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- modification of the title of the standard;
- extension of introduction;
- extension of normative references;
- extension of terms and definitions;
- new arrangement, amendment and complement of the requirements for hand-held spraying equipment for non-ignitable liquid coating materials;
- definition of requirements for safety functions;
- new arrangement, amendment and complement of tests for hand-held spraying equipment for non-ignitable liquid coating materials;
- new arrangement and extension of the information for use;
- definition of requirements for repeated tests;
- introduction of the normative Annex A "Test of a discharge with the peak current value  $I_{C(p)}$  and the pulse duration  $t_i$  (type test)";
- introduction of the informative Annex B "Example for discharge test";
- introduction of the informative Annex C "Ignitability of water-based paints";
- introduction of the informative Annex D "Quality assurance systems for electrostatic spraying equipment";
- introduction of the informative Annex ZZ "Relationship between this European standard and the essential requirements of Directive 2006/42/EC aimed to be covered".

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## EN 50059:2018 (E)

### 0 Introduction

#### 0.1 Process

During the electrostatic coating process the non-ignitable liquid coating material is transported from a reservoir to an applicator where it is atomised by mechanical forces and by the influence of an electric field. The coating material is charged by high voltage of some 10 kV and a spray cloud is generated. The charged droplets of the coating materials are attracted by and applied to the earthed workpiece.

Droplets of the coating material, which are not applied to the workpiece (overspray) are removed by a suction device or by other means.

After the coating process the coated workpieces are introduced into a dryer or oven where a dry film of coating material is generated.

#### 0.2 Fire hazards

**0.2.1** Fire hazards can be caused by deposits of coating materials inside the spray booth, exhaust air ducts, the recovery system for coating materials, and filters. During operation, malfunctions or electrical faults may cause ignition of these residues. The propagation of the fire leads to hazards also in adjacent areas.

**0.2.2** Particular attention should be paid to the prevention of electrostatic charges on different surfaces, which are in the vicinity of the spray cloud. This could apply both to workpieces during the coating process or the reciprocating devices and the mounting parts of the spraying system, etc.

**0.2.3** When spraying non-ignitable coating material, the formation of an explosive atmosphere is not likely to occur. Electrostatic application equipment for ignitable coating materials are covered by EN 50050-1, EN 50050-2 and EN 50050-3.

#### 0.3 Electric hazards

**0.3.1** Electric shock (by direct or indirect contact) can be generated, for instance, by contact with

- live parts, which are not insulated for operational reasons,
- conductive parts, which are not connected to dangerous voltage during normal operation, but only in case of failure,
- insulated live parts with insufficient or damaged insulation due to external impact,
- charged passive parts with inadequate earthing.

**0.3.2** Inadequate earthing may occur, for instance, due to

- faulty connections to the protective earthing system,
- a too high resistance to earth (e.g. contamination by coating materials).

**0.3.3** Hazards could occur, for instance, if hazardous malfunctions (e.g. shortcut of electronic safety circuits) occur due to interferences of the electrostatic high voltage equipment and the components of the control and safety systems.

**0.3.4** Hazardous electrostatic discharges could be generated, for instance, by non-earthed conductive components or by large insulating surfaces, especially if they are backed with conductive material.

**0.3.5** Ventricular fibrillation is the primary risk of electric shock. The undercut of the current/time limit and the fibrillation limit are proven by current and time measurement. In this standard,  $I(t)$  is used as a measure for falling below the current/time limit and the fibrillation limit. It is comparable to the amount of current  $I t$  or the specific fibrillation energy  $I^2 t$  in accordance with IEC/TS 60479-1 and IEC TS 60479-2. A power limit as given in the standards EN 50176, EN 50177, EN 50223 and EN 50348 is not applicable in this standard due to the characteristics of the equipment and the resulting hazard of electric current.

## EN 50059:2018 (E)

### 1 Scope

**1.1** This European Standard specifies the requirements for hand-held or hand-operated electrostatic spraying equipment for non-ignitable liquid coating materials which

- do not generate an explosive atmosphere inside the spraying area;
- are used to process materials with a conductivity of less than 2 000  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ ;
- operate with direct current having a sinusoidal ripple of not more than 10 % of the rms value.

This European Standard deals with all electrical hazards significant for the electrostatic spraying of non-ignitable liquid coating materials, which could also contain small quantities of added metal particles, if the work is carried out under conditions recommended by the manufacturer.

This European Standard specifies the design-related and test requirements for electrostatic spraying equipment of type A-NL according to Table 1 of EN 50348:2010.

**1.2** With regard to all other significant hazards relevant for applicators (e.g. ejection of fluids, mechanical strength, electrical - apart from electrostatic - hazards, noise, contact with or inhalation of dangerous substances, ergonomics) the requirements of EN 1953 apply.

**1.3** This European Standard also gives details regarding quality assurance systems for electrostatic spraying equipment, see Annex D.

**1.4** For electrostatic spraying equipment used in food and pharmaceutical industry, additional requirements may apply.

**1.5** This document is not applicable to

- electrostatic hand-held spraying equipment for non-ignitable coating materials which are manufactured before the date of its publication as EN,
- cleaning of spraying areas, see instruction manual of the spraying booth,
- fire prevention and protection [for instance fire hazards due to other sources; see EN 12215, EN 12981],
- requirements for machinery for the supply and recirculation of coating material under pressure [see EN 12621].

The requirements of EN 12621 apply for specific requirements for machinery for the supply and recirculation of coating materials under pressure.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1149-5, *Protective clothing - Electrostatic properties - Part 5: Material performance and design requirements*

EN 1953, *Atomising and spraying equipment for coating materials - Safety requirements*

EN 12215, *Coating plants - Spray booths for application of organic liquid coating materials - Safety requirements*

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