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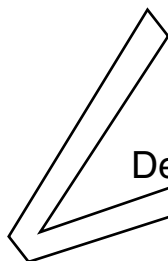
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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by the Technical Committee CEN/TC 305 "Potentially explosive atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection", the Secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method of test to determine the minimum ignition energy of a dust/air mixture by an electrically-generated spark. It is intended that the dust be tested in a form (particle size, moisture content etc.) representing conditions of actual use so that assessment of the hazard present can be made.

This European Standard is applicable to the determination of the minimum ignition energy of a combustible dust dispersed in air, referred to hereafter as a "dust/air mixture".

The test method is not suitable for use with recognised explosives, gunpowder, dynamite, explosives which do not require oxygen for combustion; pyrophoric substances, or substances or mixtures of substances which may under some circumstances behave in a similar manner. Where any doubt exists about the existence of a hazard due to explosive properties, expert advice should be sought.

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ISO 4225

Air Quality – General aspects Vocabulary

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply¹⁾:

3.1 Dust

Small solid particles that are able to remain suspended in air for some time.

NOTE: Normally maximum particle sizes will not exceed 500 µm. This definition includes what are defined in ISO 4225 as "dust" and "grit".

3.2 Combustible dust

Dust able to undergo an exothermic reaction with air when ignited.

3.3 Explosive dust/air mixture

A suspension of combustible dust in air under atmospheric condition throughout which, after ignition, combustion spreads.

3.4 Spark discharge

Transient discrete electric discharge which takes place between two conductors which are at different potentials. The discharge bridges the gap between the conductors in the form of a single ionisation's channel.

¹⁾ The definitions given above are proposed, the final definitions will depend on decisions of CEN/TC 305/WG 4.

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