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	NEMA Designation	Underwriters Laboratories Inc. UL 50 and UL 508	Canadian Standards Association CSA Standard C22.2 No 94
Type 1	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against contact with the enclosed equipment; in locations where unusual service conditions do not exist	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against contact with the enclosed equipment and against a limited amount of falling dirt	General purpose enclosure; protects against accidental contact with live parts
Type 2	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against contact with the enclosed equipment and against limited amounts of falling water and dirt	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against limited amounts of falling water and dirt	Drip proof enclosure same as Type 1; indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dripping and light splashing of non-corrosive liquids and falling dirt
Type 3	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust, rain and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure (not sleet proof)	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust, rain and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure	Weatherproof enclosure; indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against rain, snow and blown dust; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure
Type 3R	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against falling rain and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against falling rain and sleet; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure	Weather proof enclosure; indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against rain or snow; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure (CSA does not specify sleet resist)
Type 3S	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust, rain and sleet; provides for operation of external mechanisms when ice laden	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against windblown dust, rain and sleet; external mechanisms remain operable while ice laden	Weather proof enclosure; indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against rain or snow; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure surface (CSA does not specify sleet proof)
Type 4	Indoor or outdoor use to protect the enclosed equipment against splashing water, seepage of water, falling or hose-directed water, and severe external condensation; these enclosures are sleet resistant but not sleet proof	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against splashing water, windblown dust and rain, and hose directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure	Watertight enclosure; indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against rain, snow, blown dust, splashing and hose directed water; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure
Type 4X	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against corrosion, windblown dust and rain, splashing water, and hose-directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against splashing water, windblown dust and rain, and hose directed water; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure; resists corrosion	Watertight enclosure; indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against rain, snow, blown dust, splashing and hose directed water; undamaged by the external formation of ice on the enclosure; resists corrosion
Type 5	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust, falling dirt, and dripping non-corrosive liquids	Not typically used by UL.	Indoor use, so constructed that dust, readily ignitable fibers or combustible flyings cannot enter the enclosure No CSA equivalent



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Type 6	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against the entry of water during occasional temporary submersion at a limited depth	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against the entry of water during temporary submersion at a limited depth; undamaged by the formation of ice on the enclosure	
Type 6P	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against the entry of water during prolonged submersion at a limited depth	Indoor or outdoor use to provide a degree of protection against the entry of water during prolonged submersion at a limited depth	No CSA equivalent
Type 7	For use in indoor locations classified as Class I, Groups A, B, C or D, as defined in the National Electrical Code	Not typically used by UL	Similar to NEMA designation; refer to Canadian Electric Code C22.1 Sec. 18 (C22.2 No. 30)
Type 8	For use in indoor or outdoor locations classified as Class I, Groups A, B, C and D, as defined in the National Electrical Code – oil immersed	Not typically used by UL	Similar to NEMA designation; refer to Canadian Electric Code C22.1 Sec. 18 (C22.2 No. 30)
Type 9	For use in indoor locations classified as Class II, Groups E, F or G, as defined in the National Electrical Code	Not typically used by UL	Similar to NEMA designation dust tight (hazardous dust); refer to Canadian Electric Code C22.2 No. 25
Type 10	Mining enforcement safety administration approved	Not typically used by UL	No CSA equivalent specified for industrial control applications (See C22.5 for use of electricity in mines)
Type 11	Indoor use to provide, by oil immersion, a degree of protection to enclosed equipment against corrosive effects of liquids and gases	Indoor use to provide, by oil immersion, a degree of protection of the enclosed equipment against corrosive effects of corrosive liquids and gases	No CSA equivalent; similar to Type 4
Type 12	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust, falling dirt and dripping non-corrosive liquids No knockouts	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust, falling dirt and dripping non-corrosive liquids No knockouts	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against circulating dust, lint, fibers, dripping and light splashes of non-corrosive liquids
Type 12K	Indoor enclosure with knockouts to provide a degree of protection against dust, falling dirt and dripping non-corrosive liquids other than at knockouts	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust, falling dirt, and dripping non-corrosive liquids With knockouts	No CSA equivalent
Type 13	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against lint, dust, seepage, external condensation and spraying of water, oil and non-corrosive coolant	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against dust and spraying of water, oil and non-corrosive coolants	Indoor use to provide a degree of protection against circulating dust, lint, fibers, seepage and spraying of non-corrosive liquids including oils and coolants



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European Standards

Type of Protection	CENELEC Designation	Method of Protection	
Flameproof Enclosure	Containment	'd'	
Increased Safety	Mechanical	'e'	
Intrinsically Safe	Electrical	T'	

These designations are typically preceded by EEx, the designation indicating an apparatus built to a European standard.

European Classification of Hazardous Locations

Zone 0	Explosive gas present continuously
Zone 1	Explosive gas present occasionally under normal operating conditions
Zone 2	Explosive gas present for short period
Zone 20	Explosive dust present continuously
Zone 21	Explosive dust present occasionally under normal operating conditions
Zone 22	Explosive dust present for short period

Explosion Groups

Group I Electrical equipment for mining applications

Group II Electrical equipment for all remaining hazardous areas

Ingress Protection (IP rating) defines the degree of protection

Scope of Protection for the IP Protection Classes

	First	Digit	Seco	nd Digit
Digit	Physical protection	Foreign body protection	Digit	Water protection
0	No protection	No protection	0	No protection
1	Protection against back of hand contact	Protection against solid foreign bodies 50 mm diameter	1	Protection against water drops falling vertically
2	Protection against finger contact	Protection against solid foreign bodies 12.5 mm diameter	2	Protection against water drops falling at an angle (15°)
3	Protection against contact from tools	Protection against solid foreign bodies 2.5 mm diameter	3	Protection against water- spray at an angle up to 60°
4	Protection against contact with a wire	Protection against solid foreign bodies 1.0 mm diameter	4	Protection against water- spray from all directions
5	Protection against contact with a wire	Protection against dust	5	Protection against water jets
6	Protection against contact with a wire	Dust-tight	6	Protection against strong water jets
7			7	Protection against intermittent immersion in water
8			8	Protection against continuous immersion in water

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Three popular methods of protection which exist in North America for hazardous electrical locations:

Type of Protection

1. Explosionproof

2. Increased Safety 3. Intrinsically Safe

Method of Protection

Containment

Mechanical

Electrical

North American Classification System for Hazardous Locations

North American hazardous locations are categorized by three criteria: Class - nature of hazardous substance present; Division frequency of presence; Group - specific type of hazardous material.

Class I Potentially explosive gas or vapor

Class II Potentially explosive dust Class III Potentially explosive fiber

Division 1 Potentially explosive substance present under normal

operating conditions

Division 2 Potentially explosive substance present under

abnormal operating conditions

HAZARDOUS (CLASSIFIED) LOCATIONS

or Selected Gases, Vapors and Dusts

Group A - Atmospheres

acetylene

Group B - Atmospheres acrolein (inhibited) (2) arsine

butadiene (1) ethylene oxide (2)

hydrogen

manufactured gases containing more

than 30% H, (by volume)

propylene oxide (2) propylnitrate

Group C - Atmospheres acetaldehyde allyl alcohol n-butvraldehvde carbon monoxide

crotonaldehyde cyclopropane diethyl ether diethylamine epichlorohydrinnn ethylene ethylenimine

ethyl mercaptan ethyl sulfide hydrogen cyanide hydrogen sulfide morpholine

2-nitropropane tetrahydrofuran

unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine

Group D - Atmospheres acetic acid (glacial)

acetone acrylonitrile ammonia henzene butane

1-butanol (butyl alcohol) 2-butanol (secondary butyl alcohol)

n-butyl acetate isobutyl acetate di-isobutylene ethane

ethanol (ethyl alcohol)

ethyl acetate

ethyl acrylate (inhibited) ethylene diamine (anhydrous)

ethylene dichloride

ethylene glycol monomethyl ether gasoline heptanes hexanes

isonrene isopropyl ether mesityl oxide

methane (natural gas) methanol (methyl alcohol) 3-methyl-1 butanol (isoamyl alcohol)

methyl ethyl ketone methyl isobutyl ketone

2-methyl-1-propanol (isobutyl alcohol) 2-methyl-2-propanol (tertiary butyl

petroleum naphtha (4)

pyridine octanes pentanes

propane

1-pentanol (amyl alcohol)

1-propanol (propyl alcohol) 2-propanol (isopropyl alcohol)

propylene styrene toluene vinvl acetate

vinyl chloride xylenes

Group E - Atmospheres containing metal dust, including aluminum, magnesium, and their commercial alloys, and other metals of similarly hazardous characteristics

Group F - Atmospheres

containing carbon black, coal or coke

Group G - Atmospheres

containing flour, starch or grain dust

Note: Carbon disulfide must be treated

in a special manner.

Example: An area where hydrogen was present under normal operating conditions would require a product suitable for Class I, Division 1, Group B applications.



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Classification by Group and Category According to Intended Use (Surface Industry)

Area	Category of Equipment	Presence or Duration of Explosive Atmosphere	Inflammable Substances	Level of Protection Faults to Allow for	Area Classification
	1	Continuous Presence Long Periods Frequent	Gas, Vapors, Mist, Dust	Very High Level of Protection 2 types of protection or 2 Independent faults	Group II Zone 0 (gas) Zone 20 (dust)
Equipment Group II (surface)	2	Likely to Occur	Mist, Dust	High Level of Protection 1 Type of Protection Habitual frequent malfunction	Group II Zone 1 (gas) Zone 21 (dust)
	3	Unlikely to Occur Present for a Short Period	Gas, Vapors, Mist, Dust	Normal Protection Required Level of Protection	Group II Zone 2 (gas) Zone 22 (dust)





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Temperature Rating

The maximum surface temperature of the exposed surface of electrical apparatus must always be lower than the ignition temperature of the gas or vapor mixture.

T	Maximum	Ignition Temperature		
Temperature Class	Surface Temperature	of Combustible Material		
TI	450 C	>450 C		
T2	300 C	>300 C		
T3	200 C	>200 C		
T4	135 C	>135 C		
T5	100 C	>100 C		
T6	85 C	>85 C		

Safety Characteristics of Flammable Gases and Vapors

Medium	Ignition temperature (celcisus)	Temperature class			Explosion group		
cetaldehyde	140				T 4	II A	
cetic acid	485	T1				II A	
cetic anhydride	330		T 2			II A	
cetone	540	T1				II A	
cetylene	305		T 2				IIC
mmonia	630	T1				II A	
mylacetate	380		T 2			II A	
Benzene	220			Т3		II A	
Benzol	555	T1				II A	
Carbon disulfide	95				T 6		IIC
Carbon monoxide	605	T1				II A	
yclohexene	430		T 2			II A	
,2-Dichlorethane	440		T 2			II A	
Diesel fuel	220 up to 300			Т3		II A	
thane	515	T1				II A	
thylacetate	460	T1				II A	
thylalcohol	425		T 2			II A	II B
thylchloride	510	T1				II A	
thylene	425		T 2				II B
thylenoxide	440		T 2				II B
thylether	180				T 4		II B
thyl glycol	235			Т3			
uel oil	220 up to 300			Т3		II A	
lydrogen	560	T1					IIC
lydrogen disulfide	270			Т3			II B
Methane	595 (650)	T1				II A	
Methanol	455	T 1				II A	
Methyl chloride	625	T 1				II A	
-Butane	365		T2			II A	
-Butylalcohol	340		T 2			II A	
-Hexane	240			Т3		II A	
-Propylalcohol	405		T 2				
Naphthaline	520	T1				II A	
Neic acid	360		T2				
henol	595	T1				IIA	
ropane	470	T 1				II A	
etraline	425		T 2				
oluole	535	T1				II A	

