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National Foreword

This part of Singapore Standard SS 254 was prepared by the Technical Committee on Electrical Apparatus for Explosive Atmospheres under the direction of the Electrical and Electronic Product Standards Committee. It is a revision of SS 254 : Part 0 : 1997.

This standard is identical to the Consolidated Edition 3.1 of IEC 60079-0 : 2000-06 published by the International Electrotechnical Commission.

Annexes B and C form an integral part of this standard.

Annexes A and D are for information only.

Editorial amendments are as follows:

Clause/Subclause

- 1 *Insert* at the end of NOTE 1:
There are no equivalent Singapore Standards available for IEC 60079-18 and IEC 60079-22.

Replace 'testing station' by 'testing station accepted by the appropriate authority' where applicable.

Attention is also drawn to the following:

1. Where the reference 'IEC 60079' appears, it should be interpreted as 'SS 254'
2. The comma has been used throughout as a decimal marker in IEC 60079-0, whereas in Singapore Standards it is a practice to use a full-point on the baseline as the decimal marker.
3. The following parts of IEC 60079 shall be replaced by SS 254 under the general title 'Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres': The Singapore Standards under revision or review is indicated by *

a)	IEC 60079-1 IEC 60079-1A	SS 254 : Part 1 : 2001	Flameproof enclosures "d"
b)	IEC 60079-2 Pressurized enclosures "p"	SS 254 : Part 2 : 1997*	Electrical apparatus - Type of protection "p"
c)	IEC 60079-4	SS 254 : Part 7 : 1982	Method of test for ignition temperature
d)	IEC 60079-5 Powder filling "q"	SS 254 : Part 5 : 1982*	Sand-filled apparatus
e)	IEC 60079-6	SS 254 : Part 4 : 1997	Oil-immersion "o"
f)	IEC 60079-7	SS 254 : Part 6 : 1997*	Increased safety "e"
g)	IEC 60079-10	SS 254 : Part 10 : 1997*	Classification of hazardous areas
h)	IEC 60079-11	SS 254 : Part 11 : 1997*	Intrinsic safety "i"

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Part 0: General requirements

FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 60079-0 has been prepared by technical committee 31: Electrical apparatus for explosive atmospheres.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 1983 and constitutes a technical revision.

This International Standard is based on the text of European Standard EN 50014 (1992) published by CENELEC.

This consolidated version of IEC 60079-0 is based on the third edition (1998) [documents 31/248/FDIS and 31/252/RVD], and its amendment 1 (2000) [documents 31/322/FDIS and 31/331/RVD].

It bears the edition number 3.1.

A vertical line in the margin shows where the base publication has been modified by amendment 1.

Annexes B and C form an integral part of this standard.

Annexes A and D are for information only.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2005. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

ELECTRICAL APPARATUS FOR EXPLOSIVE GAS ATMOSPHERES –

Part 0: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 specifies the general requirements for construction, testing and marking of electrical apparatus, Ex cable entries and Ex components, intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres of gas, vapour and mist.

This standard does not specify requirements for safety, other than those directly related to the explosion risk.

This standard is or will be supplemented or modified by the following parts of IEC 60079 concerning specific types of protection:

- IEC 60079-1: flameproof enclosures "d";
- IEC 60079-2: pressurized enclosures "p";
- IEC 60079-5: powder filling "q";
- IEC 60079-6: oil immersion "o";
- IEC 60079-7: increased safety "e";
- IEC 60079-11: intrinsic safety "i";
- IEC 60079-18: encapsulation "m";
- IEC 60079-22: caplights for mines susceptible to firedamp (under consideration).

This part of IEC 60079 and the parts of IEC 60079 mentioned above are not applicable to the construction of electromedical apparatus, shot-firing exploders, test devices for exploders and for shot-firing circuits.

NOTE 1 In addition to the types of protection listed above, IEC 60079-15 is applicable for use in a potentially explosive atmosphere.

NOTE 2 Apparatus not conforming with this standard or the standards listed in this clause may be considered safe by a national or other authorised body for use in potentially explosive atmospheres. In such cases, the apparatus is identified with the symbol "s".

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60079. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60079 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60034-5:1991, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 5: Classification of degrees of protection provided by enclosures of rotating electrical machines (IP code)*

IEC 60079-1:1990, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 1: Construction and verification test of flameproof enclosures of electrical apparatus*