Functional Safety Resources

Process safety may be defined as a blend of engineering and management skills focused on preventing catastrophic accidents, such as explosions, fires, and toxic releases, associated with processes involving chemicals and petroleum products.

Within process safety, the field of functional safety explores safety topics relating to the process and the Basic Process Control System (BPCS), which depends on the correct functioning of the Safety Instrumented System and other protection layers. In response to several accidents, agencies of the U.S. Government developed two key regulations: OSHA 29 CFR, 1910.119-1992, Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals, Explosives, and Blasting Agents; and EPA 40 CFR Part 68, Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs under the Clean Air Act. These regulations helped to define areas that must be addressed in order to achieve a mandated level of functional safety performance in industry.

In the late 1980s, the International Society of Automation (ISA) recognized the need for an improved approach in handling process sector functional safety issues and established the ISA84 standards committee. ISA84 brought process safety experts together to develop industry standards and best practices, including the first edition of ISA84, released in 1996, entitled Application of Safety Instrumented Systems for the Process Industries. Later, the committee released ANSI/ISA-84.00.01-2004 Parts 1-3 (IEC 61511 Mod), Functional Safety: Safety Instrumented Systems for the Process Industry Sector. This three-part series of consensus-developed standards gives requirements for the specification, design, installation, operation, and maintenance of a safety instrumented system, so that it can be confidently entrusted to place and/or maintain a process in a safe state. Through its working groups, ISA84 has also developed several key technical reports to provide guidance on the implementation and use of the three-part series of standards.

ISA has formed several additional committees to develop international standards, best practices, and technical reports to address functional safety elements. ISA18, Instrument Signals and Alarms, has published standards establishing terminology and practices for alarm systems, including the definition, design, installation, operation, maintenance and modification, and work processes recommended to effectively maintain an alarm system over time. Other ISA standards committees are focused on industry-specific safety standards for fossil fuel and nuclear power plants.

Process safety incidents are largely referred to as “high consequence, low frequency events,” but dozens of spills, leaks, fires, and explosions continue to occur worldwide each month, ranging from near-misses to catastrophic events with life-changing implications for people, property, and companies involved. Following the latest industry best practices in your plant is only a starting point to prevent incidents—companies must align employee training, operational standards, and management approaches to truly enhance their safety profiles. ISA offers training courses, a comprehensive Safety Instrumented Systems certificate program, books, and technical resources to help companies develop and implement a functional safety program that protects people and assets.
Process Industry Functional Safety Standards

**ISA84: Electrical/Electronic/Programmable Electronic Systems (E/E/PES) for Use in Process Industry Safety Applications**

Safety Instrumented Systems have been used for many years to perform safety instrumented functions in the process industries. If instrumentation is to be effectively used for safety instrumented functions, it is essential that this instrumentation achieves certain minimum standards and performance levels. The ISA84 series of international standards addresses the application of Safety Instrumented Systems for the process industries. The series also deals with the interface between Safety Instrumented Systems and other safety systems, requiring that a process hazard and risk assessment be carried out.

**ANSI/ISA-84.00.01-2004 Part 1 (IEC 61511-1 Mod)**
This standard gives requirements for the specification, design, installation, operation, and maintenance of a safety instrumented system, so that it can be confidently entrusted to place and/or maintain the process in a safe state. This standard has been developed as a process sector implementation of IEC 61508.
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ISA18: Instrument Signals and Alarms
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ANSI/ISA-18.2-2009
Management of Alarm Systems for the Process Industries
This standard addresses the development, design, installation, and management of alarm systems in the process industries. Alarm system management includes multiple work processes throughout the alarm system lifecycle. This standard defines the terminology and models to develop an alarm system, and it defines the work processes recommended to effectively maintain the alarm system throughout the lifecycle.
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Process Industry Safety Training Resources

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[www.isa.org/SAFE/EC50](http://www.isa.org/SAFE/EC50)

This course focuses on the engineering requirements for the specification, design, analysis, and justification of safety instrumented systems (SIS) for the process industries. Students will learn how to determine Safety Integrity Levels (SILs) and evaluate whether proposed or existing systems meet the performance requirements.

“Simply reading a book or the standard on SIS design is no guarantee of understanding. This ISA training course is a useful way for someone to show their qualifications in SIS.”

Paul Gruhn, P.E., ISA Instructor

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Process Industry Safety Reference Publications

Safety Integrity Level Selection—Systematic Methods Including Layer of Protection Analysis
Edward M. Marszal, P.E., Dr. Eric W. Scharpf, MIPENZ
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William M. Goble and Harry Cheddie
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