

# Australian/New Zealand Standard™

## Explosive atmospheres

### Part 5: Equipment protection by powdered filling 'q'



## **AS/NZS 60079.5:2007**

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-014, Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres, to supersede AS/NZS 60079.5:2000.

The objective of this Standard is to set out the requirements for the construction, testing and marking of electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components in the type of protection powder filling 'q', intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from IEC 60079-5, Ed.3.0 (2007), *Explosive atmospheres – Part 5: Equipment protection by powder filling “q”*.

The significant changes with respect to the previous edition are:

- (a) All requirements for third-party certification have been removed.
- (b) Requirements for external connections have been added.
- (c) All requirements for cable glands have been deleted as they have been transferred to AS/NZS 60079.0.
- (d) Specific requirements for cells and batteries have been introduced.
- (e) Added relaxation requirements on required faults for fuse-protected equipment.
- (f) Added requirements for instructions.

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**1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60079 contains specific requirements for the construction, testing and marking of electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components in the type of protection powder filling "q", intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

NOTE 1 Electrical equipment and Ex components protected by powder filling "q" may contain electronic circuits, transformers, protection fuses, relays, intrinsically safe electrical apparatus, associated electrical apparatus, switches, etc.

NOTE 2 Type of protection powder filling "q" provides equipment protection level (EPL) Gb. For further information, see Annex A.

This standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a requirement of IEC 60079-0, the requirement of this standard will take precedence.

This standard applies to electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components with:

- a rated supply current less than or equal to 16 A;
- a rated supply voltage less than or equal to 1 000 V;
- a rated power consumption less than or equal to 1 000 W.

**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.

References to international standards that are struck through in this clause are replaced by references to Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standards that are listed immediately thereafter and identified by shading. Any Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standard that is identical to the International Standard it replaces is identified as such.

~~IEC 60079-0:2004, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 0: General requirements*~~

AS/NZS 60079.0:2005, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres, Part 0: General requirements* (identical to IEC 60079-0:2004)

IEC 60079-1, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 1: Flameproof enclosure "d"*

IEC 60079-7, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"*

IEC 60079-11, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres – Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"*