



Interlocks for Hazardous Locations & Explosive Atmospheres



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What is Alfred?

In hazardous locations and explosive atmospheres, installing incorrectly certified equipment can lead to devastating losses; financially through loss of production and damage to facilities to the most extreme cases, where incidents lead to injured personnel or even loss of life.

Alfred is a safeguarding solution which combines machinery safety with protection against explosive atmospheres to keep operators and businesses safe.

The Alfred solution provides mechanical and electromechanical interlocks, or a combination of both for volatile environments, and hazardous locations.



Who are Fortress?

Fortress are safety experts who design and manufacture customised safety equipment, protecting people working in hazardous workplaces. We educate and offer tailored safety solutions which are reliable and extremely durable, guaranteeing minimal downtime while always keeping your people as safe as possible.

Who is Alfred?

Our inspiration for the range is Alfred Nobel, a world-renowned chemist and inventor, his most famed creation being that of dynamite in 1867. Alfred was appalled to see how his invention was used in military operations. To heal a damaged legacy, he dedicated his fortune to the Nobel Prize, an institution which has since inspired multiple generations. The Nobel Peace Prize most notably celebrates those who have sought peace and resultantly saved countless lives across the world.

Through our Alfred range, we intend to save lives by providing the best safety solutions.



Why Choose Alfred?

Highly Customisable

Contact our team to discuss and design your unique Alfred solution

Proactive Inhibit Functions Protect from unexpected

restart with safety keys



Stainless steel

Robust

manufacture with a retention force of 7KN



Reliable

Third party certified to guarantee the highest level of safety and product longevity



Maximise Productivity Designed to enable efficient access with installation local to



processes

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How Can I Build My Safeguarding Solution?



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Global Ex Product Rating Guide

Locality of Ex Environment

How close to the operation which is creating combustible or flammable products is your product being placed?

The area surrounding an ex environment can be split into zones which relate to the proximity to the ex combustible / flammable by-product creation and the frequency of exposure to these by-products.





atmosphere is continuously present during normal operation. Alfred mechanical solutions can allow access in Zones 0 / 20, sequential systems can be used to achieve monitoring and controlled access into and out of Zone 0 / 20.

Constant / continuous exposure explosive

Occasional exposure explosive atmosphere is occasionally present during normal operation. Alfred can be located within this region defined as Zone 1 (Gas), Zone 21 (Dust). Category 2.

Low frequency exposure explosive atmosphere is not likely to occur in normal operation but could occur. As this is a lower risk area than Zone 1/21. Alfred can also be located within this region, defined as Zone 2 (Gas), Zone 22 (Dust).

Zero exposure explosive atmosphere will never occur in normal operation. In this locality there is no risk of explosion, and no consideration for Ex protection is required, thus any interlock can be used.

Temperature Considerations

- Environmental operating temperature
- Maximum permissible surface temperature
- Ignition temperature of combustible Dust / ignitable Gas

Temperature Considerations

Temperature classification, refers to the maximum surface temperature a device in this location can reach.

Some combustible dusts and ignitable gases have a low ignition temperature. If the surface temperature of a device in this location surpasses the lowest ignition temperature of the gas or dust an e could occur.

Thus the lower the maximum surface temperature of the device,

T6 – can be used with any hazard which will not ignite at tempera below 85°C (Alfred is suitable for use in this environment accordin IECEx and ATEX).

Alfred can be used with all ignitable temperatures above those list (i.e T5, T4, T3, T2, T1 in addition to T6).



Combustible Flyings

Product Surface - when in this environment, what is the maximum surface temperature the product can reach?





Ethylene

Propane

IIB

IIA

IIIA

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lock modules, and escape releases.

pose no risk of ignition; this includes actuators, heads,



Environment - this will affect how the device can operate in normal conditions.



Flammable / Combustible Substance - what is the minimum temperature that will cause this to ignite?

	Temperature classification, maximum permissible surface temperature (Gas or dust ignition temp must be higher)					
	NEC 505 CEC 18 ATEX / IECEx	Max Surface Temp				
	T1	450°c (842°F)				
n .	T2	300°C (572°F)				
explosion		280°C (536°F)				
		260°C (500°F)				
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- 4 - J	T4	135°C (275°F)				
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	T5	100°C (212°F)				
	Т6	85°C (185°F)				
S0°C	Ambient temperature (tamb); or operating temperature refers to the thermal conditions a device operates under in normal circumstances.					

The tamb for Alfred is between -20°C and +60°C.

Protection Type

db - flameproof enclosure; explosions are contained within the device case in case of internal ignition (re. IEC EN CAS UL 60079-1)

tb – dustproof enclosure; protected against all dust ingress and tested to ensure dust build up on surface does not cause ignition of combustibles in maximum temperature conditions (IEC EN 800079-37; IEC EN 800079-38)

Protection Concept

Ex environments don't only pose an explosive risk with ignition sources, their by-products and the processes surrounding them can pose additional challenges such as ingress of moisture, and particulate

In	Ingress Protection (IP)				
D	Dust protection		Water protection		
0	No protection	0 No protection			
1	>50mm	1	Vertical drip		
2	>12.5mm	2 Angled drip			
3	>2.5mm	3	Spray		
4	>1.0mm	4	Splash		
5	Dust-protected	5	Jet		
6	Dust-tight	6 Powerful jet			
			Temporary immersion		
67	67 IP69		Immersion		
		9	Powerful high temp water jets		

North American Ex Product Rating Guide

to Division 2 only. Mechanical only products can also be used within



Equipment Categories

Division 1.

Locality of Ex Environment

0 / 20 / 1 / 21 are combined into Division 1.

Class I –	Division 1 – Where ignitable concentrations are likely under normal operation conditions. Alfred mechanical units only. Group A Acetylene	Group C Ethylene
Flammable gases, — vapours or liquids.	Division 2 – Where ignitable concentrations are not likely to exist under normal operating conditions.	Group D Propane
Class II –	Division 1 – Where ignitable concentrations are likely under normal operation conditions. Alfred mechanical units only.	
Combustible dust.	Division 2 – Where ignitable concentrations are not likely to exist under normal operating conditions.	
-	North An	nerica
Class III – Ignitable fibres —	Division 1 – Where ignitable concentrations are likely under normal operation conditions. Alfred mechanical units only.	db l
and flyings.	Division 2 – Where ignitable concentrations are not AEX - likely to exist under normal operating conditions.	tb II
Type of By-Product		Protection Typ Concept by-p
Combustible Dust or Flam	Protection Level Protection Level Exposed continuously to Ex atmosphere	e (Alfred mechani

of product is being created? By-products created by processes can come under two categories; flammable gases and combustible dust.

Type of By-product

Flammable Gas (G)

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A substance of matter with no fixed shape which is explosive when mixed with oxygen and an ignition source.

Gas Group (gas group defined II) - certain gases are more volatile than others. Acetylene and hydrogen sit within the highest risk category. The IIC certification within the Alfred range ensures safe use with these most volatile gases.

Typical Substances	North American Division	
Acetylene – highest achievable (Alfred)	Class I, Group A (Alfred)	
Hydrogen	Class I, Group B	
Ethylene	Class I, Group C	
Propane	Class I, Group D	

- Exposed continuously to Ex atmosphere (Alfred mechanical Ga/Da – solutions only)
- **Gb** / **Db** Exposed occasionally High protection (Alfred)
- Gc / Dc Exposed rarely Enhanced protection (Alfred)

Note: Alfred equipment continues to perform after one fault.

Combustible Dust (D)



Solid material composed of distinct particles or pieces, regardless of size, shape, or chemical composition, which presents a fire or deflagration hazard when presented a source of ignition.

Dust Group (dust group defined III) - dust particles come in varying levels of combustibility. IIIC refers to the most conductive of dust types and the Alfred range is certified for safe use within these environments.

	Typical Substances	North American Division
	Conductive – highest achievable (Alfred)	Class II Group E (Alfred)
ŀ	Non-conductive dust	Class II, Group F/G
	Combustible Flyings	Class III

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Gb

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Protection Concept

IP67

Protection

Concept

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Thus the lower the maximum surface temperature of the device, the better

T4 – can be used with any hazard which will not ignite at temperatures below 135°C (Alfred is suitable for use in this environment according to North American Certification).

Alfred can be used with all ignitable temperatures above those listed (i.e T T2, T1 in addition to T4).



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Particulate Ingress – What size of particulate, $\langle \rangle$ is the product exposed to in any possible operation.

Moisture Ingress – What exposure does the product have to moisture sources during operation, cleaning, servicing or under any other potential circumstance. Maximum dust protection 6.

Flammable Protection – How protective is the enclosure against flammable gases in case of ignition.



been tested and certified up to IP67 & IP69 to provide the highest level of moisture and



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IIC

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product

T4

T110°C

Temp







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Mechanical Only Solutions

To keep all electrical wiring outside the explosive atmosphere and hazardous location or when installing safeguarding devices into Zone 0, Zone 20, or Division 1, you will need a mechanical only solution.

Trapped key systems eliminate most of the wiring associated with other types of interlocks by using keys to control power and access in sequence.



In the example system below, all electrical wiring is kept outside of Zone 2 / 22 or Division 2 (North America) and access is achieved by the release of a solenoid-controlled key shown on the left-hand side of the image, which is inserted into a key exchange, and used to enter the guard through the product shown on the right-hand side.



Electromechanical Solutions in Hazardous Locations or Ex Atmospheres

Maximising uptime is crucial for productivity. Electromechanical guard entry and monitored trapped key solutions can be installed for fast and frequent access local to the entryways and operations. Controlled access and power isolation solutions within the Alfred range have been certified for use up to Zone 1, 21, or Division 2 (North America Only).

In the example below, two entryways are guarded by two different devices:

- On the left of the image, a guard lock ensures a run-down time is completed within the cell before access can be granted. The solenoid-controlled lock can be 'unlocked' allowing the guard to be opened.
- On the right side of the image, a safety switch with trapped key adapters monitors the access. An access key needs to be presented to gain access. A safety key carried by the operator prevents restart of equipment. If an operator does become trapped within the safeguarded space, an escape release will override the key mechanism to provide escape.





Electromechanical solutions with solenoid control for use up to Zone 1 / 21 or Division 2



Electromechanical solutions with monitoring switch for use up to Zone 1 / 21 or Division 2

Sequential Systems for Hazardous Environments

Sequential systems ensure processes such as electrical isolation, fluid power isolation and access are controlled in a specific order.

In this system, access cannot be permitted until an exchange of keys from two sources of power (fluid and electrical) release a set of keys which permit entry to various entryways in the safeguarding. Electrical components in this system can all operate up to Zone 1 / 21 or Division 2, whilst mechanical only components can safely operate up to Zone 0 / 20 & Division 1.

Fluid power valve can be isolated with a trapped key bolt module to release a key, while key switches are used to isolate the electrical power to the system. Sequential design prevents access until both sources are isolated.





Sequential systems can allow access from Zones 1 / 21 or Division 2 into Zones 0 / 20 or Division 1.

Trapped Key Terminology

Trapped key part numbers describe their units in the reference state we call the "Normal State", which means the following will be true:

- Switches will be in their described state, i.e. "Normally Closed" or "Normally Open"
- Any keys used as personnel keys will be inserted in a lock.

Locks are split into two groups, which are described in the part number as shown below:

• Normally In Locks (NIL) have keys inserted in the Normal State



· Normally Out Locks (NOL) do not have keys inserted in the Normal State

For a typical machine guarding system, the system will be described with all units in their Normal State

(i.e. machine running). For more complicated systems, the system might be described with some units in their Normal state, and others in their Opposite State. Similarly, the process to convert a system in its normal state to the system in its opposite state will result in steps where parts of the system are in Normal State, parts are in Opposite State.

Definitions

Partially sequential; the lock at the top of a group of locks (NIL or NOL) must be inserted and rotated first, follow by the rest in any order

Non-sequential; locks within a group (NIL or NOL) can be trapped or removed in any order

Sequential; locks within a group (NIL or NOL) must be inserted and rotated in order of their position, with the top of the group inserted first.

- Z NIL Partially sequential, NOL Partially sequential
- Y NIL Non-sequential, NOL Non-sequential
- W NIL Partially sequential, NOL Non-sequential

Standard Sequence

- Z EXPBMS mechanical only, and switch monitored
- Y EXPXMS mechanical only
- W EXPXMS...-XT4.. switch monitored key exchange sequences which include only Normally In Locks will have a standard 'W' sequence.

Sequence Letter	Lock Type closest to Top / Head / Bolt / Cap	Normally In Locks Sequence	Normally Out Locks Sequence	L Switch State Change
Z	Normally In	Partially Sequential	Partially Sequential	Key turned in top Normally Out lock
Y	Normally In	Non-Sequential	Non-Sequential	Key turned in bottom lock of unit
W	Normally In	Partially Sequential	Non-Sequential	Key turned in bottom lock of unit

Throughout the following configuration pages we distinguish the zonal and divisional areas to which our Alfred units are suitable for using the below diagrams. For clarification on zones and divisions please refer to pages 4-7.





Guard Locks and Guard Switches with up to Three Key Modules



Guard Switch With Escape Release with up to Three Key Modules



Mechanical Guard Interlock With Up To Three Key Modules



Maximum three

key modules total

(including extracted,

safety and

access)

FT0

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0-3

Access

Keys

Mechanical Key Exchange



Mechanical Key Exchange with Guard Switching / Locking



Mechanical Bolt Module



Mechanical Bolt Module with Guard Switching / Guard Locking





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We have the peace of mind that our workers are safe and protected by fortress equipment.



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Fortress is best at providing customised solutions at a rapid turnaround - reacting immensely to a challenge to put the customer's needs first.



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Fortress' best quality is providing each customer the most robust and safe solution - all while being completely customizable and retaining a high level of quality.



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We value suppliers that can help navigate the standards and provide guidance that is directly linked to our applications.



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