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1 Scope

This European Technical Report applies to bucket elevators that may handle combustible products capable of producing potentially explosive atmospheres of dust or powder inside the bucket elevator during its operation. The precautions to control ignition sources will also be relevant where the product in the bucket elevator creates a fire risk but not an explosion risk.

For the purposes of this report, a bucket elevator is defined as an item of bulk material handling equipment that carries material in powder form or as coarse products such as whole grain, wood chips or flakes, in a vertical direction by means of a continuous movement of open containers.

This Technical Report specifies the principles of and guidance for fire and explosion prevention and explosion protection for bucket elevators.

Prevention is based on the avoidance of effective ignition sources, either by the elimination of ignition sources or the detection of ignition sources.

Explosion protection is based on the application of explosion venting, explosion suppression or explosion containment and explosion isolation rules specifically adapted for bucket elevators. These specific rules may be based on agreed test methods.

This European Technical Report does not apply to products that do not require atmospheric oxygen for combustion.

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 1127-1:2011, *Explosive atmospheres — Explosion prevention and protection — Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology*

EN 13237, *Potentially explosive atmospheres — Terms and definitions for equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres*

EN 13463-1, *Non-electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres — Part 1: Basic method and requirements*

EN 13463-5, *Non-electrical equipment intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres — Part 5: Protection by constructional safety 'c'*

EN 13463-6, *Non-electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres — Part 6: Protection by control of ignition source 'b'*

EN 14373, *Explosion suppression systems*

EN 14460, *Explosion resistant equipment*

EN 14797, *Explosion venting devices*

EN 14491, *Dust explosion venting protective systems*

EN 15089, *Explosion isolation systems*

EN 60079-10-2, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 10-2: Classification of areas — Combustible dust atmospheres*