lamp controlgear - Part 2-8: Particular requirements for ballasts for fluorescent lamps	EN 61347-2-8	-
IEC 61347-2-9	-	Lamp controlgear - Part 2-9: Particular requirements for ballasts for discharge lamps (excluding fluorescent lamps)	EN 61347-2-9	-



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## EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

### Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection "n"

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 specifies requirements for the construction, testing and marking for Group II electrical equipment with type of protection, "n" intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres. This standard applies to electrical equipment where the rated voltage does not exceed 15 kV r.m.s. a.c. or d.c.

This part of IEC 60079 is applicable to non-sparking electrical equipment and also to electrical equipment with parts or circuits producing arcs or sparks or having hot surfaces which, if not protected in one of the ways specified in this standard, could be capable of igniting a surrounding explosive gas atmosphere. This standard describes several different methods by which this can be achieved which may be combined with other methods described in IEC 60079-0.

This standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0, except as indicated in Table 1. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a requirement of IEC 60079-0, the requirement of this standard takes precedence.

**Table 1 – Relationship of this part to IEC 60079-0**

Clause of IEC 60079-0			IEC 60079-0 clause application to IEC 60079-15		
Ed. 5.0 (2007) (informative)	Ed. 6.01 (future edition) (informative)	Clause / Subclause title (normative)	Protected sparking nC	Non sparking nA	Restricted breathing nR
4	4	Equipment grouping	Applies	Applies	Applies
4.1	4.1	Group I	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
4.2	4.2	Group II	Applies	Applies	Applies
4.3	4.3	Group III	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
4.4	4.4	Equipment for a particular explosive atmosphere	Applies	Applies	Applies
5.1	5.1	Environmental influences	Applies	Applies	Applies
5.1.1	5.1.1	Ambient temperature	Applies	Applies	Applies
5.1.2	5.1.2	External source of heating or cooling	Applies	Applies	Applies
5.2	5.2	Service temperature	Applies	Applies	Applies
5.3.1	5.3.1	Determination of maximum surface temperature	Applies	Applies	Applies
5.3.2.1	5.3.2.1	Group I electrical equipment	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded

<sup>1</sup> Under consideration.

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5.3.2.2	5.3.2.2	Group II electrical equipment	Applies	Applies	Applies
5.3.2.3	5.3.2.3	Group III electrical equipment	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
5.3.3	5.3.3	Small component temperature for Group I and Group II electrical equipment	Applies	Applies	Excluded
6.1	6.1	General	Applies	Applies	Applies
6.2	6.2	Mechanical strength	Applies	Applies	Applies
6.3	6.3	Opening times	Excluded	Excluded	Applies
6.4	6.4	Circulating currents	Applies	Applies	Applies
6.5	6.5	Gasket retention	Applies	Applies	Applies
6.6	6.6	Electromagnetic and ultrasonic radiating equipment	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.1.1	7.1.1	Applicability	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.1.2	7.1.2	Specification of materials	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.1.3	7.1.2.2	Plastic materials	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.1.4	7.1.2.3	Elastomeric materials	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.2	7.2	Thermal endurance	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.3	7.3	Resistance to light	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.4	7.4	Electrostatic charges on external non-metallic materials	Applies	Applies	Applies
7.5	9.1	Threaded holes	Applies	Applies	Applies
8.1.1	8.2	Group I	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
8.1.2	8.3	Group II	Applies	Applies	Applies
8.1.3	8.4	Group III	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
8.2	9.1	Threaded holes	Applies	Applies	Applies
9.1	9.1	General	Applies	Applies	Applies
9.2	9.2	Special fasteners	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
9.3	9.3	Holes for special fasteners	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
10	10	Interlocking devices	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
11	11	Bushings	Applies	Applies	Applies
12	12	Materials used for cementing	Modified	Modified	Modified
13	13	Ex components	Applies	Applies	Applies
14	14	Connection facilities and termination compartments	Modified	Modified	Modified
15	15	Connection facilities for earthing and bonding conductors	Applies	Applies	Applies



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16	16	Entries into enclosures	Applies	Applies	Applies
17	17	Supplementary requirements for rotating electrical machines	Excluded	Modified	Excluded
18	18	Supplementary requirements for switchgear	Applies	Applies	Applies
19	19	Supplementary requirements for fuses	Modified	Modified	Modified
20	20	Supplementary requirements for plugs and sockets	Modified	Modified	Modified
21	21	Supplementary requirements for luminaires	Modified	Modified	Modified
22	22	Supplementary requirements for caplights and handlights	Applies	Applies	Applies
23	23	Equipment incorporating cells and batteries	Modified	Modified	Modified
24	24	Documentation	Applies	Applies	Applies
25	25	Compliance of prototype or sample with documents	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.1	26.1	General	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.2	26.2	Test configuration	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.3	26.3	Tests in explosive test mixtures	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.4	26.4	Tests of enclosures	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.4.1.1	26.4.1.1	Metallic enclosures, metallic parts of enclosures and glass parts of enclosures	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.4.1.2.1	26.4.1.2.1	Group I electrical equipment	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
26.4.1.2.2	26.4.1.2.2	Group II and Group III electrical equipment	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.4.2	26.4.2	Resistance to impact	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.4.3	26.4.3	Drop test	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.4.4	26.4.4	Acceptance criteria	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.4.5	26.4.5	Degree of protection by enclosure	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.5	26.5	Thermal tests	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.6	26.6	Torque test for bushings	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.7	26.7	Non-metallic enclosures or non-metallic parts of enclosures	Modified	Modified	Modified
26.8	26.8	Thermal endurance to heat	Modified	Modified	Modified

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26.9	26.9	Thermal endurance to cold	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.10	26.10	Resistance to light	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.11	26.11	Resistance to chemical agents for Group I electrical equipment	Excluded	Excluded	Excluded
26.12	26.12	Earth continuity	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.13	26.13	Surface resistance test of parts of enclosures of non-metallic materials	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.14	-	Charging tests	Applies	Applies	Applies
26.15	26.14	Measurement of capacitance	Applies	Applies	Applies
27	27	Routine tests	Applies	Applies	Applies
28	28	Manufacturers responsibility	Applies	Applies	Applies
29	29	Marking	Applies	Applies	Applies
30	30	Instructions	Applies	Applies	Applies
Annex A	Annex A	Supplementary requirements for Ex cable glands	Applies	Applies	Applies
Annex B	Annex B	Requirements for Ex components	Applies	Applies	Applies
Annex C	Annex C	Example of rig for resistance to impact test	Applies	Applies	Applies
Annex D	Annex D	Introduction to an alternative risk assessment method encompassing "equipment protection levels" fro Ex equipment	Applies	Applies	Applies
Applies : this requirement of IEC 60079-0 is applied without change.					
Excluded : this requirement of IEC 60079-0 does not apply.					
Modified : this requirement of IEC 60079-0 is modified as detailed in this standard.					

NOTE 1 The clause number in the above table is shown for information only. The applicable requirements of IEC 60079-0 are identified by the clause title which is normative. This document was written against the specific requirements of IEC 60079-0 (ed. 5.0). The clause numbers for the previous edition are shown for information only. This is to enable the General Requirements IEC 60079-0 (ed. 5.0) to be used where necessary with this part of IEC 60079. Where there were no requirements, indicated by "NR" or there is a conflict between requirements, the later edition requirements take precedence.

NOTE 2 A non-incendive component is limited in use to the particular circuit for which it has been shown to be non-ignition capable and, therefore, cannot be separately assessed as complying with this standard.

NOTE 3 Compliance with this standard does not imply any removal of, or lowering of the requirements of any other standard with which the electrical equipment complies.

NOTE 4 This part of IEC 60079 supplements, and may enhance, the requirements for equipment for normal industrial applications. Where compliance with other IEC standards is indicated, such as IEC 60034 for motors and IEC 60598-2 for luminaires, proving compliance to those standards is normally the responsibility of the manufacturer.

NOTE 5 Type of protection “n” provides Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Gc. For further information, see IEC 60079-0.

## 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 (all parts), *Rotating electrical machines*

IEC 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC/TS 60034-25, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 25: Guidance for the design and performance of a.c. motors specifically designed for converter supply*

IEC 60061 (all parts), *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety*

IEC 60061-1, *Lamp caps and holders together with gauges for the control of interchangeability and safety – Part 1: Lamp caps*

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60079-0:2007, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures “d”*

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

IEC 60112, *Method for the determination of the proof and the comparative tracking indices of solid insulating materials*

IEC 60155, *Glow-starters for fluorescent lamps*

IEC 60228, *Conductors of insulated cables*

IEC 60238, *Edison screw lampholders*

IEC 60269-3, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 3: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by unskilled persons (fuses mainly for household and similar applications) – Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to F*

IEC 60400, *Lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and starterholders*

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

IEC 60598 (all parts), *Luminaires*

IEC 60598-1:2008, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 60598-2 (all parts), *Luminaires – Part 2: Particular requirements*

IEC 60664-1:, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60927, *Auxiliaries for lamps – Starting devices (other than glow starters) – Performance requirements*

IEC 60947-7-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7-1: Ancillary equipment – Terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60947-7-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 7-2: Ancillary equipment – Protective conductor terminal blocks for copper conductors*

IEC 60998-2-4, *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes – Part 2-4: Particular requirements for twist-on connecting devices*

IEC 60999-1, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm<sup>2</sup> up to 35 mm<sup>2</sup> (included)*

IEC 60999-2, *Connecting devices – Electrical copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 2: Particular requirements for clamping units for conductors above 35 mm<sup>2</sup> up to 300 mm<sup>2</sup> (included)*

IEC 61048, *Auxiliaries for lamps – Capacitors for use in tubular fluorescent and other discharge lamp circuits – General and safety requirements*

IEC 61184, *Bayonet lampholders*

IEC 61195, *Double-capped fluorescent lamps – Safety specifications*

IEC 61347-1:2007, *Lamp controlgear – Part 1: General and safety requirements*

IEC 61347-2-1, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for starting devices (other than glow starters)*

IEC 61347-2-2, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for d.c. or a.c. supplied electronic step-down convertors for filament lamps*

IEC 61347-2-3, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-3: Particular requirements for a.c. supplied electronic ballasts for fluorescent lamps*

IEC 61347-2-4, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-4: Particular requirements for d.c. supplied electronic ballasts for general lighting*

IEC 61347-2-7, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-7: Particular requirements for d.c. supplied electronic ballasts for emergency lighting*

IEC 61347-2-8, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-8: Particular requirements for ballasts for fluorescent lamps*

IEC 61347-2-9, *Lamp controlgear – Part 2-9: Particular requirements for ballasts for discharge lamps (excluding fluorescent lamps)*