



Hazardous Area Solutions for Gas & Liquid Analyzers

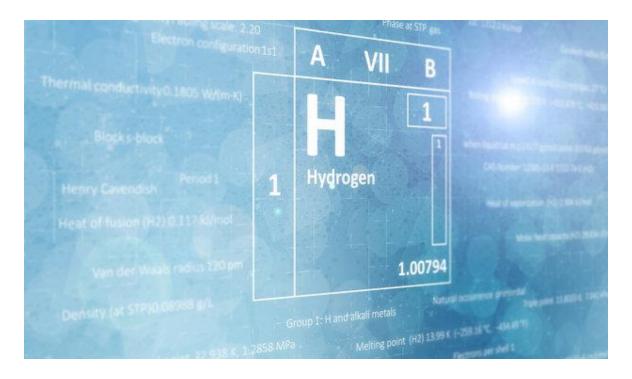
Welcome to this analyzer special from Expo Technologies

Whether you are an analyzer manufacturer developing a certified version of an existing system, or an end-user with a safe area analyzer to install in a hazardous area, then Expo can help you find the right solution. Our Ex p (purge & pressurization) knowhow has helped to solve even the most challenging cases.

In this newsletter we consider 3 key questions you should ask when considering an analyzer project:

- What are the properties of the sample being measured?
- What are my protection options?
- How straightforward is the certification process?

What are the properties of the sample being measured?



Is the sample flammable or non-flammable? Hazardous area protection techniques largely focus on keeping electrical equipment and flammable gases & vapors apart. So introducing a flammable material (the sample) back into the protected equipment (the analyzer) adds an extra layer of complexity to the solution. In hazardous area codes and standards, this system would be classified as having an "Internal Source of Release" (ISOR).

Of course, if the sample isn't flammable, then things are potentially simpler.

If you'd like to find out more about how Expo developed a solution in a challenging ISOR case, then take a look at this case study.

What are my protection options?



Not all protection methods are suitable for analyzers, and the range of recognised protection methods is not the same across all jurisdictions. For instance, while Increased Safety (Ex eb/ec) is recognised under ATEX & IECEx (as well as many other related standards), it is not recognised in the United States.

For analyzers, the choice typically comes down to Flameproof/Explosion-proof (Ex d / XP) or Purge & Pressurization (Ex p / Type X, Y, Z). Purge and Pressurization is generally preferred for analyzer projects due to lower cost, increased flexibility, and easier maintenance.

Read our <u>white paper</u> if you'd like to learn more about protecting electrical equipment by Purge & Pressurization.

How straightforward is the certification process?



If the sample is not flammable, then Expo can take care of certification by applying our populated enclosure certificates to the finished project. We carry out the final inspection and issue your certificate. A Notified Body does not need to be involved. This is a quick and low cost method.

Flammable samples fall outside the scope of our certificates, so a Notified Body will be involved. For continuity, we find it most effective if we manage the overall process, providing the required level of technical consultancy, bridging between the end-user and the Notified Body.

Read more about our system consultancy services <u>here</u>.

Your next project?

Read more case studies, and find out how Expo can help with your next analyzer project <u>here</u>.

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