



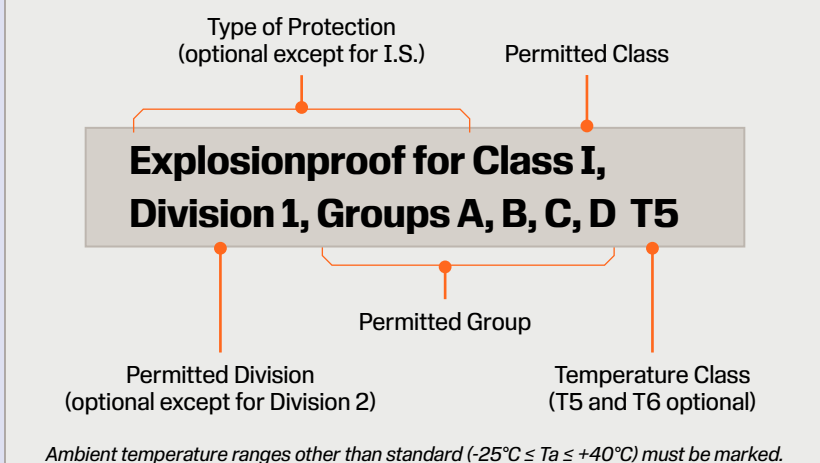
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Guide to Hazardous Locations

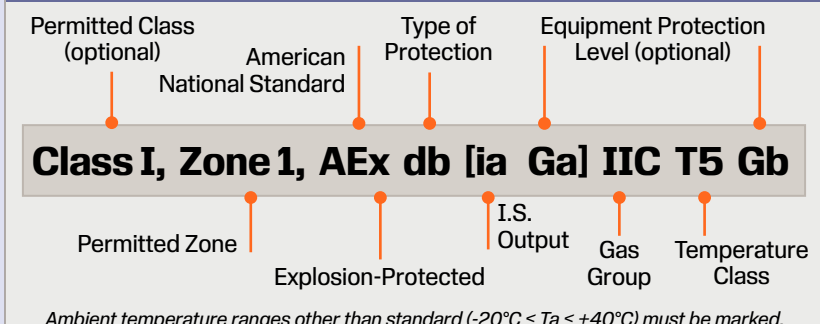
Explosive Gas Atmospheres

Ex Marking

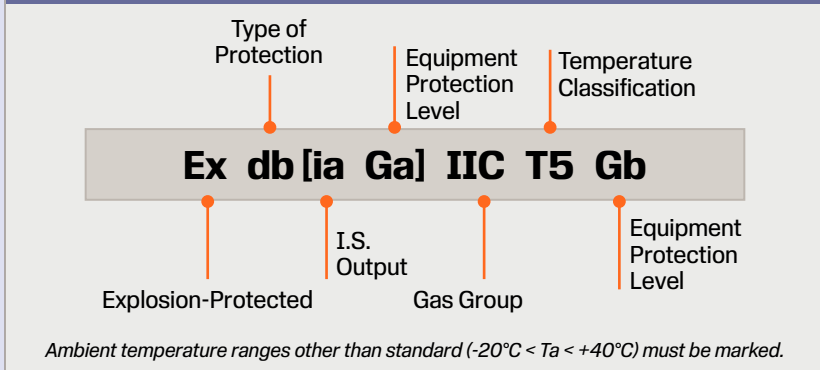
US (NEC® 500) and CA (CE Code Annex J18)



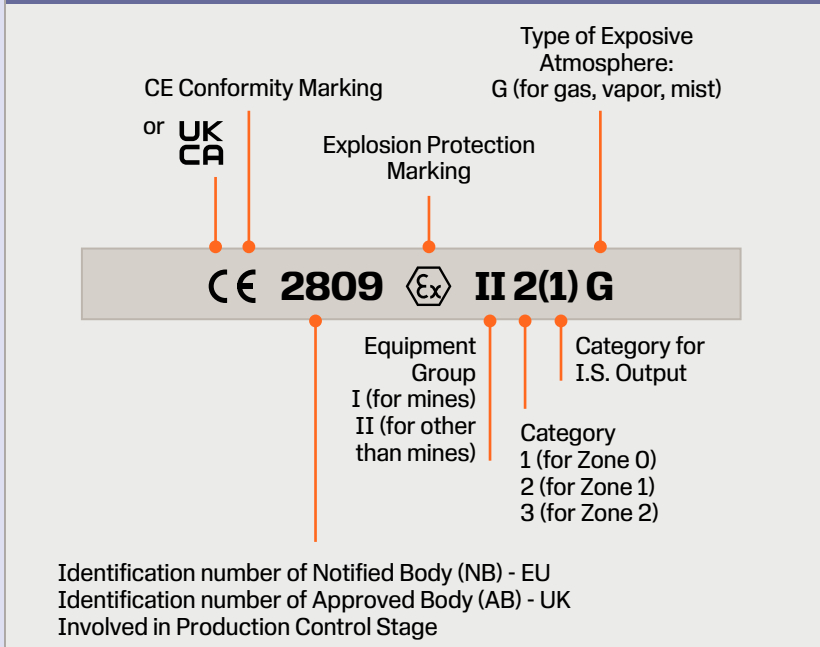
US (NEC® 505)



CA (CE Code Section 18), EU and IEC



Additional EU marking per 2014/34/EU (ATEX)
Additional UK marking per SI-2016 No. 1107 (as amended) (UKEX)



EPL/Category

Definition	IEC		EU (ATEX) UK (UKEX)		Typical Zone of Application
	EPL	Group	Category	Group	
Mines, "very high" level of protection	Ma	I	M1	II	N/A
Mines, "high" level of protection	Mb		M2		
Gas atmospheres, "very high" level of protection	Ga	II	1G	0	0
Gas atmospheres, "high" level of protection	Gb		2G		
Gas atmospheres, "enhanced" level of protection	Gc		3G		

Level of protection assigned to equipment based on its likelihood of becoming a source of ignition

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Market	Recognized product certification marks	
U.S.		
Canada		
EU (ATEX)		
UK		

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Protection Concepts

Type of Protection	Code	Market	Application	Standard	Protection Principle	
General Requirements						
		US	Class I, Division 1 & 2	FM 3600	No arcs, sparks or hot surfaces	
		CA	Class I, Division 1 & 2	CSA C22.2 No. 0		
	AEx	US	Class I, Zone 0, 1 & 2	ANSI/UL 60079-0		
	Ex	CA	EPL Ga, Gb, & Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-0		
	Ex	EU	Category 1G, 2G, & 3G	EN IEC 60079-0		
	Ex	IEC	EPL Ga, Gb, Gc	IEC 60079-0		
Increased Safety						
	AEx eb (or AEx e)	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-7	Contain the explosion and extinguish the flame	
	Ex eb (or Ex e)	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-7		
	Ex eb	EU	EPL Gb	EN IEC 60079-7		
	Ex eb	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-7		
	AEx ec	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-7		
	Ex ec	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-7		
	Ex ec	EU	Category 3G	EN IEC 60079-7		
	Ex ec	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-7		
Non-Incendive						
	(NI)	US	Class I, Division 2	FM 3611		Contain the explosion and extinguish the flame
	(NI)	CA	Class I, Division 2	CSA C22.2 No. 213		
Explosionproof						
	(XP)	US	Class I, Division 1	FM 3615	Contain the explosion and extinguish the flame	
	(XP)	CA	Class I, Division 1	CSA C22.2 No. 30		
Flameproof						
	AEx da	US	Class I, Zone 0	ANSI/UL 60079-1	Limit energy of sparks and surface temperature	
	Ex da	CA	EPL Ga	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-1		
	Ex da	EU	Category 1G	EN 60079-1		
	Ex da	IEC	EPL Ga	IEC 60079-1		
	AEx db (or AEx d)	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-1		
	Ex db (or Ex d)	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-1		
	Ex db	EU	Category 2G	EN 60079-1		
	Ex db	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-1		
	AEx dc	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-1		
	Ex dc	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-1		
	Ex dc	EU	Category 3G	EN 60079-1		
	Ex dc	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-1		
Powder-Filled						
	AEx qb (or AEx q)	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-5	Limit energy of sparks and surface temperature	
	Ex qb (or Ex q)	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-5		
	Ex qb	EU	Category 2G	EN 60079-5		
	Ex qb	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-5		
NI Component						
	AEx nC	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-15	Limit energy of sparks and surface temperature	
	Ex nC	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-15		
	Ex nC	EU	Category 3G	EN IEC 60079-15		
	Ex nC	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-15		
Intrinsic Safety						
	(I.S.)	US	Class I, Division 1	FM 3610	Limit energy of sparks and surface temperature	
	(I.S.)	CA	Class I, Division 1	C22.2 No. 60079-11 or CSA C22.2 No. 157		
	AEx ia	US	Class I, Zone 0	ANSI/UL 60079-11		
	Ex ia	CA	EPL Ga	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11		
	Ex ia	EU	Category 1G	EN 60079-11		
	Ex ia	IEC	EPL Ga	IEC 60079-11		
	AEx ib	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-11		
	Ex ib	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11		
	Ex ib	EU	Category 2G	EN 60079-11		
	Ex ib	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-11		
	AEx ic	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-11		
	Ex ic	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11		
	Ex ic	EU	Category 3G	EN 60079-11		
	Ex ic	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-11		
Pressurized						
	Type X	US	Class I, Division 1	FM 3620 (NFPA 496)	Keep flammable gas out	
	Type X	CA	Class I, Division 1	NFPA 496		
	Type Y	US	Class I, Division 1	FM 3620 (NFPA 496)		
	Type Y	CA	Class I, Division 1	NFPA 496		
	Type Z	US	Class I, Division 2	FM 3620 (NFPA 496)		
	Type Z	CA	Class I, Division 2	NFPA 496		
	AEx pxb (or AEx px)	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-2		
	Ex pxb (or Ex px)	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-2		
	Ex pxb	EU	Category 2G	EN 60079-2		
	Ex pxb	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-2		
	AEx pyb (or AEx py)	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-2		
	Ex pyb (or Ex py)	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-2		
	Ex pyb	EU	Category 2G	EN 60079-2		
	Ex pyb	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-2		
	AEx pzc (or AEx pz)	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-2		
	Ex pzc (or Ex pz)	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-2		
	Ex pzc	EU	Category 3G	EN 60079-2		
	Ex pzc	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-2		
Restricted Breathing						
	AEx nR	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-15	Keep flammable gas out	
	Ex nR	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-15		
	Ex nR	EU	Category 3G	EN IEC 60079-15		
	Ex nR	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-15		
Encapsulation						
	AEx ma	US	Class I, Zone 0	ANSI/UL 60079-18	Keep flammable gas out	
	Ex ma	CA	EPL Ga	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-18		
	Ex ma	EU	Category 1G	EN 60079-18		
	Ex ma	IEC	EPL Ga	IEC 60079-18		
	AEx mb (or AEx m)	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-18		
	Ex mb	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-18		
	Ex mb	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-18		
	Ex mb	EU	Category 2G	EN 60079-18		
	AEx mc	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-18		
	Ex mc	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-18		
	Ex mc	EU	Category 3G	EN 60079-18		
	Ex mc	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-18		
Sealed Device						
	AEx nC	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL 60079-15	Keep flammable gas out	
	Ex nC	CA	EPL Gc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-15		
	Ex nC	EU	Category 3G	EN IEC 60079-15		
	Ex nC	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-15		
Liquid Immersion						
	AEx ob (or AEx o)	US	Class I, Zone 1	ANSI/UL 60079-6	Keep flammable gas out	
	Ex ob	CA	EPL Gb	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-6		
	Ex ob	EU	Category 2G	EN 60079-6		
	Ex ob	IEC	EPL Gb	IEC 60079-6		
	AEx oc	US	Class I, Zone 2	ANSI/UL No. 60079-6		
	Ex oc	CA	EPL Gc	CSA No. 60079-6		
	Ex oc	EN	Category 3G	EN 60079-6		
	Ex oc	IEC	EPL Gc	IEC 60079-6		

Note 1: For associated intrinsically safe apparatus suitable for installation in a hazardous location, the symbols for the type of protection "ia" or "ib" are enclosed within square brackets (e.g., Class I, Zone 1 AEx db [ia Ga] IIC T4 Gb).
 Note 2: For associated intrinsically safe apparatus not suitable for installation in a hazardous location, both the symbol "Ex" or "AEx" and the symbol for the type of protection "ia", "ib" or "ic" are enclosed within the same square brackets (e.g., [AEx ia Ga]); in this case, a temperature class is not included.
 Note 3: Marking for Intrinsic Safety may be supplemented by "FISCO"
 Note 4: Marking for Intrinsic Safety may be supplemented by "2-WISE" (IEC TS 60079-47)
 Note 5: For associated equipment used with pressurized equipment, such as a pressurization control system installed within the hazardous location, the symbol for the Type of Protection is enclosed within brackets (e.g., Ex db [pxb] IIC T4 Gb).
 Note 6: The associated equipment not suitable for installation in a hazardous location, both the symbol "Ex" or "AEx" and the symbol "pxb" are enclosed within the same square brackets (e.g., [AEx pxb Gb]). In this case, a temperature class is not included.

Area Classification

	Combustible Dust Present Continuously	Combustible Dust Present Intermittently	Combustible Dust Present Abnormally
IEC / EU	Zone 0	Zone 1	Zone 2
US (NEC® 505)	Zone 0	Zone 1	Zone 2
US (NEC® 500)	Division 1		Division 2
CA (CE Code Section 18)	Zone 0	Zone 1	Zone 2
CA (CE Code Annex J18)	Division 1		Division 2

IEC classification per IEC 60079-10-1
 EU / UK classification per EN 60079-10-1
 US classification per ANSI/NFPA 70 National Electrical Code® (NEC®) Article 500 or Article 505
 CA classification per CSA C22.1 Canadian Electrical Code (CE Code) Section 18 or Annex J

Equipment Grouping

Typical gas	US (NEC® 505) CA (CE Code Section 18) IEC / EU / UK	US (NEC 500) CA (CEC Section 18)
Acetylene	Group IIC	Class I/Group A
Hydrogen	(Group IIB + H ₂)	Class I/Group B
Ethylene	Group IIB	Class I/Group C
Propane	Group IIA	Class I/Group D
Methane	Group I*	Mining*

*Not within scope of NEC®. Under jurisdiction of MSHA. Not within scope of CE Code.

Temperature Class

Marking	US NEC 500 Class II or III	CA CEC Sect 18 Class II or III
450°C	T1	T1
300°C	T2	T2
280°C		T2A
260°C		T2B
230°C		T2C
215°C		T2D
200°C	T3	T3
180°C		T3A
165°C		T3B
160°C		T3C
135°C	T4	T4
120°C		T4A
100°C	T5	T5
85°C	T6	T6

Ingress Protection (IP) Codes

First Characteristic Numeral	Second Characteristic Numeral	
Protection against solid bodies	Protection against liquid	
0 No protection	No protection	
1 Objects greater than 50mm	Vertical (90°) dripping water	
2 Objects greater than 12mm	75° to 90° dripping water	
3 Objects greater than 2.5mm	Sprayed water	
4 Objects greater than 1mm	Splashed water	
5 Dust-protected	Water jets	
6 Dust-tight	Heavy seas	
7	Temporary immersion	
8	Continuous immersion	
9	High pressure/temperature water jet	

Approximate U.S. enclosure type equivalent to IPXX					
Type → IP	Type → IP	Type → IP	Type → IP	Type → IP	Type → IP
1 10	3S 54	6 and 6P 67			
2 11	4 and 4X 55	12 and 12K 52			
3 54	5 52	13 54			
3R 14					

Acronyms

2-WISE	2 Wire Intrinsically Safe Ethernet
ATEX	Explosion Protection for EU
CA	Canada
CE Code	Canadian Electrical Code (CSA C22.1)
EPL	Equipment Protection Level
EU	European Union
FISCO	Fieldbus Intrinsically Safe Concept
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
I.S.	Intrinsic Safety
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NEC®	National Electrical Code® (NFPA 70)
UK	United Kingdom
UKEX	Explosion Protection for UK
US	United States of America

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