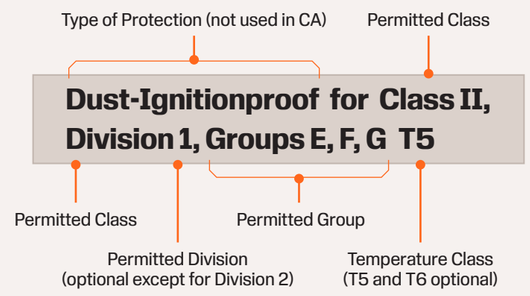
Guide to Hazardous Locations

Explosive Dust Atmospheres

Approvals

Ex Marking

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



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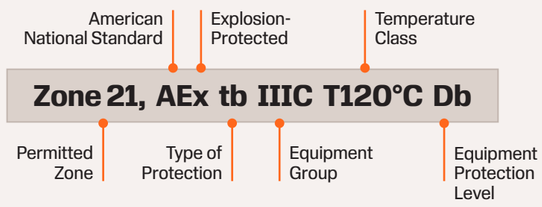

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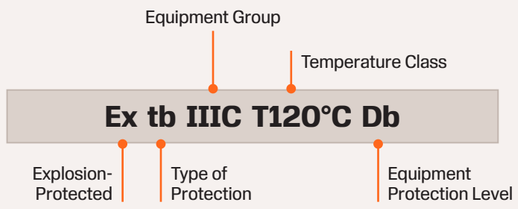
CA (CE Code Sect 18), EU and IEC



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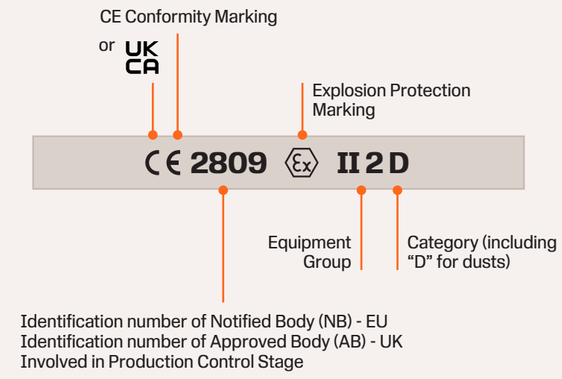
Additional EU marking per 2014/34/EU(ATEX) Additional UK marking per SI-2016 No. 1107 (as amended) (UKEX)



EPL/Category

Definition	IEC		EU (ATEX)		Typical Zone of Application
	EPL	Group	Category	Group	
Dust atmospheres, "very high" level of protection	Da	III	1D	II	20
Dust atmospheres, "high" level of protection	Db		2D		21
Dust atmospheres, "enhanced" level of protection	Dc		3D		22

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

Protection Concepts

Type of Protection	Code	Market	Application	Standard	Protection Principle
General Requirements		US	Class II, Division 1 & 2	FM 3600	
		CA	Class II, Division 1 & 2	CSA C22.2 No. 0	
		US	Class III, Division 1 & 2	FM 3600	
		CA	Class III, Division 1 & 2	CSA C22.2 No. 0	
	AEx	US	Zone 20, 21, & 22	ANSI/UL 60079-0	
	Ex	CA	EPL, Da, Db, & Dc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-0	
	Ex	EU	Category 1D, 2D, & 3D	EN IEC 60079-0	
	Ex	IEC	EPL Da, Db, & Dc	IEC 60079-0	
Dust-Ignitionproof	(DIP)	US	Class II, Division 1	FM 3616	
		CA	Class II, Division 1	CSA C22.2 No. 25	
Dust-Protected	(NI)	US	Class II, Division 2	FM 3611	
		CA	Class II, Division 2	CSA C22.2 No. 213	
Protection by Enclosure	AEx ta	US	Zone 20	ANSI/UL 60079-31	
	Ex ta	CA	EPL Da	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-31	
	Ex ta	EU	Category 1D	EN 60079-31	
	Ex ta	IEC	EPL Da	IEC 60079-31	
	AEx tb	US	Zone 21	ANSI/UL 60079-31	
	Ex tb	CA	EPL Db	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-31	
	Ex tb	EU	Category 2D	EN 60079-31	
	Ex tb	IEC	EPL Db	IEC 60079-31	
	AEx tc	US	Zone 22	ANSI/UL 60079-31	
	Ex tc	CA	EPL Dc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-31	
	Ex tc	EU	Category 3D	EN 60079-31	
	Ex tc	IEC	EPL Dc	IEC 60079-31	
Fiber + Flying Protection	(DIP)	US	Class III, Division 1 & 2	FM 3611	
		CA	Class III, Division 1 & 2	CSA C22.2 No. 213	
Encapsulation	AEx ma	US	Zone 20	ANSI/UL 60079-18	
	Ex ma	CA	EPL Da	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-18	
	Ex ma	EU	Category 1D	EN 60079-18	
	Ex ma	IEC	EPL Da	IEC 60079-18	
	AEx mb	US	Zone 21	ANSI/UL 60079-18	
	Ex mb	CA	EPL Db	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-18	
	Ex mb	EU	Category 2D	EN 60079-18	
	Ex mb	IEC	EPL Db	IEC 60079-18	
	AEx mc	US	Zone 21	ANSI/UL 60079-18	
	Ex mc	CA	EPL Dc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-18	
	Ex mc	EU	Category 2D	EN 60079-18	
	Ex mc	IEC	EPL Dc	IEC 60079-18	
Pressurization	(PX)	US	Class II, Division 1	FM 3620 (NFPA 496)	
	(PX)	CA	Class II, Division 1	NFPA 496	
	(PY)	US	Class II, Division 1	FM 3620 (NFPA 496)	
	(PY)	CA	Class II, Division 1	NFPA 496	
	(PZ)	US	Class II, Division 2	FM 3620 (NFPA 496)	
	(PZ)	CA	Class II, Division 2	NFPA 496	
	Ex pxb	EU	Category 2D	EN 60079-2	
	Ex pxb	IEC	EPL Db	IEC 60079-2	
	AEx pxb	US	Zone 21	ANSI/UL 60079-2	
	Ex pxb	CA	EPL Db	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-2	
	Ex pyb	EU	Category 2D	EN 60079-2	
	Ex pyb	IEC	EPL Db	IEC 60079-2	
	AEx pyb	US	Zone 21	ANSI/UL 60079-2	
	Ex pyb	CA	EPL Db	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-2	
	Ex pzc	EU	Category 3D	EN 60079-2	
	Ex pzc	IEC	EPL Dc	IEC 60079-2	
	AEx pzc	US	Zone 22	ANSI/UL 60079-2	
	Ex pzc	CA	EPL Dc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-2	
Intrinsic Safety	(I.S.)	US	Class II, Division 1	FM 3610	
	(I.S.)	CA	Class II, Division 1	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11 or CSA C22.2 No. 157	
	AEx ia	US	Zone 20	ANSI/UL 60079-11	
	Ex ia	CA	EPL Da	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11	
	Ex ia	EU	Category 1D	EN 60079-11	
	Ex ia	IEC	EPL Da	IEC 60079-11	
	AEx ib	US	Zone 21	ANSI/UL 60079-11	
	Ex ib	CA	EPL Db	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11	
	Ex ib	EU	Category 2D	EN 60079-11	
	Ex ib	IEC	EPL Db	IEC 60079-11	
	AEx ic	US	Zone 22	ANSI/UL 60079-11	
	Ex ic	CA	EPL Dc	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11	
	Ex ic	EU	Category 3D	EN 60079-11	
	Ex ic	IEC	EPL Dc	IEC 60079-11	
	(I.S.)	US	Class III, Division 1	FM 3610	
	(I.S.)	CA	Class III, Division 1	CSA C22.2 No. 60079-11 or CSA C22.2 No. 157	

	Keep combustible dust out	
	Limit energy of sparks and surface temperature	

Note 1: For associated intrinsically safe apparatus suitable for installation in a hazardous location, the symbol for the type of protection "ia," or "ib" are enclosed within square brackets (e.g., Zone 21 AEx tb [ia Da] IIIC T135°C Db).
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," or "ib" are enclosed within the same square brackets (e.g., [AEx ia Da] IIIC); 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)

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Market	Recognized product certification marks	
U.S.	FM APPROVED	FM C US APPROVED
Canada	FM C APPROVED	FM C US APPROVED
EU (ATEX)	FM APPROVED, Ex	CE

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Area Classification

	Combustible Dust Present Continuously	Combustible Dust Present Intermittently	Combustible Dust Present Abnormally
IEC / EU	Zone 20	Zone 21	Zone 22
US NEC 500	Zone 20	Zone 21	Zone 22
US NEC 506	Division 1		Division 2
CA CEC Section 18	Division 1		Division 2

US area classification per ANSI/NFPA 70 National Electrical Code® (NEC®) Article 500 or Article 506
CA area classification per CSA C22.1 Canadian Electrical Code (CEC) Section 18
EU area classification per EN 60079-10-2 or EN 61241-10
IEC area classification per IEC 60079-10-2 or IEC 61241-10

Equipment Grouping

Typical material	EU (60079) IEC (60079) US (NEC 506 per 60079)	US (NEC 506 per 61241)	IEC (61241)	US (NEC 500) CA (CEC Section 18)
Metal dusts	IIIC	N/A	D	Class II, Group E
Carbonaceous dusts	IIIB	D	D	Class II, Group F
Nonconductive dusts	IIIB	D	D	Class II, Group G
Fibers and flyings	IIIA	D	D	Class III

61241 did not differentiate between different materials, but referred to all with a "D" suffix on the Type of Protection.

Temperature

Marking		US NEC 500 Class II or III	CA CEC Sect 18 Class II or III
T1	**450°C**	For Class II, the temperature class is determined with a maximum dust layer* on the equipment. For installation, that temperature class must not be greater than the dust layer or dust cloud ignition temperature. For organic dusts that may dehydrate or carbonize, temperature classes greater than "T3B" (165°C) are not permitted.	Not Recognized
T2	**300°C**		
T2A	**280°C**		
T2B	**260°C**		
T2C	**230°C**		
T2D	**215°C**		
T3	**200°C**		
T3A	**180°C**		
T3B	**165°C**		
T3C	**160°C**		
T4	**135°C**		
T4A	**120°C**		
T5	**100°C**		
T6	**85°C**		
No temperature marking		For Class III, the temperature is determined with a maximum dust layer* on the equipment. The temperature must not be greater 120°C for equipment that can be overloaded and 165°C for equipment not subject to overloading.	For Class II or III, the temperature is determined with a maximum dust layer* on the equipment. The temperature must not be greater 120°C for equipment that can be overloaded and 165°C for equipment not subject to overloading.

Marking	US NEC 506	EU/IEC
T___°C **Temperature class in degrees Celsius preceded by a "T"** (e.g. T120°C)	Temperature is determined with a maximum dust layer* on the equipment. For installation, that temperature must not be greater than the dust layer or dust cloud ignition temperature.	Temperature is determined with no dust layer on the equipment. For installations with layers up to 5mm thick, that temperature must be at least 75K below the dust layer ignition temperature and no more than 2/3 of the dust cloud ignition temperature. For installations with layers up to 50mm thick, IEC/EN 61241-14 provides information on reduction of temperature.
T_L ___°C **Temperature class in degrees Celsius preceded by a "T_L" with a dust layer of "$_L$" where "$_L$" is the layer depth in mm** (e.g. T_{500}120°C)	Not recognized	Temperature is determined with specified layer depth, (> 50 mm) on all sides of the equipment. That temperature must be at least 75K below the dust layer ignition temperature and no more than 2/3 of the dust cloud ignition temperature.

** A maximum dust layer is a layer or blanket of wheat flour, corn flour, or grain dust that results from the equipment being covered with dust until no more will stay on the equipment.*

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	70° 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		Effects of immersion
8		Indefinite immersion

Approximate U.S. enclosure type equivalent to IPXX

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

ATEX	Atmosphère explosible	**IEC**	International Electrotechnical Commission
CA	Canada	**I.S.**	Intrinsic Safety
CEC	Canadian Electrical Code (CSA C22.1)	**NFPA**	National Fire Protection Association
EPL	Equipment Protection Level	**NEC**	National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)
EU	European Union	**US**	United States of America

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