Explosion-proof distribution boxes and piping



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Explosion-proof distribution boxes require thick-walled, threaded steel pipes with secure connections, proper sealing, and grounding to ensure safety in hazardous environments.

Material and Pipe Specifications

For explosion-proof installations, galvanized or stainless steel pipes are recommended, with a minimum wall thickness of 2. 5 mm to withstand mechanical stress and maintain explosion-proof integrity. Pipes must be robust enough to resist environmental impacts and potential vibrations.

The distribution box itself should be made of stainless steel with a thickness of at least 4 mm to provide adequate protection.

Connection Methods

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Pipes should be connected to junction boxes and switches using threaded connections, which ensure a tight, secure interface that prevents the leakage of explosive gases. When using pipe clamps, locknuts must be installed at joints to prevent loosening and maintain explosion-proof performance. Soldered or painted connections should be avoided, and explosion-proof connectors should be used when direct coupling is difficult.

Sealing and Isolation

When pipes transition from explosion-prone zones to non-hazardous areas, isolation sealing boxes must be installed on both sides of partition walls, typically within 300 mm of the wall, ensuring no joints exist within this distance. For areas prone to condensation, drainage-type isolation sealing boxes are recommended to prevent pressure buildup during an explosion. Proper sealing is critical because threaded connections alone do not provide a complete explosion-proof barrier.

GroundingExplosion-proof distribution boxes require a dedicated grounding line. Jumper cables should be connected inside the box, with one end attached to the grounding screw of the box and the other to a bus bar or equipment. The grounding wire must be of appropriate length and tightly connected to ensure reliable grounding and maintain explosion-proof safety.

Inlet and Outlet Considerations

Inlet and outlet ports should ideally be located on the lower bottom surface of the distribution box to facilitate safe wiring and reduce exposure to explosive atmospheres. Regular inspection and tightening of compression nuts, along with secondary sealing using explosion-proof cement, are recommended to maintain system integrity.

Summary

To ensure safety and compliance in hazardous environments, piping in explosion-proof distribution boxes must use thick-walled steel pipes, threaded connections, locknuts, proper sealing, isolation boxes, and reliable grounding. Following these principles minimizes the risk of ignition and maintains the integrity of the explosion-proof system.

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