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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

An explosion diverter is used to divert explosions propagating through ducts, thus preventing flame jet ignition and pressure piling in connected protected enclosures. It will reduce the risk of flame transmission.

This European Standard describes the basic design of a pipe-in-pipe diverter and specifies the testing requirements and the application of explosion diverters.

This European Standard covers:

- a test method for assessing the efficacy of explosion diverters;
- design rules for a type of pipe-in-pipe diverter;
- demands to venting device on diverter;
- installation requirements;
- maintenance requirements;
- marking.

This European Standard considers dust/air explosive atmospheres only.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

EN 14034-1, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds — Part 1: Determination of the maximum explosion pressure  $p_{\max}$  of dust clouds*

EN 14034-2, *Determination of explosion characteristics of dust clouds — Part 2: Determination of the maximum rate of explosion pressure rise  $(dp/dt)_{\max}$  of dust clouds*

EN 14460:2006, *Explosion resistant equipment*

EN 14491: *Dust explosion venting protective systems*

EN 14797, *Explosion venting devices*

EN 15089:2009, *Explosion isolation systems*

EN ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories (ISO/IEC 17025:2005)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 13237, EN 14797, EN 14491, EN 15089:2009 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **explosion venting device**

part of the explosion diverter which opens under explosion conditions in a controlled manner

### 3.2

#### **explosion diverter**

passive mechanical device typically installed in a duct preventing flame jet ignition, pressure piling and reducing the probability of flame transmission into connected equipment

### 3.3

#### **flame velocity**

$S_f$

velocity of a flame front relative to a fixed reference point

[EN 15089:2009, 3.14]

### 3.4

#### **pressure piling**

condition during deflagration in which pressure increases in the unreacted medium ahead of the flame front as a result of the deflagration

### 3.5

#### **flame jet ignition**

ignition of unreacted pre-compressed and turbulent medium in an enclosure by a flame with a large surface area and high energy

### 3.6

#### **installation distance**

distance between the vessel and the connecting flange of the diverter

### 3.7

#### **optimum explosion pressure**

$p_{opt}$

explosion pressure in the vented or unvented vessel of the primary explosion which causes maximum flame velocity in the pipe at the inlet of the connected vessel, without diverter

## 4 Explosion Diverters

### 4.1 General

Explosion diverters are inline passive protective systems, installed in processes involving dust. They respond to and by means of internal explosion pressure in the duct in which they are installed.

The most common design of explosion diverters can be described as pipe in pipe arrangements (see Figure 1) causing a change of flow direction and fitted with an explosion venting device (see Figure 1 a) and Annex A). This type of diverter will typically have an inner inlet pipe and an outer outlet pipe. Other types of explosion diverters are described in Annex B.

In most cases, the installation of explosion diverters is closely related to pre-arranged planning and engineering. Subsequently, the installation will be executed as per agreed-upon general arrangement and detail drawings of the system of which the explosion diverter becomes a part.

In the case of an explosion propagating through a duct, the venting device opens and diverts flame and pressure. This shall be done into a safe area (see Figure 1 b)).

Explosion diverters shall ensure as a minimum that pressure piling and flame jet ignition are prevented beyond the diverter. They cannot completely stop the flame and pressure propagation under all conditions.

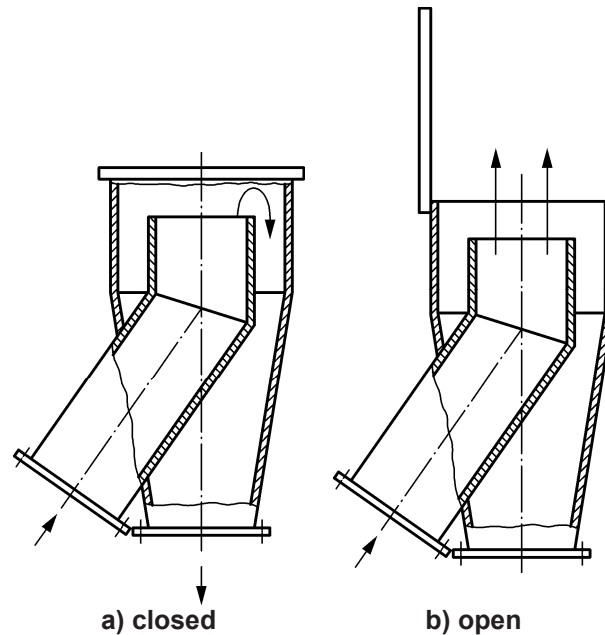


Figure 1 — Example of a pipe-in-pipe explosion diverter

## 4.2 Special requirements to explosion diverters

### 4.2.1 Explosion venting device

Venting devices shall comply with EN 14797 with the exception of the determination of the efficiency of the device. In addition, tests according to Clause 5 shall be undertaken to demonstrate their suitability for intended use on explosion diverters.

### 4.2.2 Mechanical integrity

Depending on the intended use, the loads caused by internal explosions will to a great extent depend on equipment connected to the device (vessel size, length of interconnecting pipes) and explosion properties of the dust (intended range of  $K_{St}$ ,  $p_{max}$ ).

Any part of an explosion diverter not designed to rupture shall be constructed such that it can withstand the loads imposed by any internal explosion that can be expected in accordance with its intended use, without rupturing. The construction can be either explosion-pressure resistant or explosion-pressure shock-resistant (see EN 14460).

If parts of or the entire explosion venting device detach during the explosion, the explosion diverter shall include a restraining arrangement e.g. a cage. The restraining arrangement is an integral part of the explosion diverter. The requirements pertaining to mechanical integrity include the elements of the restraining arrangement.

## 5 Verification of efficacy and mechanical integrity of the diverter by experimental testing

### 5.1 General

The testing shall reflect the intended use.

As a minimum the following information is necessary prior to testing:



- a general type description;
- intended use;
- installation and operating instructions (maximum allowable length of the pipes between explosion diverter and interconnected vessels and the presence of bends/pipe restrictions, location and position of the explosion diverter);
- part list;
- design and manufacturing drawings and layouts of parts etc.;
- results of design calculations made, examinations carried out, test reports;
- ambient and process conditions;
- dust type ( $K_{St}$ ,  $p_{max}$ , metal dust yes/no);
- explosion resistance of the device;
- static activation pressure ( $p_{stat}$ ) of the venting device;
- maximum explosion pressure in the connected vessels.

The smallest and largest size for devices with geometrical similarity (with respect to the material specifications, welding specifications and wall thickness) shall be tested. If the diameter ratio of largest to smallest size exceeds 5, an intermediate size shall be tested.

## 5.2 Test Modules

### 5.2.1 General

Two modules are available for experimental testing, The modules are referenced to as Module A and Module B. The mechanical integrity and explosion resistance of the diverter is tested in either of these two modules.

The test pressure required to prove the mechanical integrity and explosion resistance according to the intended use is material dependant and shall be according to EN 14460:2006, 6.3. Permanent deformation of the diverter body is allowed provided it does not fail in its function and will not give rise to dangerous effects to the surrounding. If permanent deformation is observed, the explosion resistance shall be documented as the explosion pressure shock resistance according to EN 14460.

### 5.2.2 Module A: Mechanical integrity testing

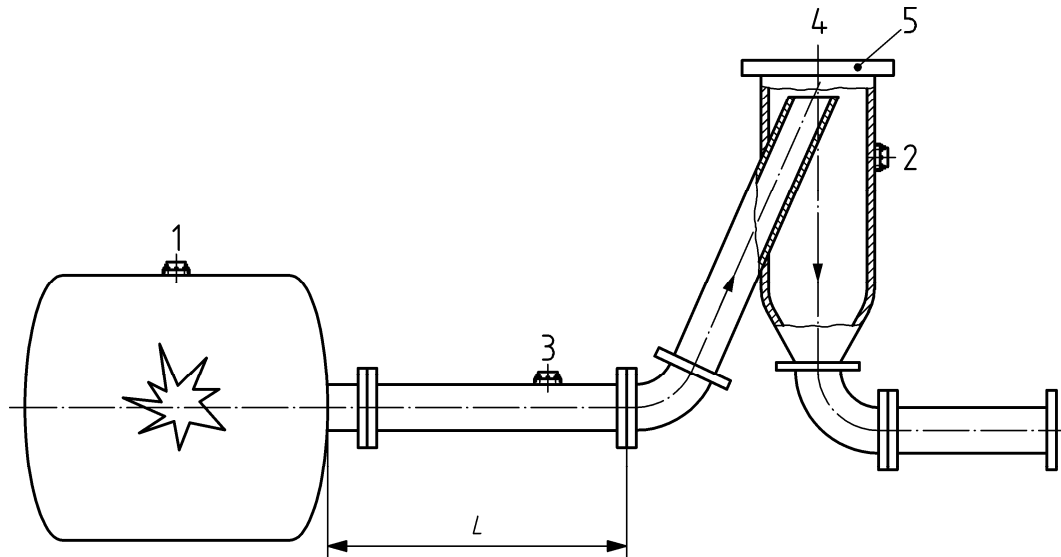
#### 5.2.2.1 General

Module A (mechanical integrity testing only) is used for testing:

- pipe-in-pipe diverters according to Annex A;
- any other type of diverter which was previously tested and approved according to Module B but which did undergo changes which can affect the mechanical integrity and explosion resistance of the diverter. Changes to the geometry for instance will require retesting according to Module B. Furthermore, modification of the venting device or the introduction of a restraining cage needs testing according to Module B.

#### 5.2.2.2 Test set-up

The explosion diverter shall be tested with a test rig as shown in Figure 2.



**Key**

- 1,2,3 pressure transducer (Pt)
- 4 explosion diverter body (ED)
- 5 explosion diverter venting device
- $L$  installation distance

**Figure 2 — Test arrangement for mechanical and explosion resistance testing**

The dimensions of the pipe (length and diameter), the pipe arrangement (e.g. horizontal/vertical), the volume of the test vessel, the maximum reduced explosion pressure in the test vessel and the explosion characteristics of the explosive atmosphere shall reflect the intended use of the diverter (see 5.1).

The length to diameter ratio of the vessel shall be equal to or smaller than 2,5 and the pipe volume up to the explosion diverter shall be smaller than the volume of the vessel. The explosion pressure generated within the diverter shall reflect the maximum allowable explosion pressure according to the intended use of the diverter.

If the intended use includes scenarios in which the explosion can propagate in both directions, the testing shall be repeated with the diverter reversed such that the outlet now becomes the inlet.

**5.2.2.3 Measuring technique**

The following parameter shall be measured:

- Pressure

The explosion pressure shall be measured by installing transducers in the explosion enclosure, the diverter and the interconnecting duct (see Figure 2). The pressure transducer shall have a sufficient short response time.

**5.2.2.4 Testing method**

Sufficient explosive dust shall be injected in the test vessel to generate an explosive dust/air mixture in the duct to support flame propagation into the diverter.

The generation of the dust cloud inside the test vessel shall be carried out according to EN 14034-1 and EN 14034-2.

Testing shall be carried out at maximum  $p_{red}$ ,  $K_{St}$  and longest installation distance at which the maximum allowable explosion pressure as per the intended use of the diverter is reached.

Calibration tests shall be carried out without explosion diverter in the test rig according to Figure 2 to define the test parameters (dust concentration, ignition delay time, venting area) necessary to achieve the optimum explosion pressures ( $p_{opt}$ ) according to the intended use and flame transmission and acceleration throughout the pipe (worst case condition). Dust injection in the duct can be necessary.

a) Number of tests

Only 1 test is required for mechanical integrity testing.

b) Evaluation of test

The mechanical integrity testing is successful if the diverter has withstood the intended explosion pressure and did not generate any flying parts.

### 5.2.3 Module B: Functional testing

#### 5.2.3.1 General

Module B (functional testing) shall assess the efficacy of the explosion diverter according to the intended use as specified by the manufacturer and determine the maximum permissible length of the pipes  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  (Figures 3 and 4): maximum installation distances.

Module B has 4 subsets B1, B2, B3 and B4 depending on the intended use (see Table 1).

Table 1 — Different Modules for functional testing

Module	Ignition source location	Dust cloud generation <sup>a, b</sup>	Objective	Acceptance criteria	minimum number of valid tests required <sup>c</sup>
B1 (Figure 3)	Vessel $V_1$	Vessel $V_1$	Prevention of flame jet ignition and pressure piling in vessel $V_2$	Flame velocity < 100 m/s and explosion pressure < 0,3 bar at inlet of vessel $V_2$	3 at $p_{opt}$ <sup>d</sup>
B2 (Figure 3)	Vessel $V_1$	Vessel $V_1$	Prevention of flame propagation into vessel $V_2$	No flame beyond the explosion diverter	10 at $p_{red} \leq 0,3$ bar
B3 (Figure 4)	Vessel $V_2$	Vessel $V_2$	Prevention of flame jet ignition and pressure piling in vessel $V_1$	Flame velocity < 100 m/s and explosion pressure < 0,3 bar at inlet of vessel $V_1$	3 at $p_{opt}$ <sup>d</sup>
B4 (Figure 4)	Vessel $V_2$	Vessel $V_2$	Prevention of flame propagation into vessel $V_1$	No flame reaches the vessel $V_1$	10 at $p_{red} \leq 0,3$ bar

<sup>a</sup> In reference to EN 14034-1 and EN 14034-2.

<sup>b</sup> In order to enable optimum flame propagation throughout the system, explosive dust concentration needs to be present in the pipe as well. It can be therefore necessary to feed dust into the pipe and/or into the second vessel (dust dosage according to Figure 3 and Figure 4).

<sup>c</sup> identical test conditions

<sup>d</sup> according to 5.2.3.4

If the intended use aims at stopping flame propagation, then B2 and/or B4 shall be performed in addition to B1 and/or B3.

### 5.2.3.2 Test set-up

The test rig is shown in Figures 3 and 4 and consists of 2 vessels ( $V_1$  and  $V_2$ ) connected by a pipe with the explosion diverter installed at a location representing the intended use (see 5.1).

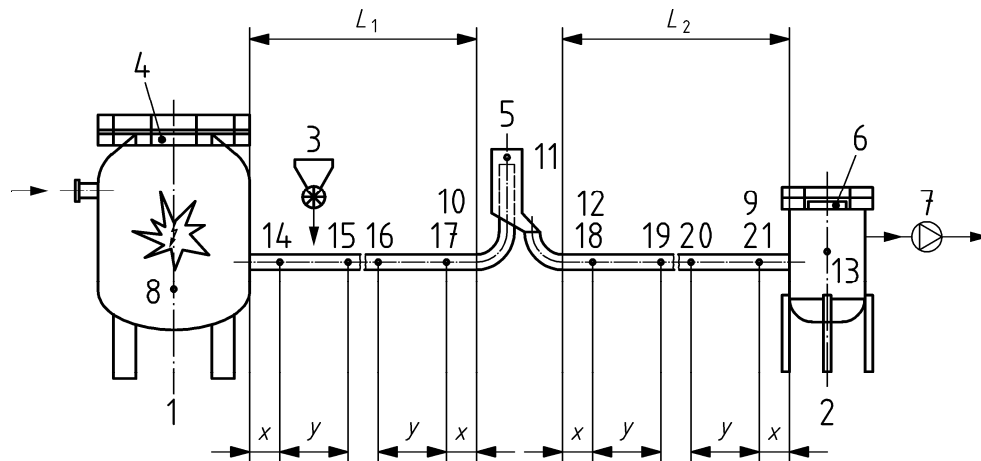
The dimensions of the pipe (length and diameter), the choice of the enclosure (closed or vented) and the explosion characteristics of the explosive atmosphere shall reflect the intended use of the diverter.

The test rig shall reflect the worst case situation of the intended use in terms of pressure and flame velocity.

The air flow velocity inside the interconnecting pipe shall reflect the intended use.

Dust will be sucked from source vessel  $V_1$  into the pipe, however the dust concentration in the source vessel/pipe shall be sufficient to support flame propagation to the receiving vessel  $V_2$ . This can require additional dust dosage into the pipe.

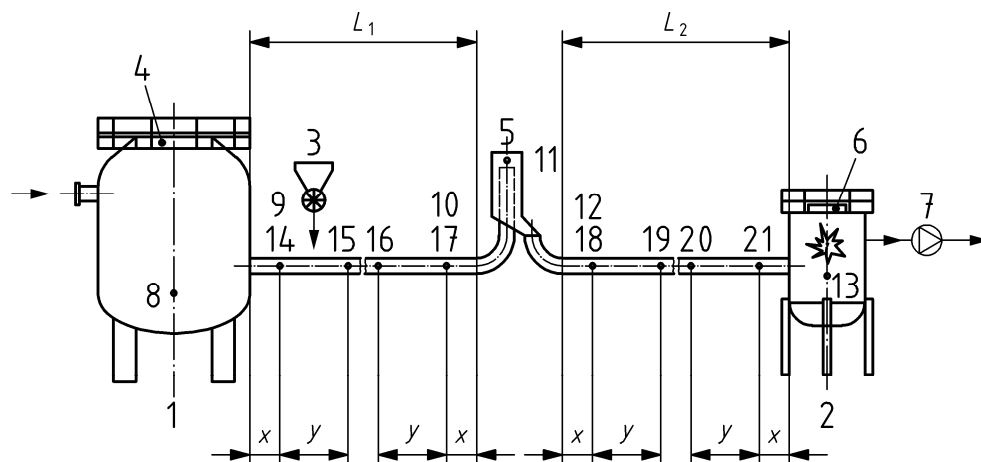
The length to diameter ratio of the vessels shall be equal to or smaller than 2,5 and the pipe volume up to the explosion diverter shall be smaller than the volume of the vessel where the ignition takes place.



**Key**

- |          |   |        |   |
|----------|---|--------|---|
| 1        | explosion vessel $V_1$ (closed or vented) | $L_1$  | installation distance   |
| 2        | explosion vessel $V_2$ (closed or vented) | $L_2$  | length of pipe downstream of explosion diverter                       |
| 3        | dust dosage                               | $x, y$ | positions of the transducers with $x \leq 200$ mm, $y \leq 3\ 000$ mm |
| 4 to 6   | venting areas $A_1, A_2, A_3$             |        |   |
| 7        | blower                                    |        |   |
| 8 to 13  | pressure transducers                      |        |   |
| 14 to 21 | flame transducers                         |        |   |

**Figure 3 — Test arrangement for the functional testing (Module B1 and B2) of explosion diverters. Ignition in the vessel  $V_1$  – explosion propagates with the airflow**



**Key**

- |          |   |        |   |
|----------|---|--------|---|
| 1        | explosion vessel $V_1$ (closed or vented) | $L_1$  | installation distance   |
| 2        | explosion vessel $V_2$ (closed or vented) | $L_2$  | length of pipe downstream of explosion diverter                       |
| 3        | dust dosage                               | $x, y$ | positions of the transducers with $x \leq 200$ mm, $y \leq 3\ 000$ mm |
| 4 to 6   | venting areas $A_1, A_2, A_3$             |        |   |
| 7        | blower                                    |        |   |
| 8 to 13  | pressure transducers                      |        |   |
| 14 to 21 | flame transducers                         |        |   |

**Figure 4 — Test arrangement for the functional testing (Module B3 and B4) of explosion diverters. Ignition in the vessel  $V_2$  – Explosion propagates against the airflow**

**5.2.3.3 Measuring technique**

The following parameters shall be measured:

a) Pressure

The explosion pressure shall be measured by installing transducers within a distance of 200 mm from the inlet and the outlet (10, 12) of the diverter. Four other pressure transducers are to be located on the diverter (11), the pipe (9) and vessels  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  (8 and 13). The pressure transducer shall have a sufficient short response time.

b) Flame

The flame position shall be measured by installing two transducers (14, 15) at the beginning of the pipe, two before and after the diverter (16, 17, 18, 19) and two transducers (20, 21) at the inlet of the receiving vessel  $V_2$ . The transducers shall be located at discrete distances, not exceeding 3 m, to allow determination of the average flame velocity.

#### 5.2.3.4 Testing method

The generation of the dust cloud inside the vessel in which the primary explosion will be ignited shall be carried out according to EN 14034-1 and EN 14034-2.

Sufficient dust shall be injected in the primary vessel to generate an explosive dust/air mixture in the pipe, to support flame propagation to the secondary vessel  $V_2$ .

Modules B1 and B3 (Flame jet ignition and pressure piling tests) shall be done at  $p_{opt}$ .

Modules B2 and B4 (flame transmission tests) shall be performed at  $p_{red} \leq 0,3$  bar to ensure worst case conditions.

Calibration tests shall be carried out without explosion diverter in the test rig according to Figure 3 and/or 4, respectively to define the test parameters (dust concentration, ignition delay time, venting area) necessary to achieve the optimum explosion pressures ( $p_{opt}$ ) according to the intended use and flame transmission and acceleration throughout the pipe.

In order to optimise flame propagation throughout the system, an explosive dust concentration needs to be present in the pipe as well which can require feeding additional dust into the pipe (dust dosage according to Figure 3 and 4).

a) Number of tests

— Calibration tests

A sufficient number of calibration tests shall be carried out without explosion diverter in the test rig in order to define the test parameters (dust concentration, ignition delay time, venting area) necessary to achieve the optimum explosion pressures ( $p_{opt}$ ) according to the intended use and flame transmission and acceleration throughout the pipe (worst case condition).

— Functional tests

The number of tests depend on the desired intended use according to Table 1.

b) Evaluation of tests

The acceptance criteria are given in Table 1.

## 6 Test Report

The requirements in EN ISO 17025 shall be fulfilled. As a minimum, the following shall be reported:

a) Product characteristics:

- 1) nature of the sample;
  - 2) sample pre-treatment;
  - 3) characteristics data for particle size distribution and moisture content;
  - 4) type of dust and all relevant safety characteristics (e.g.,  $p_{max}$ ,  $K_{St}$ ).
- b) Characteristics of the test rig:
- 1) dimensional sketch of the test rig;
  - 2) enclosure and pipe volume, aspect ratio;
  - 3) dust-dispersion system;
  - 4) explosion characteristics of the dust (sample) in the test enclosures;
  - 5) ignition delay time (turbulence index);
  - 6) flow velocity.
- c) Characteristics of the explosion diverter:
- 1) design documentation of the diverter;
  - 2) type of venting device;
  - 3) static activation pressure of the venting device;
  - 4) location and position of the explosion diverter.
- d) Results:
- 1) data of tests;
  - 2) maximum pipe length in front of and behind the explosion diverter;
  - 3) mechanical integrity and explosion resistance of the diverter.
- e) Additional information;
- 1) The report shall include all pertinent observations and information, which are not fully described above.

## 7 Information for use

All explosion diverters shall be at least accompanied by instructions that include:

- a) venting devices to be used in combination with the explosion diverter;
- b) description of the intended use of the explosion diverter:
  - all details of operational requirements,
  - external effects in case of an explosion,

NOTE Explosion venting should not be performed if unacceptable amounts of materials that are classified as poisonous, corrosive, irritant, carcinogenic, teratogenic or mutagenic can be released. Either the dust or the combustion products can present a hazard to the immediate environment. If there is no alternative to explosion venting an endangered area should be specified.

- safe arrangement,
- mechanical integrity and explosion resistance of the diverter;

- c) information marked on the product;
- d) instructions for installation:
  - general arrangement plan of the explosion diverter,
  - recoil forces;
- e) requirements for maintenance:
  - periodic inspection checks shall be made to ensure that the explosion diverter capability does not deteriorate and the diverter would continue to react as originally designed in the event of an explosion,
  - list of spare parts,
  - venting devices to be used in combination with the explosion diverter;
- f) full description of procedures to be followed after an explosion.

## **8 Marking**

The marking shall include at least the following:

- name and address of the manufacturer;
- year of construction;
- designation of series or type, if any;
- serial or identification number;
- type of explosion venting device.

The process flow direction shall be clearly indicated on the device.



## Annex A (normative)

### Constructional design of pipe-in-pipe diverters

For a pipe-in-pipe explosion diverter according to Figure A.1, the testing can be limited to Module A, since with this geometry a comprehensive large scale test program was carried out and documented [6] [11]. The use of these pipe-in-pipe diverters is restricted to the avoidance of pressure piling and flame jet ignition as described in the Modules B1 and B3 in Table 1. Additional testing is required if safe prevention of flame propagation according to Modules B2 and B4 is required.

Due to the 180°-change of flow direction, the internal pipe leads into a tubing extension (see Figure A.1). The conveying air flows through the cross-section area  $A_1$  of the internal pipe, a cylindrical surface  $A_2$  (calculated from the diameter of this pipe and the distance  $h_1$  between the open end of this pipe and the pressure relief area) and then the cross-section area  $A_3$  of the annulus between internal pipe and tubing extension.

On the basis of fluid mechanics the cross section surfaces are chosen to be  $2 A_1 = A_2 = A_3$  [5]. Considering this geometry the distance  $h_1$  between the end of the internal pipe and the venting element is typically

$$h_1 = 0,5 \times d_1$$

where

$d_1$  is the diameter of the internal pipe [4].

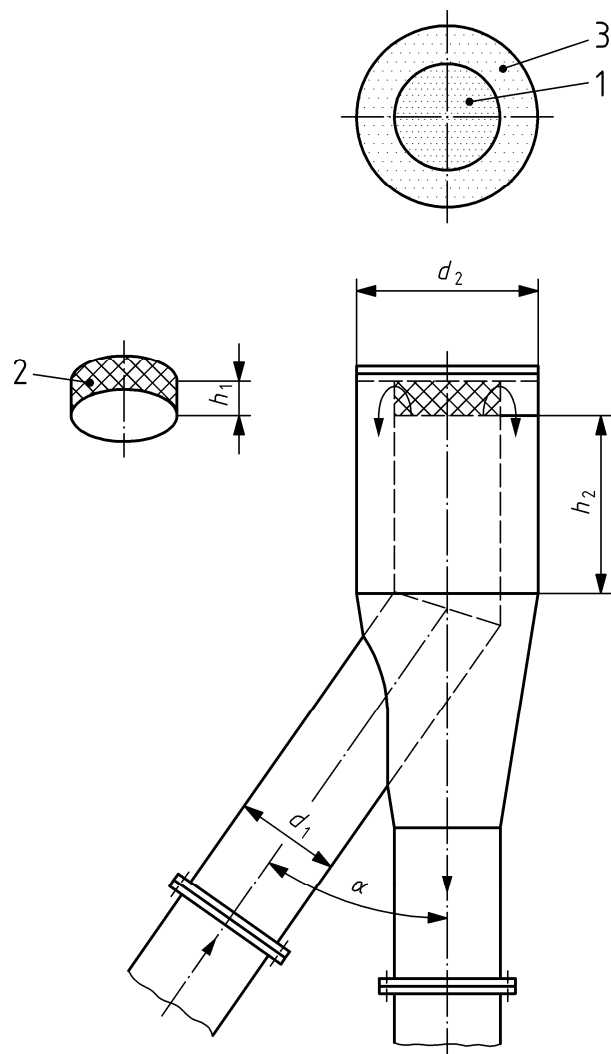
The length of the vertical pipe,  $h_2$ , is of no importance. The angle between outlet and inlet shall not be more than 30°. The outlet of the inner pipe shall be parallel to the venting device. Venting direction shall be vertical.

A restraining cage can affect the effectiveness of the diverter and therefore its influence shall be tested according to Module B unless the following criteria are fulfilled:

- the diameter of the restraining cage shall be larger than  $1,5 d_2$ ;
- the height of the restraining cage shall be larger than  $2 d_2$ , and
- the free flow area of the restraining cage shall be at least 90 % of the restraining cage surface area.

The design of the venting device plays an important role in the efficacy of the explosion diverter. The specific mass shall not exceed  $10 \text{ kg/m}^2$ . The static activation overpressure  $p_{\text{stat}}$  shall be below 100 mbar and the mechanical integrity of the diverter shall be such that it can withstand any expected steep pressure rise.

The diameter of the explosion venting element shall not be smaller than  $d_2$ .



**Key**

- 1 cross-section area  $A_1$  of the internal pipe
- 2 cylindrical surface  $A_2$
- 3 cross-section area  $A_3$  of the annulus between internal pipe and tubing extension
- $d_1$  diameter of the internal pipe
- $d_2$  diameter of the explosion venting element
- $h_1$  distance between the end of the internal pipe and the venting element
- $h_2$  length of vertical, internal pipe
- $\alpha \leq 30^\circ$

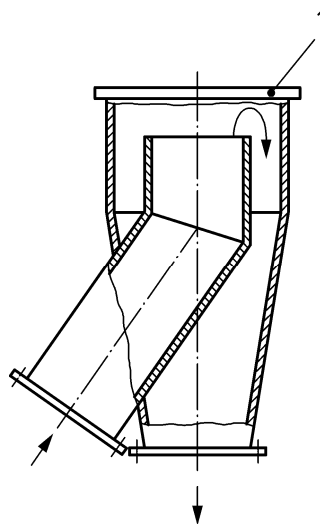
**Figure A.1 — Details of the pipe-in-pipe explosion diverters**

## Annex B (informative)

### Explosion diverter types

#### B.1 Single pipe-in-pipe explosion diverter

Figure B.1 shows the principle constructional characteristics of this explosion diverter. The pipe-in-pipe diverter in A.1 is a special version of B.1. Of great importance is the diverting angle, the distance between inner pipe end and venting device and ratio of pipe diameters [2]. The highest efficacy of this diverter is achieved at a diverting angle of close to  $180^\circ$  [11]. Tests with  $110^\circ$ -diverters have shown that both the probability of flame transmission and the flame velocity downstream the diverter are much higher compared to a diverter with a diverting angle of  $180^\circ$  [2], [3].



#### Key

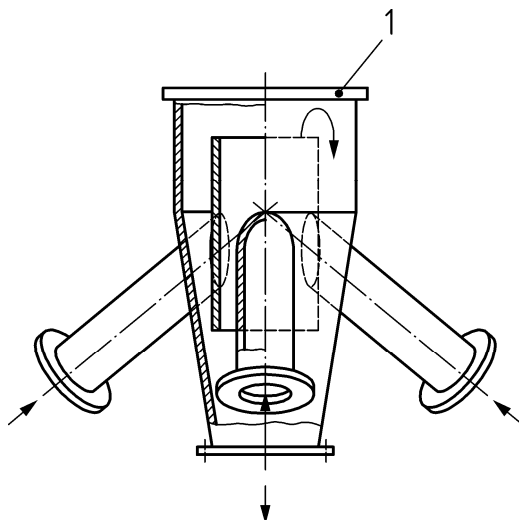
1 venting device

Figure B.1 — Example of a single pipe-in-pipe explosion diverter

#### B.2 Multiple pipe-in-pipe explosion diverter

Figure B.2 shows a typical arrangement of this diverter type whereby several inlet pipes enter a common outlet pipe.

The diameter of the explosion diverter venting element should not be larger than 3 times the cross section of a smallest inlet pipe.



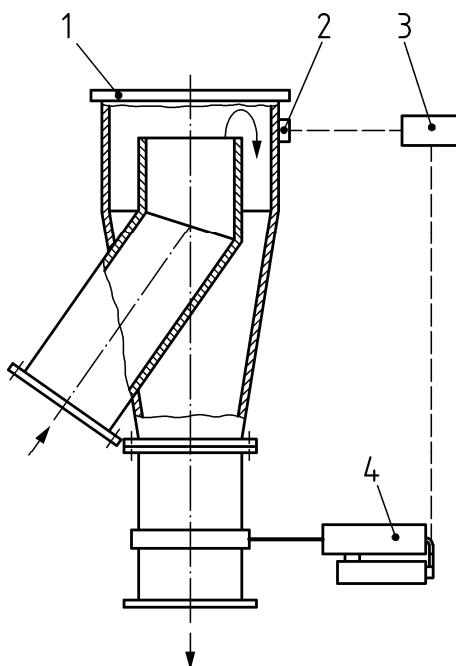
**Key**

- 1 venting device

**Figure B.2 — Typical arrangement of a multiple pipe-in-pipe explosion diverter with 3 inlet pipes**

**B.3 Combination systems**

When flame isolation has to be guaranteed, a combination of a diverter with an explosion isolation system can be applied (see Figure B.3). Such combinations will be certified on basis of testing according to Module A and the relevant parts of EN 15089.



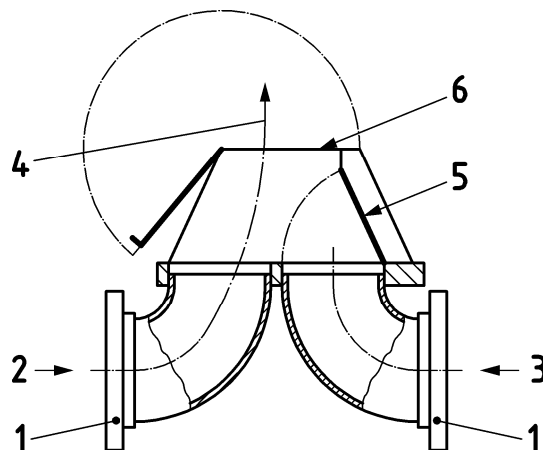
**Key**

- 1 venting device
- 2 detector
- 3 CIE/Control and Indication
- 4 isolation device

**Figure B.3 — Example of a combination of single pipe explosion diverter and explosion isolation device**

#### B.4 Diverter with integrated internal closure (flap)

Some explosion diverters are equipped with an internal shutoff flap that, upon activation of the hinged closure is released (see Figure B.4) creating a physical barrier preventing flame transmission. This device has been designed for flame propagation against the process flow direction.



#### Key

- 1 pipe flanges
- 2 backflash
- 3 process flow
- 4 flame front diversion
- 5 positive shutoff flap
- 6 hinged closure

Figure B.4 — Diverter with integrated internal closure

## Annex ZA (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the Essential Requirements of EU Directive 94/9/EC

This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association to provide a means of conforming to Essential Requirements of the New Approach Directive 94/9/EC Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX).

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive and has been implemented as a national standard in at least one Member State, compliance with the clauses of this standard given in Table ZA.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding Essential Requirements of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 94/9/EC**

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 94/9/EC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
4, Annex A	1.0.2 Design considerations	
7	1.0.3 Special checking and maintenance conditions	
8	1.0.5 Marking	
7	1.0.6 Instructions	
whole document	1.2.1 Technological knowledge of explosion protection for safe operation	
4.2.2., 5, Annex A	3.1.2 Withstanding shock wave effects of explosions	
4.2.2, 5, Annex A	3.1.3 Accessories to withstand maximum pressure of explosions	
whole document	3.1.4 Planning protective systems to take account of pressures on pipe work, etc.	
4.2.2, 5.2.3	3.1.5 Pressure relief systems	
whole document	3.1.7 Explosion decoupling systems	

**WARNING — Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.**

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