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## Manufacturer's Obligations under directive 1999/92/EC

1. Prevent the formation of explosive atmospheres in the workplace

Avoid the ignition of explosive atmospheres and

Control the effects of explosions

- 2. Conduct a risk assessment covering:
  - the likelihood of explosive atmospheres occurring and their persistence
  - the likelihood of a source of ignition
  - the effect of an ignition on plant, personnel and the environment
- 3. Classify the work place Zones
- 4. Mark areas with signs at points of entry
- 5. Maintain an explosion protection document including:
  - a. risk assessment and identification of zones
  - b. area classification
  - c. maintenance schedules
  - d. documentation of requirements for training staff and instituting a system of permits to work
- 6. Select ATEX 100a compliant equipment according to identified zone

## EQUIPMENT GROUPS & TEMPERATURE CLASSES REQUIRED FOR SOME COMMON FLAMMABLE MATERIALS

	Equipment	<b>Temperature</b>
Gas /Vapour	Group	Class required
	requirement	
Ascetic Acid	IA	T1
Acetone	IIA	T1
Acetylene	lic	T2
Amnonia	IIA	T1
Butane	IIA	T2
Cyclohe xane	IIA	T3
Ethanol (ethyl alcohol)	IIA	T2
Ethylene	IIB	T2
Hydrogen	IIC	TI
Kerosene	IIA	T3
Methane (natural gas) –non mining	IIA	TI
Methanol (methyl alcohol)	IIA	T1
Methyl ethyl keton (MEK)	IIA	T1
Propane	IIA	T1
Propan-1-ol (n-propyl alcohol)	ΙΙΒ	T2
Propan-2-ol (iso-propyl alcohol)	IIA	T2
Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	IIB	T3
Tolune	IIA	T1
Xylene	IIA	T1
Dust	Ignition Temperature	
Dust	Cloud	-
		Layer
Aluminium	590°C	>450°C
Coal dust (lignite)	380°C	225°C
Flour	490°C	340°C
Grain dust	510°C	300°C
Methyl cellulose	420°C	320°C
Phenolic resin	530°C	>450°C
Polythene	420°C	(melts)
PVC	700°C	>450°C
Soot	810°C	570v
Starch	460°C	435°C
Sugar	490°C	460°C



