# **Optical Flame Detection**

**Applications Overview** 

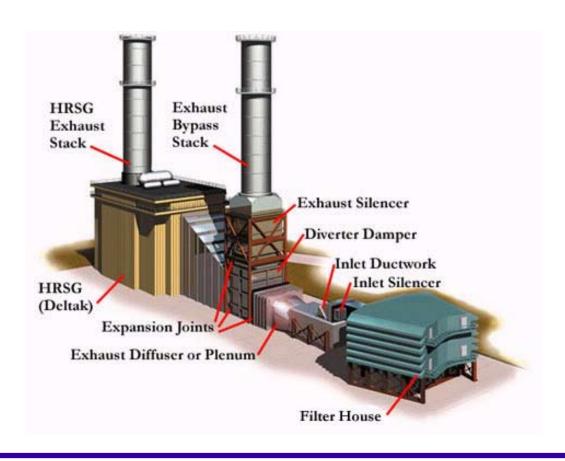


- Power ratings typical up to 16,000 kilowatts (22,000 hp)
- Two main types-
  - aircraft type, designed for aircraft propulsion
  - industrial type designed for stationary service
- Rapid expansion of combustion gases
- Internal flame sensors used for flameout condition.
- External area monitoring provided by optical flame detectors and combustible/toxic gas detectors
- Automatic fire detection and suppression systems are typical

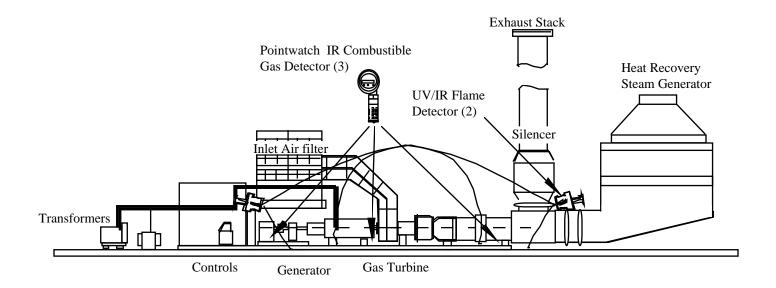


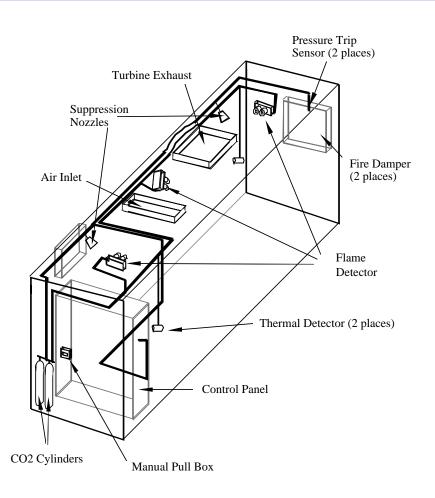
- Electric power generators
- Pipeline compressors
- Water/sewage pumping
- Oil/Gas wellhead re-injection

- Applicable Standards & Practices for Gas Turbines:
- USA
  - NFPA 37
  - API 616
  - ANSI B133
- UK
  - BGC IM24
  - IP 15









- Significant noise levels often require acoustic enclosures
- Decrease external decibel levels but increases disaster potential
- •(3) X3300 Medium Flame Detectors
- •(2) Thermal Detectors
- •(3-4) Gas Detectors (not shown)

## **Combustion Turbine Hazards**

- Combustion fuel delivery systems
  - Natural gas, naphtha, fuel oil
- Pipeline transmission products
  - Natural gas, oil
- lubricating and hydraulic control oil systems
  - Lube oil, hydraulic oil
- generator cooling systems
  - Hydrogen

### Combustion Turbine Fire/Leak Risk areas

- Annular group of combustors
- Fuel delivery system with safety interlocks is used
- One-hundred or more fuel supply piping connections
- High-pressure (700 p.s.i. / 50 bar) combustion fuel
- Fuel leaks not uncommon (maintenance /overhaul)

# Combustion Turbine Challenges

- Operating temperatures from 100-150 degrees F.
- Desert or tropical area temperatures may reach 230 degrees F. (110 degrees C.)
- High temp UV rated for 257 degrees F. (125 degrees C.).
- U7602E UV detector, U7698E IR detector, & U7652B unitized UV/IR detector withstand 257 degrees F.
  (125 degrees C.) up to 3 hours

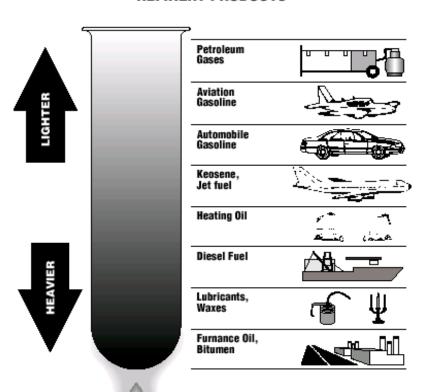
## Petrochemical Applications

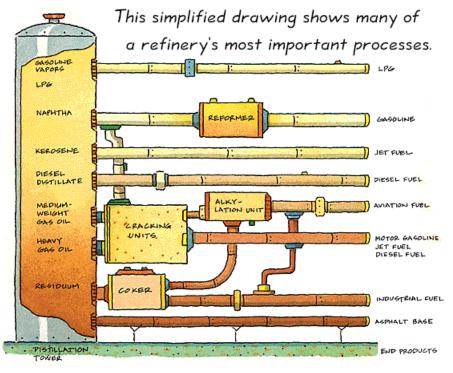


- Refineries, platforms, pipelines, storage tanks
- Hazards:
  - crude, diesel, gasoline
  - methane, LPG, ethane, propane, naphtha

## Petroleum Products

#### REFINERY PRODUCTS





# Petrochemical Applications

- Recover/process fractions of complex crude oil
- Very high volumes of flammable hydrocarbons
- Heating and Distillation processes common for:
  - separation of the desired products
  - breaking compounds by catalytic cracking
  - building desired products by reforming, alkylation, and isomerization

# Petrochemical Applications

#### Offshore Platforms & Refineries

- Flammable Liquids, I.e. crude oil, naptha, gasoline, diesel
- Gaseous fuels, I.e. natural gas, petroleum gas, hydrogen
- High volumes of flammable materials
- Confined space without escape
- Other Petrochemical areas of fuel leakage & ignition
  - Process Trains
  - Fuel headers and connections
  - Storage tanks
  - Control valves
  - Burner fronts



# Piper Alpha Platform Fire



# Floating Production and Storage (FPSO)



# Other Petrochemical Applications

#### Tanker Loading Racks, Storage Tanks and Tank Farms:

- Flammable Liquids, I.e. crude oil, naptha, gasoline, diesel
- Gaseous fuels, I.e. natural gas, petroleum gas, hydrogen
- Variety of Tanker types and nozzle locations
- Variety of tank configurations, I.e.fixed/floating roofs, spheres, etc.

#### Pipeline Compressors

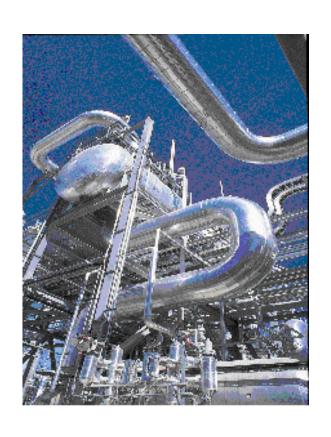
- Compressor maintains pipeline product pressure
- Can be installed singly or within a multi-unit station
- Typically hazards: natural gas hazard or flammable liquids
- Drivers include reciprocating engines & combustion turbines



# **Loading Racks**



# Petrochemical Applications

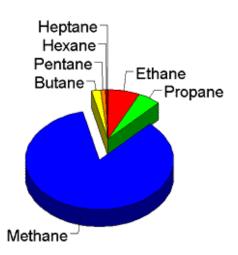


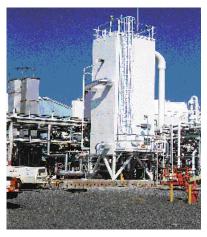
- Recommended Flame Detectors
  - X3300 Triple IR
  - U7698E SFIR
  - U7652 UV/IR

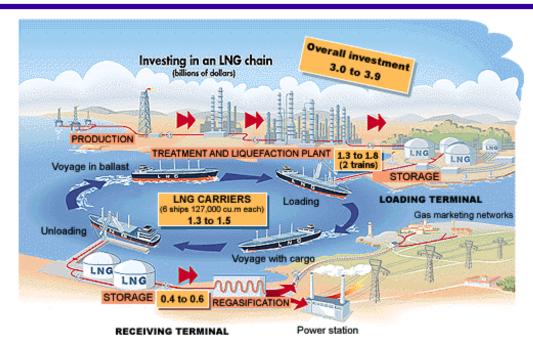




## **Natural Gas**













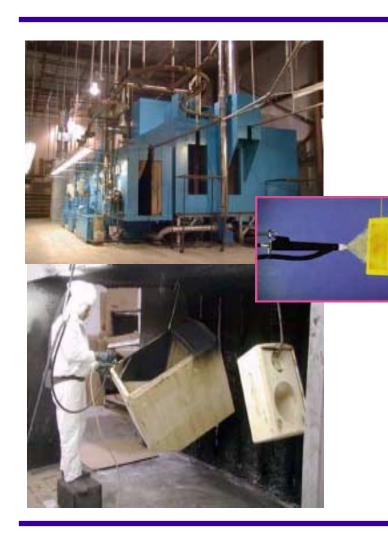
# Floating Roof Storage Tanks



- Floating Roof (pan) used to minimize vapor space
- Rim seal perimeter = high risk
- Cone Roof covers pan
- Flame detection for rim seal fire
- Gas detection for O2, flammables



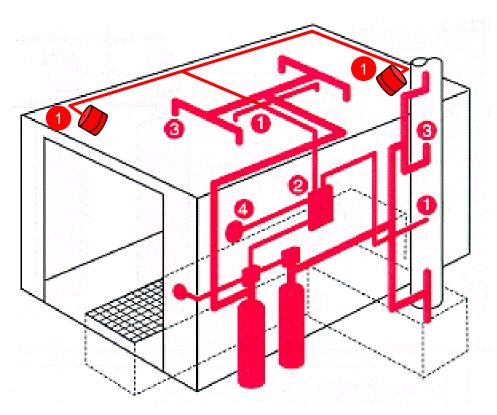
# Coating/Spraying Operations



- Spray Coatings include paint & epoxy powder
- Production Booths used for containment, reclamation (powder)
- Electrostatic energy applied to paint for maximum adhesion and minimal overspray
- Solvent-based paints provide fire hazard
- U.S. Booth Safety regulations:
  - NEC 516
  - Uniform Fire Code (UFC 4500)
  - NFPA 33
  - Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC 1107)
  - state and local agencies
  - OSHA

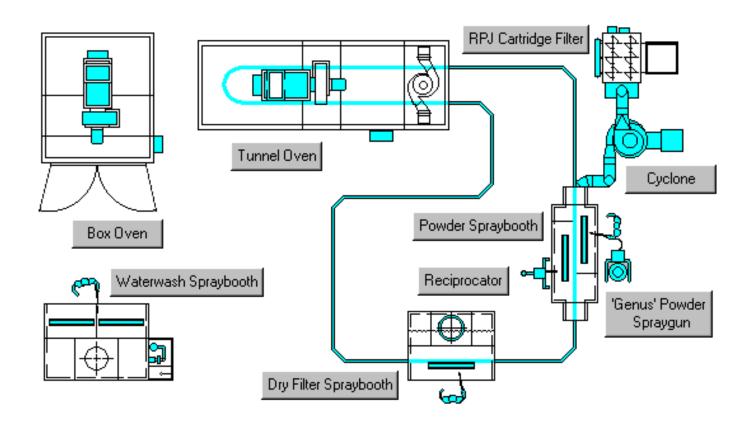


# Spray Booth Fire Suppression

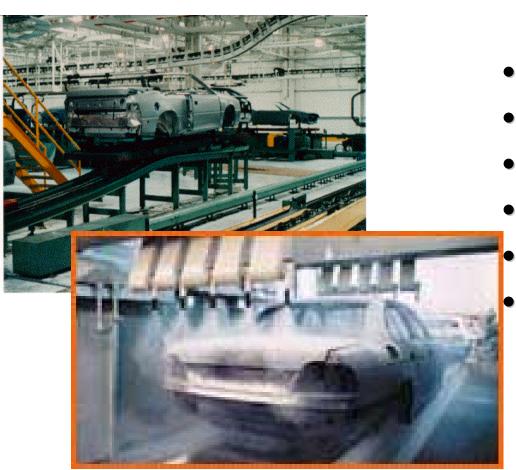


- Fire Detectors sense fire heat in work area, plenum or duct... a signal is sent to the Control Panel
- Control Panel electrically activates Cylinder Control Head, which opens cylinder valve.
- Dry Chemical is propelled by stored pressure through Discharge Pipes and Nozzles into the protected area
- 4. Fire is suppressed as Control Panel sounds alarm, notifies fire authorities and shuts down airflow in hazard area

# **Powder Booth Operations**



# **Automotive Manufacturing**



- Paint lines
- Drying ovens
- Engine test cells
- Fuel/solvent storage
  - Environmental testing
  - Other areas & processes

## **Automotive Infrared Bake Ovens**



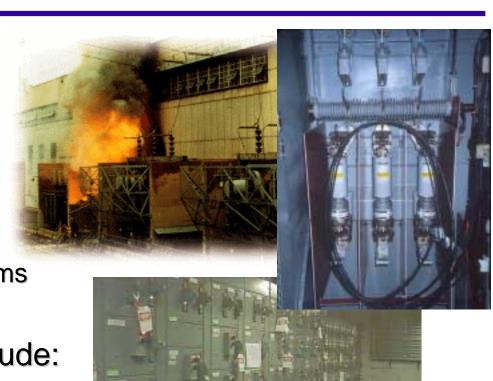
- Bake Ovens provide heat for curing spray coating on object
- Possible fire ignition area
- Possible false alarm source

# **Automotive Manufacturing**

- Typical hazards:
  - solvents, paints, gasoline, alcohol, plastics
- Recommended solutions:
  - X3300/U7698E for paint lines/booths
  - X3300 for drying ovens
  - X3300 for test cells
  - X3300/U7698E for flammable liquid storage areas

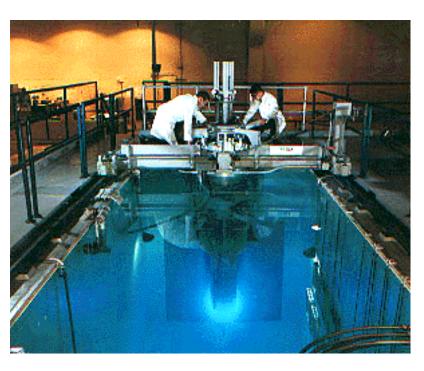
#### **Power Plants**

- Applications include
  - boilers/burners
  - pumps, valves
  - storage tanks
  - steam turbine decks
  - transformers, battery rooms
  - combustion turbines
- Flammable hazards include:
  - natural gas, fuel oils, coal, hydrogen, lube oils





#### **Power Plants**



#### **Recommended solutions:**

- X3300 for burner fronts
- X3300/U7698E for pumps & valve trains, fuel storage
- X3300/U7698E for steam & combustion turbines
- U7602E for hydrogen cooling systems
- X3300/U7698E for flammable liquid storage areas
- U7602E for battery/UPS rooms

# Aircraft Hangars and Facilities



- maintenance/paint hangars, refueling areas, loading gates, concourses, heliports
- typical hazards include:
  - aircraft fuels
  - paint & solvents

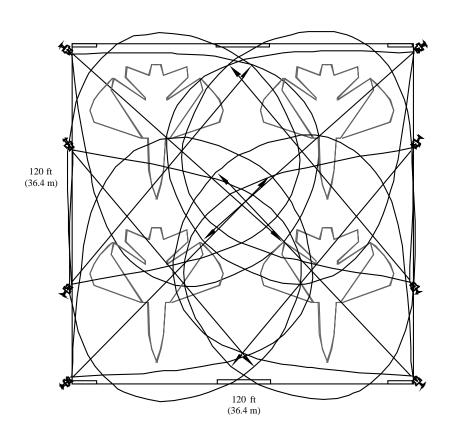
# Aircraft Hangars

- A Boeing 747-400 can carry 57,000 gallons (204,350 l.) of fuel weighing more than 160 tons (40% of the plane's authorized takeoff weight)
- For just one plane, a "full tank" of jet fuel can cost \$45,000...





# Aircraft Hangars and Facilities



- recommended solutions:
  - X3300 (Best)
  - U7652

# Semiconductor Manufacturing



- includes wet benches, clean rooms, gas (silane/hydrogen) cabinets
- typical hazards include:
  - solvents, alcohol, silane, acids
- recommended solution:
  - PM5MP+

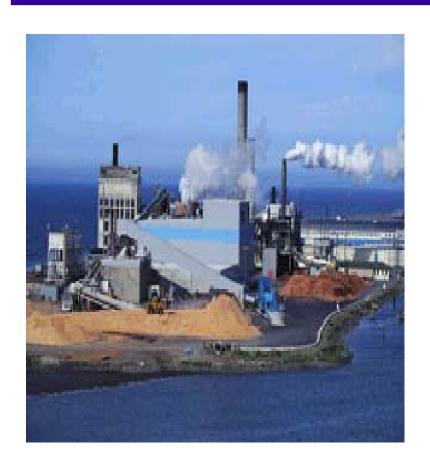
# Semiconductor Manufacturing

Industry Losses by Engineering Peril 1990 - July 2000

<b>Engineering Peril</b>	No. losses	<b>Gross loss-2000\$*</b>
Escaped liquids	44	US\$ 97.6
Earth movement	4	68.1
Fire	39	62.6
Miscellaneous	28	60.3
Service interruption	23	34.7
Electrical breakdown	37	24.1
Impact	3	14.3
Sprinkler leakage	13	7.0
Mechanical breakdown	7	4.2
Water damage	7	4.0
All others	27	6.4
*million	232	US\$383.3



# Paper Mills



- Hazardous Applications-
  - lumber de-barking, chippers
  - boilers, kilns
  - chemical tanks
  - paper machines, power plants
- Typical Flammable hazards include-
  - lumber, paper
  - coal, oil, gas
  - toxic chemicals and gases
  - battery rooms



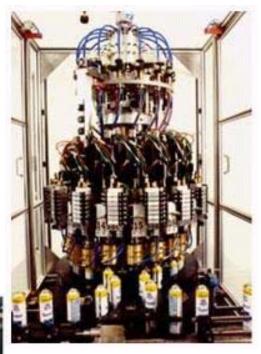
# Paper Mills

- Recommended solutions:
  - X3300 for burner fronts
  - X3300/U7698E for pumps & valve trains, fuel storage
  - X3300/U7698E for steam & combustion turbines
  - X3300/U7698E for flammable liquid storage areas
  - U7602E for battery/UPS rooms

# Aerosol Filling Processes & Storage

- Hazardous Applications-
  - bulk transport
  - transfer & storage
  - container gassing
  - charged container storage
- Typical Flammable Hazards include:
  - DME, ethers, propane, isobutane, butane, others
- Recommended Solutions:
  - U7698E SFIR
  - U7602E UV
  - X3300 (storage areas only)







# Other Applications

- Foundries
- Explosives/Munitions Manufacturing
- Space Vehicle Payload Preparation and Launch Areas
- Paint and Solvent Storage Warehouses
- Recycling Plants/Waste Incinerators
- Rocket Motor Test Areas