

Guide to NFPA 70 Hazardous Location Classes, Divisions & Groups

	Flammable gases or vapors may be present	Groups
	Div. 1 • under normal operating conditions • as a result of frequent maintenance operations, repair operations, or leakage • as a result of equipment breakdown, faulty operation, or failure	A Acetylene
		Butadiene, Ethylene oxide, Hydrogen, Propylene oxide
	Div. 2 • and normally confined within closed containers when handled or used • and normally prevented by positive mechanical ventilation • and be adjacent to a Class 1, Division 1 location	C Acetaldehyde, Cyclopropane, Diethyl Ether, Dimethyl Hydrazine
		Acetone, Ammonia, Benzene, Butane, Gasoline, Methane, Propane, Alcohols, etc.

CLASS 2

Combustible dust may be present...

- Div. 1 under normal operating conditions
 - as a result of frequent maintenance or repair work
 - as a result of frequent mechanical failure or abnormal operation of equipment
- Div. 2 under abnormal conditions, such as abnormal operation/failure of equipment
 - as a result of infrequent malfunctioning of handling or processing equipment
 - and interfere with the safe dissipation of heat from electrical equipment

Groups

- E Combustible metal dusts (aluminum, magnesium, and their commercial alloys)
- Combustible carbonaceous dusts (carbon black, charcoal, coal, & coke)
- G Combustible dusts not in Groups E or F (flour, grain, wood, plastic & chemicals)

Ignitable fibers or flyings may be...

Div 1 • handled, manufactured or used in this environment & may be present

Div. 2 • stored or handled in this environment & may be present

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CLASS 3