

## VENTILATION AIR EXCHANGE CHART

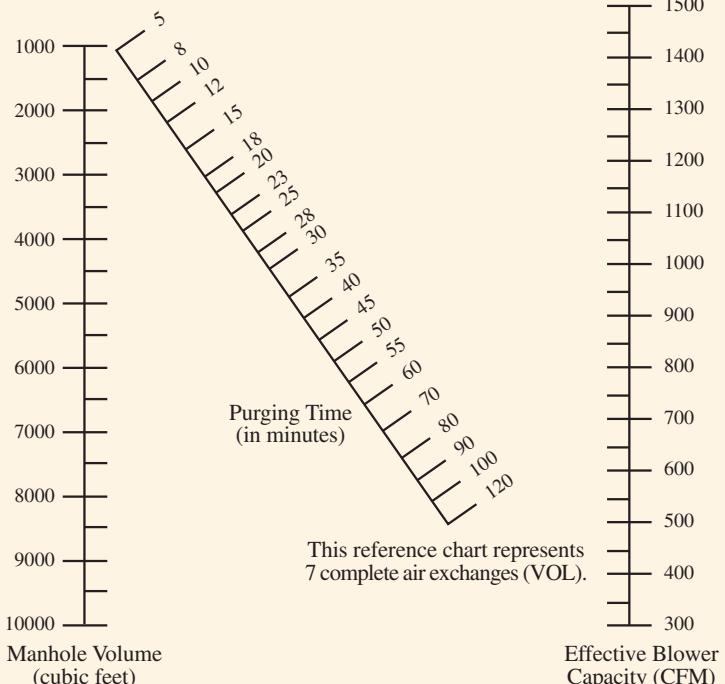
Allegro Industries recommends air exchange at a rate of at least 20 times per hour.

CONFINED SPACE (CUBIC FEET)	BLOWER CUBIC FEET PER MIN. (CFM) OUTPUT NEEDED*
1000	333
2000	667
3000	1000
4000	1333
5000	1667
6000	2000
7000	2333
8000	2667
9000	3000
10000	3333

\*Take into account 90° bends of ducting. See specifications under each blower description.

### USE OF ALIGNMENT CHART:

- Place straightedge on manhole volume (left scale).
- Place other end of straightedge on blower capacity (right scale).
- Read required purging time, in minutes, on diagonal scale.
- If two blowers are used, add the two capacities, then proceed as above.
- When toxic gases are encountered, increase purging time 50%.
- Effective blower capacity is measured with one or two 90° bends in standard 15-foot blower hose. See chart.



This reference chart represents 7 complete air exchanges (VOL).

H A Z A R D O U S   L O C A T I O N   I N F O R M A T I O N

**Reference: Explosion Proof Blowers:** 9503, 9515-01, 9513-05, 9514-05, 9514-06, 9509-01, 9538, 9538-15, 9538-25 and 9525-01\* National Electrical Code (NEC)  
A hazardous location is an area where the possibility of explosion and fire is created by the presence of flammable gases, vapors, dusts, fibers or flyings.

**NOTE:** Fibers and flyings are not likely to be suspended in the air, but can collect around machinery or on lighting fixtures and where heat, a spark or hot metal can ignite them.

#### CLASS I

(NEC-500-5)

Those areas in which flammable gases or vapors may be present in the air in sufficient quantities to be explosive or ignitable.

#### DIVISION 1

(NEC-800-5, 6, 7)

In the normal situation, hazard would be expected to be present in everyday production operations or during frequent repair and maintenance activity.

#### TYPICAL CLASS I LOCATIONS

- Petroleum refineries, and gasoline storage and dispensing areas.
- Industrial firms that use flammable liquids in dip tanks for parts cleaning or other operations.
- Petrochemical companies that manufacture chemicals from gas and oil.
- Dry cleaning plants where vapors from cleaning fluids can be present.
- Companies that have spraying areas where they coat product with paint or plastics.
- Aircraft hangers and fuel servicing areas.
- Utility gas plants, and operations involving storage and handling or liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas.

#### CLASS II

(NEC-500-6)

Those areas made hazardous by the presence of combustible dust.

#### DIVISION 2

(NEC-500-5, 6, 7)

In the abnormal situation, material is expected to be confined within closed containers or closed systems and will be present only through accidental rupture, breakage or unusual faulty operation.

#### TYPICAL CLASS II LOCATIONS

- Grain elevators, flour and feed mills.
- Plants that manufacture, use or store magnesium or aluminum powders.
- Plants that have chemical or metallurgical processes, producers of plastics, medicines, and fireworks, etc.
- Producers of starch or candies.
- Spice-grinding plants, sugar plants and cocoa plants.
- Coal preparation plants and other carbon-handling or processing areas.

#### CLASS III

(NEC-500-7)

Those areas in which there are easily ignitable fibers or flyings present, due to type of material being handled, stored, or processed.

#### GROUPS

(NEC-500-3)

The gases and vapors of Class I locations are broken into four groups by the code: A, B, C, and D. These materials are grouped according to the ignition temperature of the substance, its explosion pressure and other flammable characteristics. The dust locations of Class II are designated E, F, and G. These groups are classified according to the ignition temperature and the conductivity of the hazardous substance.

*NOTE: For detailed group descriptions refer to NEC-500-3.*

#### TYPICAL CLASS III LOCATIONS

- Textile mills, cotton gins, cotton seed mills and flax processing plants.
- Any plant that shapes, pulverizes or cuts wood and creates sawdust or flyings.