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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 60079.15:2011 *Explosive atmospheres, Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection 'n'*.

A1) This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (November 2021). The start and end of changes introduced by the Amendment are indicated in the text by tags including the amendment number 1. **A1**

A2) AS/NZS 60079.15:2020 was initially published with modifications to refer to a modified adoption of AS/NZS 60079.0:2019 rather than IEC 60079-0. The modifications to AS/NZS 60079.0 do not affect compliance with IEC 60079-15, and the use of either AS/NZS 60079.0 or IEC 60079-0 is acceptable for AS/NZS 60079.15. Accordingly, AS/NZS 60079.15:2020 has been corrected to an identical adoption of IEC 60079-15:2017. **A1**

The objective of this Standard is to specify requirements for the construction, testing and marking for Group II electrical equipment with type of protection “n” which includes sealed devices “nC”, hermetically sealed devices “nC”, non-incendive components “nC” and restricted breathing enclosures “nR” intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

This Standard applies to electrical equipment where the rated input voltage does not exceed 15 kV r.m.s. AC or DC including where the internal working voltages of the Ex product exceeds 15 kV, for example starters for HID luminaires.

This Standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of AS/NZS 60079.0, except as indicated in [Table 1](#). Where a requirement of this Standard conflicts with a requirement of AS/NZS 60079.0, the requirement of this Standard takes precedence.

Table 1 — Relationship of AS/NZS 60079.15 to AS/NZS 60079.0

Clause of AS/NZS 60079.0			AS/NZS 60079.0 clause application to AS/NZS 60079.15	
Ed. 6.0 (2011) (informative)	Ed. 7.0 (future edition) (informative)	Clause/Subclause title (normative)	Protected sparking “nC”	Restricted breathing “nR”
3	3	Definitions	Applies	Applies
4	4	Equipment grouping		
4.1	4.1	Group I	Excluded	Excluded
4.2	4.2	Group II	Applies	Applies
4.3	4.3	Group III	Excluded	Excluded
4.4	4.4	Equipment for a particular explosive atmosphere	Applies	Applies
5	5	Temperatures		
5.1	5.1	Environmental influences	Applies	Applies
5.2	5.2	Service temperature	Applies	Applies
5.3	5.3	Maximum surface temperature		
5.3.1	5.3.1	Determination of maximum surface temperature	Applies	Applies
5.3.2	5.3.2	Limitation of maximum surface temperature		
5.3.2.1	5.3.2.1	Group I equipment	Excluded	Excluded

Table 1 (continued)

Clause of AS/NZS 60079.0			AS/NZS 60079.0 clause application to AS/NZS 60079.15	
Ed. 6.0 (2011) (informative)	Ed. 7.0 (future edition) (informative)	Clause/Subclause title (normative)	Protected sparking "nC"	Restricted breathing "nR"
5.3.2.2	5.3.2.2	Group II equipment	Applies	Applies
5.3.2.3	5.3.2.3	Group III equipment	Excluded	Excluded
5.3.3	5.3.3	Small component temperature for Group I and Group II equipment	Applies	Excluded
-	5.3.4	Component temperature of smooth surfaces for Group I or Group II equipment (Applies for smaller than 10 000 mm ² only)	Applies	Excluded
6	6	Requirements for all electrical apparatus		
6.1	6.1	General	Applies	Applies
6.2	6.2	Mechanical strength	Applies	Applies
6.3	6.3	Opening times	Excluded	Applies
6.4	6.4	Circulating currents	Applies	Applies
6.5	6.5	Gasket retention	Applies	Applies
6.6	6.6	Electromagnetic and ultrasonic radiating equipment	Applies	Applies
7	7	Non-metallic enclosures and non-metallic parts of enclosures		
7.1	7.1	General		
7.1.1	7.1.1	Applicability	Applies	Applies
7.1.2	7.1.2	Specification of materials	Applies	Applies
7.2	7.2	Thermal endurance		
7.2.1	7.2.1	Tests for thermal resistance	Applies	Applies
7.2.2	-	Material selection	Modified	Modified
-	7.2.2	Material selection	Applies	Applies
7.2.3	7.2.3	Alternative qualification for elastomeric sealing O-rings	Applies	Applies
7.3	7.3	Resistance to ultraviolet light	Applies	Applies
7.4	7.4	Electrostatic charges on external non-metallic materials		
7.4.1	7.4.1	Applicability	Applies	Applies

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