

Simalube awarded Explosive rating

Swiss-based Simatec Corporation, manufacturers of Simalube automatic lubricators, has gained accreditation with the latest ATEX (Atmosphere Explosible) rating. This is the newest global standard dealing with explosive atmospheres. The approval certifies that the Simalube product is manufactured to the required safety guidelines.

Companies fortunate enough to hold this prized certification are able to supply their products worldwide in potentially risky atmospheres (such as minesites, grain handling terminals and petrochemical plants) without further safety approvals being required.

Exclusive Australasian distributors for Simatec products, ETS Pty Ltd, believes this accreditation has not been achieved by any other automatic lubricator manufacturer. Sales Manager, Dale Jones, said the rating is very significant in Australia:

"Being a country with heavy reliance on primary industries such as resources and agriculture, we often operate with chemicals and situations that can be potentially explosive. We all know how volatile some of the agricultural fertilisers can be, to say nothing of the petrochemical offshore and transporting facilities. The maintenance cost benefits of automatic lubricators have until now been unavailable to some of these industries. With this ATEX rating certification, this is no longer the case." he said.

Simalube already has TUV (the global equivalent of our AQIS standards) approval for use in areas with potentially explosive atmospheres since 2001. This latest ATEX rating complements TUV standards and relates to the company's manufacturing processes, rather than just the product.

Simalube products now carry the "Ex" symbol on the cylinder, signifying this new rating certification.

