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- In 6.6, fifth paragraph, the sentence “All flexible secondary leads ~~utilized on skid~~ shall demonstrate compatibility with all compounds in Table 3.” was modified to read “All flexible secondary leads shall demonstrate compatibility with all compounds in Table 3.”
- In 6.7, second paragraph, the sentence “The instructions must include directions for use of a engine spark plug thread port “Go–No-Go” gauge that will indicate if the port is compatible with the specific spark plug.” was modified to read “The instructions must include directions for use of an engine spark plug thread port “Go–No-Go” gauge that will indicate if the port is compatible with the specific spark plug.”
- In 11.1.2, second paragraph, the sentence “The radius of the surface of the emery cloth is to be cloth is to be 90 mm ± 6 mm (3.5 inches ± 0.25 inch).” was modified to read “The radius of the surface of the emery cloth is to be 90 mm ± 6 mm (3.5 inches ± 0.25 inch).”
- In 11.10, first paragraph, the sentence “A representative sample of the ignition system including all components and wiring that is intended to be installed in a Class I, Division 2 or Zone 2 hazardous (classified) location shall be placed in an flammable atmosphere as indicated in Table 5 below.” was modified to read “A representative sample of the ignition system including all components and wiring that is intended to be installed in a Class I, Division 2 or Zone 2 hazardous (classified) location shall be placed in a flammable atmosphere as indicated in Table 5 below.”
- In 11.15, second paragraph, the sentence “The points of impact shall be the places considered to be the weakest and shall be on the external parts which maybe exposed to impact.” was modified to read “The points of impact shall be the places considered to be the weakest and shall be on the external parts which may be exposed to impact.”

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1 Purpose

This standard is intended to enhance the safety of personnel by providing minimum requirements for electrical ignition systems for spark-ignited reciprocating internal combustion engines, parts of which are installed or operated in Class I, Division 2 or Zone 2 hazardous (classified) locations.

2 Scope

This standard provides minimum construction and test requirements in addition to manufacturer installation and maintenance recommendations for the safe operation of ignition systems and components for spark-ignited reciprocating internal combustion engines in Class I, Division 2, Group C or D or Class I, Zone 2, Group IIB or IIA, hazardous (classified) locations. These requirements apply to systems rated for normal operation with secondary voltages less than or equal to 35 kV.

This standard is intended to cover only ignition systems of reciprocating internal combustion engines that are stationary when in operation. This does not include any application where the engine would be in motion (vehicles) while operating. Applications addressed by the scope of this document include but are not limited to gas compressors, electric power generators, and pumps.

This standard applies to ignition systems suitable for use in an ambient temperature range of -40°C to +70°C (-40°F to +158°F).

3 References

ANSI NFPA 70, National Electrical Code®

ANSI/ISA-12.12.01, Nonincendive Electrical Equipment for Use in Class I and II, Division 2 and Class III, Divisions 1 and 2 Hazardous (Classified) Locations

ANSI/ISA-60079-0, Electrical Apparatus for Use in Class I, Zones 0, 1 & 2 Hazardous (Classified) Locations: General Requirements

ANSI/ISA-60079-1, Electrical Apparatus for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations: Type of Protection - Flameproof "d"

ANSI/ISA-60079-15, Electrical Apparatus for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations: Type of Protection "n"

ANSI/UL 1203, UL Standard for Safety Explosion-Proof and Dust-Ignition-Proof Electrical Equipment for Use in Hazardous (Classified) Locations

ANSI/UL2556, Wire and Cable Test Methods

SAE J2031, High Tension Ignition Cable

4 Definitions

4.1 alarm:

an audible, visual, or physical presentation designed to alert the user that a specific parameter has been reached or exceeded.

4.2 ambient temperature:

the temperature of the air in the immediate vicinity of the device, equipment or component.