



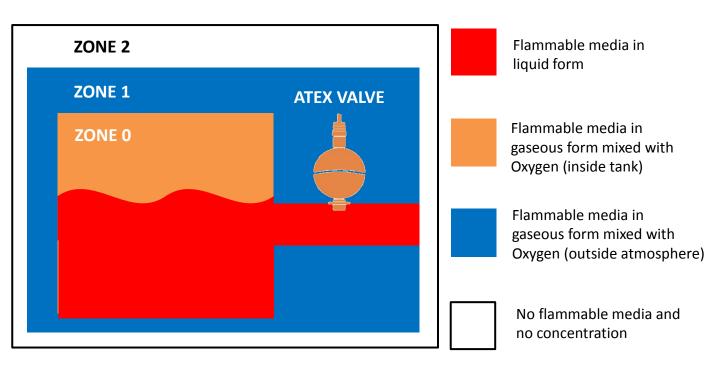
The ATEX Directive 94/9/EC controls all manufacture and import of equipment for use in explosive atmospheres, including non-electrical items.



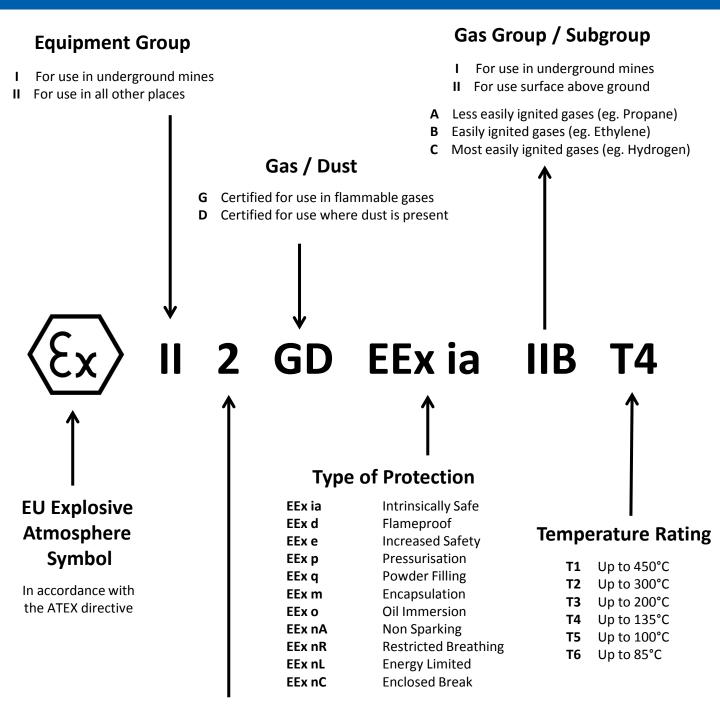
ATEX requires that the equipment be safe and bear a label indicating the conditions under which it is approved for use.

ATEX covers equipment that falls into three criteria:

- 1. It must be purposely designed for use within an explosive atmosphere at ambient conditions
- 2. The atmosphere may contain gas, vapour, mist or dust as a fuel, but must be based on air as the oxidiser
- 3. The equipment must have an ignition source in and of itself, such as a spark or a hot surface.







## **Equipment Category**

- 1 Equipment for use in areas with a continuous explosive hazard
- 2 Equipment for use in areas where an explosive hazard may occur
- 3 Equipment for use in areas where an explosive hazard is unlikely