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**Part 4: Performance requirements for
group II apparatus indicating a volume
fraction up to 100% lower explosive limit**



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL/14, Electrical Equipment in Hazardous Areas, to supersede, in part, AS 2275, *Combustible gas detection instruments for use in explosive atmospheres: Part 1—1979, General requirements for explosion protection of electrical apparatus and systems*, and Part 2—1979, *Performance requirements*.

This Standard is identical with and has been reproduced from IEC 61779-4:1998, *Electrical apparatus for the detection and measurement of flammable gases, Part 4: Performance requirements for group II apparatus indicating a volume fraction up to 100% lower explosive limit*

The objective of this Standard is to provide general requirements and test methods for manufacturers, testing authorities and certifying bodies concerned with electrical apparatus for the detection and measurement of flammable gases.

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This Standard is part of a series covering electrical apparatus for detection and measurement of flammable gases which comprises the following:

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- 61779 Electrical apparatus for the detection and measurement of flammable gases
- 61779.1 Part 1: General requirements and test methods
- 61779.2 Part 2: Performance requirements for group I apparatus indicating a volume fraction up to 5% methane in air
- 61779.3 Part 3: Performance requirements for group I apparatus indicating a volume fraction up to 100% methane in air
- 61779.4 Part 4: Performance requirements for group II apparatus indicating a volume fraction up to 100% lower explosive limit (this Standard)
- 61779.5 Part 5: Performance requirements for group II apparatus indicating a volume fraction up to 100% gas
- 61779.6 Part 6: Guide for the selection, installation, use and maintenance of apparatus for the detection and measurement of flammable gases

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1 Scope

1.1 This part of AS/NZS 61779 specifies requirements for group II (as defined in part 1) portable, transportable and fixed apparatus for the detection and measurement of combustible gas or vapour concentrations with air. The apparatus, or parts thereof, may be installed or used in potentially explosive atmospheres, other than mines susceptible to firedamp (i.e. group I). The requirements and test methods applicable to the apparatus covered by this standard are specified in part 1.

1.2 This standard is restricted to apparatus intended for the detection and measurement of combustible gas or vapour concentrations with air up to 100% lower explosive limit (LEL).

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this part of AS/NZS 61779, the definitions given in part 1 apply.

3 General requirements

The apparatus shall comply with the general requirements specified in part 1 and with the performance requirements specified in clause 4 of this standard.

Compliance shall be determined in accordance with the appropriate test requirements and methods, including initial calibration, specified in part 1.

It shall be verified that the contents of the manufacturer's instruction manual are in accordance with the requirements specified in part 1.

4 Performance requirements**4.1 General**

The normal conditions for tests are specified in 4.3 of part 1. Compliance shall be determined in accordance with the test methods specified in 4.4 of part 1.

4.2 Unpowered storage

After being submitted to the conditions specified in 4.4.2 of part 1, the apparatus shall meet the requirements specified in 4.3 to clause 5 of this standard.