# Standards for Level 2 Explosion-proof Distribution Boxes



## Overview

This guide covers every major explosion proof ratings system with a facility matrix, decision workflow, and real-world installation examples.

## Key Takeaways

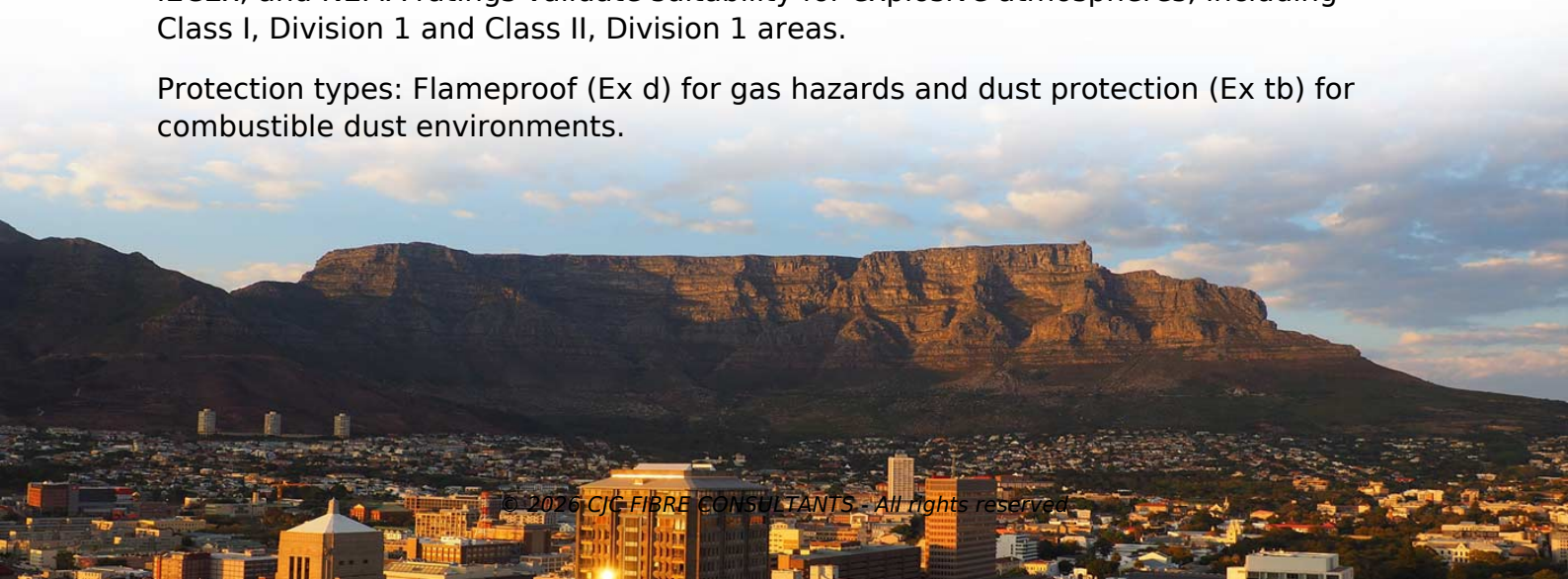
Level II explosion-proof distribution boxes must comply with flameproof (Ex d) and dust protection (Ex tb) standards, use corrosion-resistant materials, and meet national and international certifications such as GB7251, ATEX, IECEx, and NEMA.

## Certification and Compliance

### Level I

I explosion-proof distribution boxes are designed for hazardous environments such as coal mines, petroleum, petrochemical plants, and textile industries. They must comply with: National standards: GB7251 for design and production requirements, ensuring electrical components maintain proper clearance, creepage distance, and withstand voltage under normal use conditions. International certifications: ATEX, IECEx, and NEMA ratings validate suitability for explosive atmospheres, including Class I, Division 1 and Class II, Division 1 areas.

Protection types: Flameproof (Ex d) for gas hazards and dust protection (Ex tb) for combustible dust environments.



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## Material and Construction Requirements

Enclosure materials: Stainless steel (304 or 316L), aluminum, or copper-free aluminum for corrosion resistance and mechanical strength. Box thickness: Minimum 4. 0 mm for stainless steel enclosures.

Design features: Specialized hinges to protect flameproof joints, modular construction for flexible installation, and robust sealing to prevent ingress of dust or gas. Electrical components: Must comply with relevant standards, maintain proper insulation, and be securely mounted with galvanized fasteners.

## Electrical and Wiring Standards

Component selection: Includes MCCBs, MCBs, AC contactors, relays, PLCs, fuses, soft starters, frequency converters, and other certified devices. Wiring practices: Secondary wiring should use black wire with proper casing; conductors in measuring instruments must be enameled; wiring should be neatly bundled and secured with nylon tape. Cable entry: Standard Mx 1.

5 plugs or NPT plugs; DQM-II (Ex d) or DQM-III (Ex d) cable glands are recommended.

## Environmental and Safety Considerations

Operating zones: Suitable for Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 21, Zone 22, or Class I and Class II, Division 1 hazardous areas. Temperature classes: T6 to T41 for gas, T80°C to T130°C for dust, ensuring surface temperatures remain below ignition points. Ingress protection: IP66 or IP66/67 with O-ring seals; NEMA Types 4, 4X, 7, and 9 for dust and water resistance.

Maintenance: Regular inspection at least annually, more frequently in high-risk areas, to ensure seals, wiring, and components remain intact.

## Summary

## Level I

I explosion-proof distribution boxes must integrate robust materials, certified components, flameproof and dust-proof designs, and strict adherence to national and international standards. Proper installation, wiring, and maintenance are critical to ensure safety in hazardous environments, prevent ignition of flammable gases or dust, and comply with legal and industrial safety requirements.

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