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Significance of changes with respect to IEC 60079-28:2006

Significant Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
Scope: Expansion to include Group III and EPLs Da, Db and Dc	1		x	
Scope: Clarification and list of exclusions for optical radiation sources	1		x	
Normative references: Deletion of IEC 60079-10, and addition of IEC 60050-426 and 60050-731	2	x		
Terms and definitions: Some definitions not used in the standard deleted. New definitions added.	3	x		
General requirements: Introduction of an ignition hazard assessment moved to 4, statement for presence of absorbers added, Explanation of EPLs deleted	4	x		
Table 1: EPLs versus protection types moved from 5.5 to 5.1, table modified and extended	5.1	x	x	
Structure of Table 2 changed and extended explanation in the notes, but with the same limit values	5.2.2.1	x		
Table 3 for Group III added	5.2.2.1		x	
Table 4 replaces Figure 1 for better application	5.2.2.1	x		
Detailed requirements for the measurement of optical power added	5.2.2.2		x	
Detailed requirements for the measurement of optical irradiance added	5.2.2.3		x	
Requirements for the assessment of optical pulses for Group II much more detailed	5.2.3.1 5.2.3.2 5.2.3.3 5.2.3.4	x		
Requirements for the assessment of optical pulses for Group I and Group III added	5.2.3.5		x	
Ignition tests: Notes 1 and 2 added	5.2.4	x		
Over-power/energy fault protection: Title changed and wording modified for clarity	5.2.5	x		
Radiation inside optical fibre or cable: requirements added, e.g. pull test	5.3.2			C1
Radiation inside enclosures: IP 6X enclosures, "p" or "t" enclosures added	5.3.3		x	
Optical system with interlock "op sh" Table 3 deleted, Figure 1 with interlock cutoff delay times added	5.4		x	
Type verifications and tests: structure changed (editorial, without changing the requirements)	6	x		
Marking: markings required by IEC 60079-0 deleted. Examples of marking: example with combination of op is with other types of protection added	7	x		
Ignition hazard assessment: Flow chart in Figure C.1 modified for better understanding	Annex C	x		
Old Annex E (Introduction of EPLs) deleted. New Annex E provides a flow chart for the assessment of pulses according to 5.2.3	Annex E	x		
Relevant IEC-Standards moved to Clause 2	Formerly Annex F	x		

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B) Information about the background of 'Major technical changes'

C1 For the protection concept "protected radiation op pr" some requirements like a pull test for optical fibres or cables have been added.

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