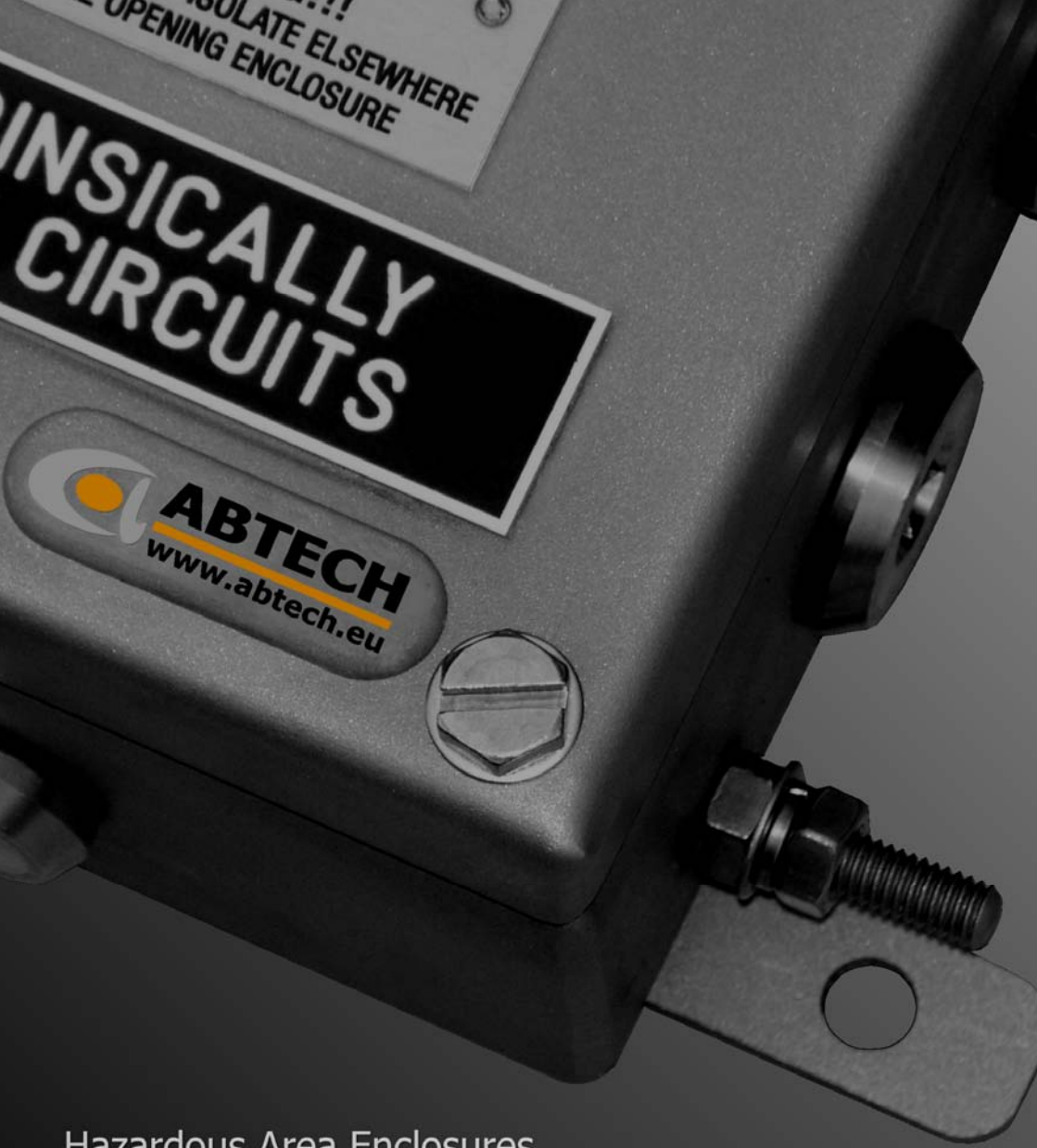


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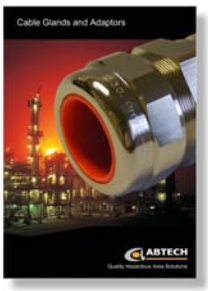
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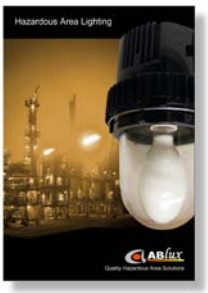
Cable Glands and Adaptors



A range of cable glands, adaptors, reducers and stopping plugs manufactured from brass and suitable for use in hazardous area Zone 1 and Zone 2.

Please see the Glands Section of this catalogue on page 208.

Hazardous Area Lighting



A range of hazardous area lighting products from Ablux (an Abtech Group company). The product line includes various floodlights and luminaires suitable for both Zone 1 and Zone 2 areas hazardous areas along with associated specialist lighting components. Ablux are also able to provide custom lighting solutions designed to the customer's specifications.

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Since the first ABTECH sheet steel enclosure was manufactured in the 1970's the company has never lost sight of it's goal, to become a leading supplier of quality electrical enclosures and junction boxes suitable for both industrial and hazardous area markets. This we believe has been achieved through innovation, market leading design, rigorous testing and adherence to quality.



In recent years ABTECH have extended their range of enclosures to cope with ever increasing customer demands for unique solutions to their problems. These solutions include high current connection boxes (up to 3000Amps), high temperature junction boxes (up to 950°C for 3 hours) and IP68 enclosures (up to 120ft depth).

ABTECH rose to the challenge when the Channel Tunnel was being constructed and produced over 12,500 junction boxes and emergency lighting actuators to the most exacting of standards. With the emphasis on reliability and safety, ABTECH designed a solution that more than met the rigorous specification laid down by Eurotunnel.



The new millennium has seen ABTECH once more expanding their range of products and services to help their customers cope with the need to meet ever changing international standards.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the ATEX legislation, the majority of ABTECH products also comply with the IEC Ex scheme and are certified for use in Category 2 (Zone 1) and Category 3 (Zone 2) areas for both gas and dust hazards.



ABTECH operate in the global market place as the nature of the Oil & Gas & Petrochemical industry demands and to meet this requirement ABTECH operate at an International level. With the headquarters based in Sheffield, UK and factories and offices in USA, Germany, Netherlands, South Korea and Singapore and a network of agents covering over 40 countries worldwide, ABTECH have the coverage to manage any project. Indeed over the last 25 years, ABTECH have been involved in many projects throughout the world. Please refer to our Major Projects List in the Appendix section of this catalogue.



ABTECH also manufacture restricted breathing enclosures (EEx'nR') which are capable of housing sparking and hot components and are suitable for use in Zone 2 areas and can often be a cost effective alternative to flameproof enclosures (EEx'd').

The durability of our products is measured in decades. Whether the product is for an industrial or hazardous area application, ABTECH place the utmost importance on quality as would be expected from a leading manufacturer. The success of the company has been built on this dedication to total quality control and with over 30 years history of supply to the leading oil & gas companies throughout the world it is a policy that has been proven to work.

With approvals such as BS EN ISO 9001:2000, certification to British, European and International standards and approvals from certifying authorities in the UK, USA, Canada and Russia, the company's commitment to quality ensures that safety is never compromised.



Technical support at ABTECH begins long before the order is placed. Our dedicated sales staff based at our regional offices can offer advice on enclosure type, terminal selection, cable entry placement and any other requirements that might dictate the eventual selection. Technical assistance is also available at any time during the order process or indeed after the equipment is installed and ABTECH staff will be only too happy to help with any questions you may have.

The ABTECH range of products are suitable for both industrial and hazardous area applications.

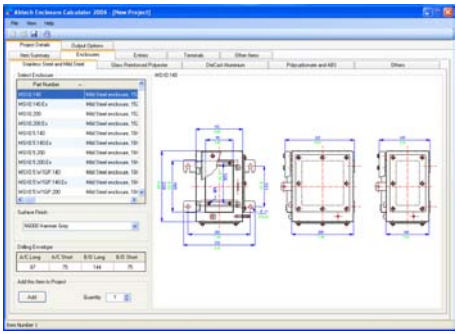
Enclosures manufactured in stainless steel, mild steel, glass reinforced polyester, aluminum, polycarbonate and ABS are suitable for a wide range of industrial and OEM applications and we have the facilities to modify the standard enclosure to meet the customer's requirements.

These services include machining, painting, silk screen printing and electro-polishing. We are also able to mould any of the plastic range of enclosures in a wide range of colours (subject to minimum order quantity).

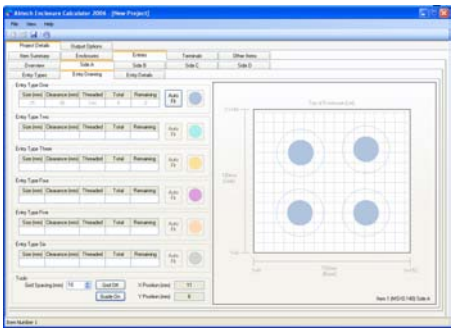


ABTECH Enclosure Calculator

One of the most difficult and time consuming steps in the selection of a suitable enclosure to meet your particular requirements is trying to calculate if the size chosen will accommodate the terminals and cable entries you require. At ABTECH we have, for many years, been using our Enclosure Calculation software which was designed specifically for use with our enclosures.

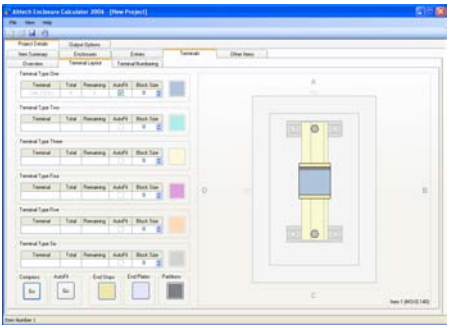


Some years ago we decided to make this program available to all our customers, free of charge, and this has been a tremendous success. The software allows users to easily design complex arrangements of entries and generates a drawing which ABTECH can subsequently use for manufacturing purposes.

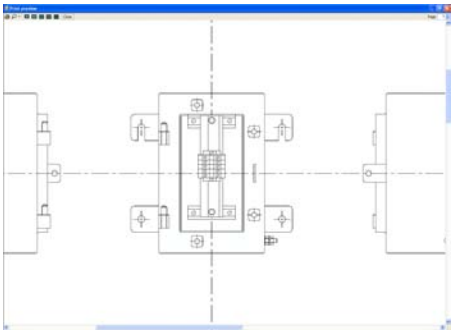


The program also incorporates a terminal calculation program which lets you see at a glance whether or not the desired number of terminals can be accommodated within your chosen enclosure and as with the Entry Calculator will print a drawing of your finished design.

The software greatly simplifies the enclosure design process. The latest version will also produce general arrangement drawings which can printed or emailed as required.



The program can be used on any Windows based PC and is simple to install and use. It includes a comprehensive help menu to allow users to start using the software immediately without the need of expert tuition. The ABTECH Enclosure Calculator CD can be obtained by contacting our sales desk or for immediate download from our website at www.abtech.eu



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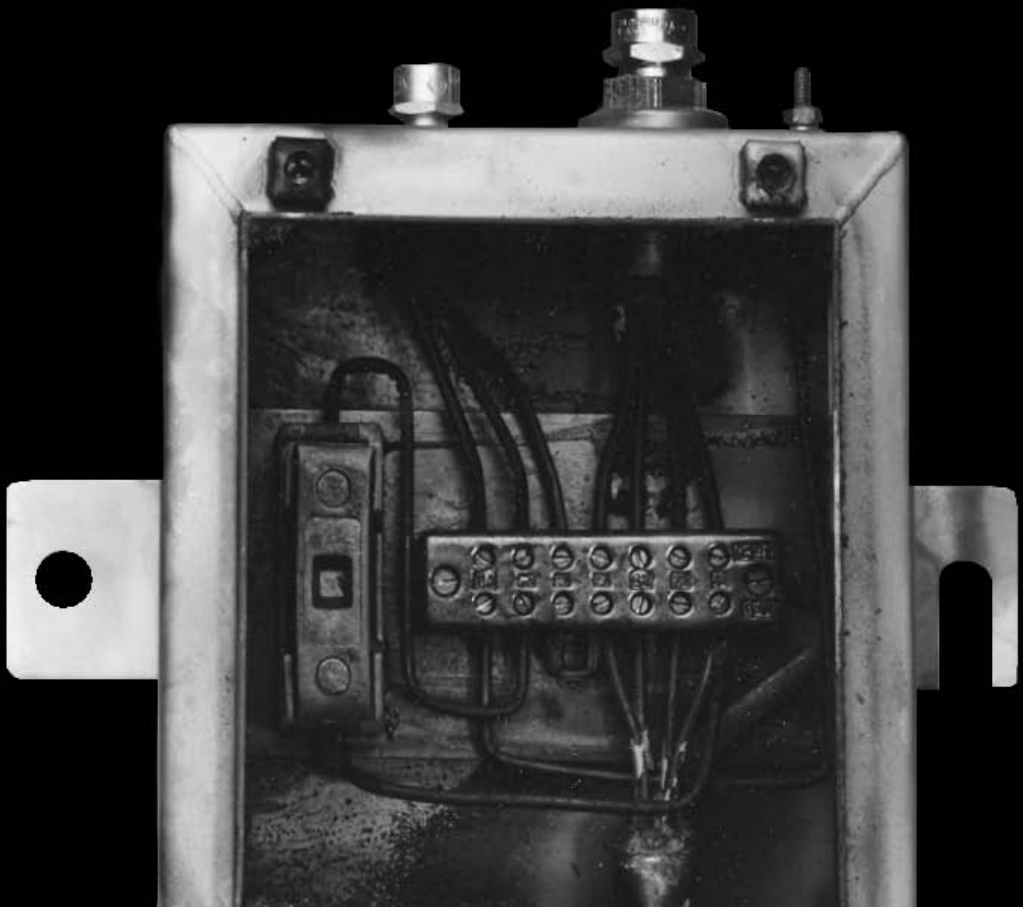
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Fire Rated

Fire Testing of Junction Boxes

When installing essential systems such as emergency lighting or fire safety controls, great emphasis is placed upon the fire survivability of the critical components such as fire dampers, actuators and cables that are contained in the area. Often the specification of the junction boxes is neglected with respect to fire survival. On the basis that any system is only as good as the weakest part, it is important that attention is paid to the junction boxes being utilised for essential systems. ABTECH have many years experience of ensuring the fire survival of junction boxes using both the SX and BPG ranges. We have supplied major projects worldwide with fire rated junction boxes including the Channel Tunnel, Dartford Tunnel and the Tengiz Oil Refinery in Kazahkstan to name but a few.

Since there are no recognised tests applicable to junction boxes, it was decided to test the enclosures to the same specification as the cable. At the time of the test (1990) the two main tests for electrical cables were IEC331/1970 and BS6387/1983.

In IEC331 a cable test is conducted in which the samples are subjected to flame at a temperature of 750°C (1382°F) for a period of 3 hours with the electrical system fully functional before, during, and after the test. This test was carried out on both the SX (stainless steel) and BPG (glass reinforced polyester) ranges containing nylon, melamine and ceramic terminals.

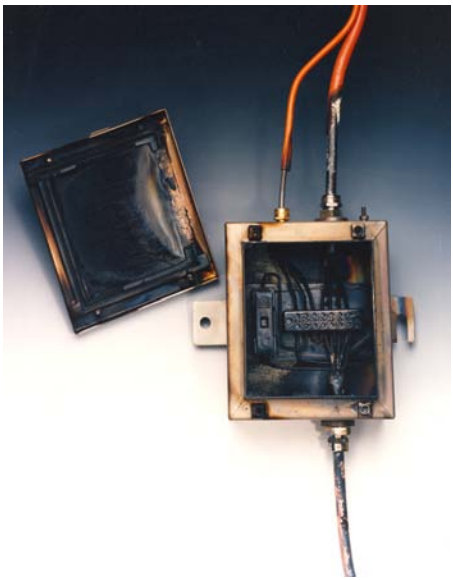


After the test it was found that the body of the nylon terminals had disappeared completely, the melamine body had taken on the appearance of biscuit (because the wood filling had burnt away) and only the ceramic bodied terminal appeared to be intact.

Without cleaning or disturbing the terminals in any way, a flash potential of 5kV was applied between the copper conductor and the terminal rail, which passed without break-down.

Since the IEC331 standard only partly dealt with the requirements of real-life situations, it was decided to conduct additional testing to an alternative standard – BS6387/1983.

This test is performed in a similar way to IEC331/1970 with the specimen under test being suspended 75mm (approximately 3") above a flame, the temperature of which is maintained at 950°C (1742°F) for 3 hours. During this period the cable and junction box is supplied with power. In order to pass the test, both components must be fully functioning after the period has elapsed.



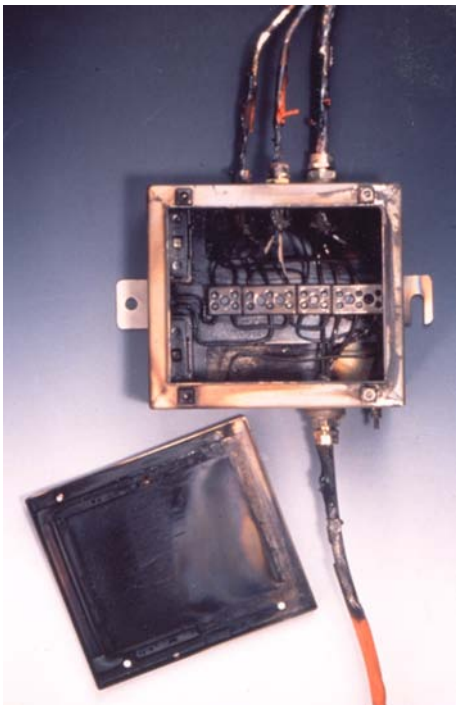
On the successful conclusion of this test, which is designated "fire-alone" BS6387'C', the next test is to mount the sample (still powered-up) on a flat vertical surface and to apply flame at a temperature of 950°C (1742°F) (by means of a flame gun) whist at the same time striking the board on which the sample is mounted with a 25mm (1") diameter iron bar every 30 seconds for a period of 15 minutes. This is designated the "impact test" BS6387 'Z'.

Finally, a "fire with water test" is applied but only at a temperature of 650°C (1202°F). The sample is subjected to flame at 650°C for 15 minutes after which a water spray is applied for 15 minutes and at the culmination of this test the system is required to be completely functional, this test being designated BS6387 'W'.

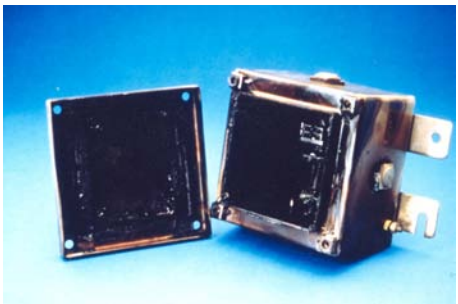
The SX range of enclosures passed all the tests applicable to BS6387 i.e. C, Z & W however, it was decided that the BPG range would only be submitted to the flame test 'C', which it passed.

In conclusion, the ABTECH SX and BPG ranges, when fitted with ceramic terminals, are suitable for use in areas which are designated to require fire resistant cables. The type of enclosure to be used will depend on the individual circumstances of the area and advice on the most suitable enclosure should be sought from the ABTECH Technical Department.

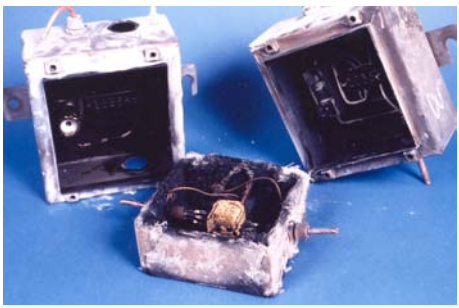
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SX Range	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
BPG Range	Pass	Pass	Not Tested	Not Tested



SX Range Enclosure and Cables after IEC331 Fire Testing



SX Range Enclosure after BS6387 Testing



SX and BPG Range Enclosures after BS6387 Testing