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SAMPLE ID: Survivair Twenty/Twenty RCS Kit, P/N 963050, SmallTalk Plus Kit P/N 963070, RCS/SmallTalk Plus Kit P/N 963080, RCS/RPTT Kit P/N 963073, RCS/SmallTalk Plus/RPTT Kit P/N 963074

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TESTS REQUESTED: Intrinsic Safety evaluations of above sample to the requirements of ANSI/UL 913-88, Intrinsically Safe Apparatus and Associated Apparatus, for Division 1, Class I, Groups A, B, C and D, Class II, Groups E, F, G, and Class III hazardous locations.

TEST RESULTS: See page 2.

CONCLUSION: Considering the results of the tests and evaluations that were conducted, the Survivair Twenty/Twenty consisting of RCS Kit, P/N 963050, SmallTalk Plus Kit P/N 963070, RCS/SmallTalk Plus Kit P/N 963080, RCS/RPTT Kit P/N 963073, RCS/SmallTalk Plus/RPTT Kit P/N 963074 were found to comply with the requirements of ANSI/UL 913-88, for Division 1, Class I, Groups A, B, C and D, Class II, Groups E, F, G, and Class III hazardous locations. In addition, they are permitted in Division 2, Class I, Groups A, B, C and D, Class II, Groups F, G, and Class III. The unit is recommended for inclusion into the SGS U.S. Testing Company.

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR EVALUATIONS:

FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS: The energy available from an intrinsically safe apparatus or circuit shall not be capable of igniting a specified flammable mixture by arcing (electrical sparks) or by hot surfaces while the sample is operating normally.

IGNITION SOURCES: Spark ignition, if there is sufficient energy flow, can only occur at the actual point of the physical interruption. The energy is combination from the power supply(s), from a charged capacitor or inductor, or from energy supplied by the materials at the point of sparking. The interruption may be from a switch, poor connection, or some other mechanical means such as the fusing of a wire. Thermal ignition can result by a component or surface that heats to the point of causing ignition or breaks into flame such as an over heated component or fusing of a wire.

HAZARDOUS LOCATION: An area that is or may become explosive by the mixing of air with ignitable liquid vapors, fumes, gases, dusts, or flyings. The hazard is always presumed to be dangerous and is defined in Article 500 of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70-1987.

TEST CONDITIONS: Test conditions are considered to have an ambient temperature of 40°C (104°F), an oxygen concentration of 21-percent or less, and a pressure of one (1) atmosphere.

NORMAL ENERGY: Normal energy is the energy drawn when the voltage, components, and adjustments set to the most unfavorable settings or tolerances. It is also to include the maximum energy draw from opening or shorting of any one-field wires or the shorting of any two-field wires. For battery powered apparatus the voltage is to be the maximum open circuit voltage on a fresh primary or recharged battery. The battery current is to be the maximum initial current.

FAULT: A defect or electrical breakdown, whether artificially induced or not, of any component, spacing, or insulation that adversely affects the electrical or thermal characteristics of an intrinsically safe circuit. When a fault is applied and it causes a chain reaction of failures or breakdowns, both the initial and subsequent failures are considered one fault. The most unfavorable normal, single or double fault condition will be applied to the test sample for evaluation purposes.

TEST FACTORS: Test factors are artificial increases to the available energy. They provide a cushion of safety for the day-to-day variations that occur in the manufacturing processes but may not be seen in the test samples. For a comparison evaluation, Section 5, normal operation will include an energy factor of 0.8 for less than two faults or 0.9 times for two or more faults. For spark ignition evaluation, Section 8, the normal operation will include a 1.5-times energy increase for up to one fault, and no increase for two or more faults.

THERMAL RISE TESTS: Thermal rise is the final, stabilized temperature of component(s) under test, for normal or fault conditions, which ever is worst. A normalized temperature rises greater than 100°C will require an NFPA temperature code on the label. A temperature code aids in determining the lowest ignition point of materials that may be safely used with the sample(s) under evaluation.

COMMENTS: The sample(s) were tested or reviewed to applicable sections in the controlling standards. Nothing should to be construed regarding sections not specifically evaluated, tested, and reported herein. The standards often have more than one method to test a sample. All approved methods yield a safe product. Deliberately increasing test severity does not make a product safer than a safe one. Thus, all tests were to the most unfavorable conditions consistent with the provisions of the standards.



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ANSI/UL 913-88 EVALUATION AND/OR TESTING

DRAWING PACKAGE: The following drawings were used during the evaluation and test of the supplied samples. Components referenced by letters and numbers, such as R9 or C2, refer to components on the drawing(s):

Ref No.	Drawing Title	Drawing No.	Pg./Pg.	Last Rev.	Date
1	Radio Communications System (RCS) Kit, Twenty/Twenty	963050	1/1	B	8/4/00
2	Radio Comm System Twenty Twenty Plus Schematic	963024	1/4	B	7/17/00
3	Radio Comm System Twenty Twenty Plus Schematic	963024	2/4	B	7/17/00
4	Radio Comm System Twenty Twenty Plus Schematic	963024	3/4	B	7/17/00
5	Radio Comm System Twenty Twenty Plus Schematic	963024	4/4	B	7/17/00
6	Control Drawing Survivair 2020 RCS Kit	963025	1/1	A	4/19/00

SECTION 1.5 – TYPES OF INTRINSIC EVALUATIONS: There are two types of intrinsic safety evaluations, system, or entity. In the system evaluation, the sample is a stand-alone or can be a combination of an associated apparatus to an apparatus, or apparatus to apparatus. The entity is a general evaluation of a single sample to predetermined electrical limits. Both will have a control drawing showing the proper connection and installation including any special requirements to maintain intrinsic safety after it is connected.

RESULTS: This evaluation consists of three major electrical components. A communications cover (for facemask) with a VPS Module attached. A RCS Module or a RPTT Module attached to the communications cover. See attached references for an overview.

SECTION 2.2 – EVALUATION OF AN INTRINSICALLY SAFE SYSTEM

SECTION 2.2.1 – NORMAL ENERGY, APPLICATION OF FAULTS AND TEST ENERGY: Circuits are to be analyzed as to normal, faulted and test current per Sections 2.1 to 2.14 below.

SECTION 2.1.1.1 -- NORMAL OPERATION: Normal energy is what is drawn from the power source under the conditions below. The resulting current could be resistive, resistive-capacitive or resistive-inductive depending on circuit components. (1) For normal operation the supply voltage is set to rated maximum, all components related to maximum power modified to their worst-case operation, and all adjustments to worst case. Nominal line voltages are 120, 240 or 480 and are increased 10-percent for normal operation. For battery operation, the initial peak voltage from a fresh primary or a secondary battery immediately after a full charge is used. (2) Environmental conditions are to be within stated limits. (3) Components are adjusted to their plus or minus tolerance in a manner that increases energy draw from the source. (4) Adjustments are made at the most unfavorable settings. (5) Opening any one of the field wires, shorting of any two-field wires, or grounding of any one of the field wires.

RESULTS: (1) The sample is powered from a 6-cell alkaline-manganese battery. The nominal voltage was 9.0-volts and the theoretical maximum for this battery is 9.9-volts. Twelve, factory fresh, batteries from 2 manufacturers were measured and the two-sigma plus value of 9.68-volts were calculated. This value will be used throughout the evaluation process. (2) The average laboratory temperature was 22.8°C, and the average relative humidity was 57%. The sample is rated from -30°C to 60°C. The manufacturer did not rate the sample for humidity. (3) The sample's components were calculated for worst tolerance values. The worst resistive component was R6, the current limiting for LED & U2, had a tolerance-adjusted value of 950-ohms, and current of 0.01-A at 9.68-volts. The worst inductive-resistive component LS2, the Knowles ear speaker, had a tolerance-adjusted value 3.360-mH of at a current of 0.1-amps at 8-volts. The worst-case capacitance resistance was component C6, LS1 D.C. blocking capacitor, with an adjusted value of 112.8-µF at 9.68-volts. (4) Sample does not have any adjustable components. (5) Sample did not have the usual wiring terminal or leads. Any "field wires" were connectors to other intrinsically safe components. Shorting, or opening, or grounding does not degrade intrinsic safety.

SECTION 2.1.1.2 – TEST ENERGY AVAILABLE AFTER FAULTS: Test factors are artificial energy increases providing a cushion of safety to the normal test energy. In a resistive circuit having an inductance



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SECTION 2.2.3 - ARC IGNITION ANALYSIS: There are two methods to evaluate the possibility of having sufficient current under normal or fault conditions. One is comparing the calculated or measured normal and faulted values as apply to Sections 2.1 to 2.1.4 for the analysis method in Section 5. The normal and faulted values are to be below the lookup values obtained. The other is the application of normal and fault conditions to the spark test apparatus per the requirements in Section 8.

RESULTS: Overall rating for Division 1, Class I, are Group A, B, C and D

For Sample: The sample was comparison evaluated. The safe ignition current or voltage limits were obtained from Section 5.

For resistive circuits with less than 5µH, the intrinsically safe current was 4.00-amperes. Since the maximum measured resistive current was 0.01-amperes and was less than the calculated safe current, the sample meets resistive requirements for Groups A, B, C, & D.

For an inductive-resistive circuit, the safe current was 0.20-amperes. Since the maximum inductive current measured 0.10-amperes was less than the calculated safe current, the sample meets inductive requirements Groups A, B, C, & D.

For a capacitive-resistive circuit, the safe voltage was 16.1-volts. Since the maximum capacitive voltage measured was 9.68-volts was less than the safe voltage; the sample passes for Groups A, B, C, & D.

For Control Drawing Values on Sample Components: The control drawing, No. 963024 was comparison evaluated using the control drawing values to Section 5.

For resistive-inductive circuits with less than 5-µH, the intrinsically safe current was 4.00-amperes. Since the maximum measured resistive current was 0.003-amperes and was less than the calculated safe current, the control drawing meets resistive requirements for Groups A, B, C, and D.

For an inductive-resistive circuit, the safe current was 0.32-amperes. Since the maximum inductive current measured 0.10-amperes and was less than the calculated safe current, the sample meets inductive requirements Groups A, B, C, and D.

For a capacitive-resistive, the safe voltage was 18.3-volts. Since the maximum capacitive voltage measured was 8.00-volts and was less than the safe voltage, the sample passes for Groups A, B, C, and D.

SECTION 2.5 -- APPARATUS INDUCTANCE AND CAPACITANCE DETERMINATION: The maximum internal inductance or capacitance is to be determined for both normal and fault conditions by inspection, analytical computation, or verification of vendor values by testing to Section 7.14.

RESULTS: The maximum inductance was in the Knowles ear speaker circuit and its nominal value was 3.20-mH. The tolerance was ±5%. After application of its plus tolerance, the worst inductance was 3.36-mH.

The maximum capacitance was in the LS1 D.C. blocking capacitor circuit and its nominal value was 94-µF. The tolerance was ±20%. After application of its plus tolerance, the worst capacitance was 112.8-µF.

SECTION 3.1 TO 3.1.3 -- CREEPAGE & CLEARANCE SPACINGS AND INSULATION & CASTING COMPOUND THICKNESS: The supplied samples were measured for creepage, clearance, and thickness of all conductors, connecting wiring, and printed wiring board traces. Spacings and distances that meet values in Table 1 of the specification are not faultable.

Creepage, clearances, and thickness less than specified, but more than one-third the requirement, are to be considered connected if that connection is a more severe condition. Each such connection between conductors will be counted as a one fault.

If the spacing is less than one-third the requirement, and there are multiple adjacent conductors, the distance between each is to be added until the sum equals or exceeds one third. That number of conductors becomes a grouped set and is considered connected. One fault is counted for each set until all adjacent conductors have been evaluated.

When these creepage, clearances or thickness is not within tolerance they may still be acceptable. There are other applicable evaluation sections that apply, but are often more severe. See Section 3.1.7(3), dielectric voltage withstand, or Section 3.2, Encapsulation, or Section 3.4.1, AC Voltage Withstand.



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Note 1: The voltage for assessing creepage distance is the nominal peak, and for assessing clearance is the nominal rms voltage with tolerance not considered. For VDC, circuits use the same value for creepage or clearance distances.

Note 2: For two separate circuits, the voltage is the sum of both or the largest when one is less than 20-percent of the other.

RESULTS: Considering the nominal voltage of 9.0-volts, the minimum required creepage distance is 1.35-mm and under a properly, double coated board is 0.45-mm. The clearance distance between any conductive parts will be 1.49-mm. Distances through casting compound will be a minimum of 0.45-mm and at least 0.45-mm through solid insulation.

The least creepage distance on the circuit board was 1.25-mm and the double-coated creepage was 0.3-mm. The battery cells had two layers of insulation between them with a 0.14-mm that does not meet thickness. The insulation material was subjected to a voltage withstand test of 1.39-kV and did not break down. The sample did not have any casting or insulation materials. These values meet the requirements of this section.

SECTION 3.1.7 to 3.1.7(3) -- PRINTED WIRING BOARDS: Coating(s) applied to printed wiring boards are to be an adherent insulating coating that is: (a) at least two layers thick that have a minimum dielectric voltage rating of 200 volts per 0.025 mm (0.001 in.) of thickness; or (b) a single layer not less than 0.7 mm (0.028 in.) thick, or, a single layer with a dielectric voltage withstand test of 1.37 kilovolts RMS.

RESULTS: The main circuit board was double coated including the solder pads. The traces were withstand tested at 1.39-kV from the coating surface to the trace without any breakdown. Samples pass this section.

SECTION 3.4 -- INTERNAL WIRING CONDUCTORS: Samples containing non-insulated internal wiring conductors are to be rigidly supported to maintain their spacing distances. For a nominal 9.0-VDC applied the minimum creepage distance is 1.35-mm and the clearance spacing is 1.49-mm. Internal wiring conductors that are not rigidly supported will be insulated. The insulation will have a dielectric strength greater than 500-volts rms or if larger twice the normal working voltage of the circuit which is 18-volts.

RESULTS: The sample had exposed conductors that were rigidly supported and met the requirements of Table 1 of the referenced standard. The creepage on Nexus receptacle wire leads and had a creepage 1.93-mm and a clearance of 1.93-mm. The wire from the connector/pins circuit board connectors had a creepage of 1.25 and a clearance of 1.42-mm. The insulation on the wires withstood a dielectric strength of 500-VAC. Samples pass the requirements of this section.

SECTION 3.5.3 -- CURRENT-LIMITING RESISTORS: Current-limiting resistors will not be faulted if they pass the following requirements. Resistor(s) will be film construction; wire-wound construction with restraints to hold its winding in place in case of breakage, or any other construction that controls the resistance element. The resistor(s) will have 1.5-times maximum voltage, as measured across it when the resistor is under maximum energy, applied to it. The voltage will be increased from zero to full value in approximately a minute and allowed to temperature stabilize. The resistor(s) under test will increase in resistance or open. When there is a decrease in resistance, as the resistor heats, that decrease will be within 1/3 of the starting value. After it cools, it will return to within 10% of its original value. If the resistor is protected by a fuse, the resistor will be tested by flowing 1.7-times the nominal fuse current value with the fuse defeated. It will meet the same requirement as in the voltage test. Note: A resistor operated at 2/3 of its power does not need testing.

RESULTS: Two resistors, R6 and R8 exceeded their 2/3 wattage rating by 20%. The resistors are metal film on a ceramic base and with a very low temperature coefficient. The temperature rise at maximum possible load was less than 30°C. Resistors are deemed non-faultable.

SECTION 3.7 -- PORTABLE APPARATUS ENCLOSURES: Exposed external surfaces of the enclosure and any external parts will consist of a non-sparking material such as plastic or brass, unless protected by a recess or a guard.



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Resistance Circuits containing aluminum, cadmium, magnesium, and zinc, an initial chart value of 12.1-volts and yields an initial safe current of 5.00-amperes. Applying the 0.8-factor for a zero to one fault yields a final safe current of 4.00-A.

Inductance-Resistance Circuits: The maximum inductance was the circuit and its value was 0.5-mH at a current of 0.10-amperes. Considering Figure 3, Inductance Circuits containing aluminum, cadmium, magnesium, and zinc, a value of 0.5-mH inductance yields an initial safe current of 0.40-amperes. Applying the 0.8-factor for a zero to one fault yields a final safe current of 0.32-amperes.

Capacitance-Resistance Circuits: The maximum capacitance was in the control drawing radio speaker circuit and its value was 100- μ F at a voltage of 8.00-volts. Considering Figure 8, Capacitance Circuits containing aluminum, cadmium, magnesium, and zinc, the 100- μ F capacitance yields an initial safe voltage of 18.27-volts. Applying the 0.8-factor for a zero to one fault yields a final safe voltage of 13.15-volts.

SECTION 6.2 to 6.2.4 -- SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INTRINSIC SAFETY: Intrinsically safe and associated apparatus intended for use in Division 1, Class II and Class III hazardous locations will comply with all applicable requirements found in ANSI/UL 913-88, sections 1 through 5.

Sample cases or enclosures that are not dust-tight, per ANSI/UL 913-88 Section 6.3.1 through 6.3.1.2, will have internal spacings faulted to produce the most unfavorable condition without consideration to the number of induced faults. Parts encapsulated to a depth of 1-mm or more are considered dust-tight. Only the external surfaces of dust-tight cases or enclosures are considered exposed. Dust-tight cases must remain so after the drop test in Section 7.9.1. The maximum temperature rises of any exposed surface, when normalized to an ambient temperature of 40°C will comply with permissible temperatures below. For compliance to Class II, Groups E & G, and Class III, samples must also meet spark ignition requirements for Division 1, Class I, Groups D, or methane.

The maximum temperature of an exposed surface for compliance to Class II, Group E, atmospheres containing combustible metal dusts, will not exceed 200°C (392°F). For Class II Group F, atmospheres containing combustible carbonaceous dusts, the maximum temperature will not exceed 200°C (392°F). For Class II, Group G, atmospheres containing combustible dust not included in Groups E or F, the surface temperatures will not exceed (329°F). For Class III, atmospheres containing easily ignitable fibers or flyings, the surface temperatures will not exceed 165°C (329°F).

Exception: Temperature excursions of small, exposed components, when under fault conditions, may exceed these limits if it is shown by test that these components will not char or ignite test wheat or corn dust (or a mixture of both) that will pass through a 100-mesh screen.

RESULTS: Overall, the sample and control drawing are intrinsically safe and are in compliance with the requirements of ANSI/UL913-1988 for Division 1, Class II, E, F, G, and Class III.

For Sample: The maximum temperature rise was taken from Section 4.1, which was 44°C when, normalized to 40°C. As 44°C was lower than 165°C and 200°C, the sample meets the required for Class II, E, F, G, and Class III. In addition, they are permitted in Division 2, Class II, Groups F, G, and Class III.

For Control Drawing Values on Sample Components: The maximum temperature rise was taken from Section 4.1 that was 44°C when normalized to 40°. As 44°C was lower than 165°C and 200°C Class II, E, F, G, and Class III. In addition, they are permitted in Division 2, Class II, Groups F, G, and Class III.

SECTION 7.9.1 Drop Test: Portable equipment or apparatus is subjected to six (6) drop impacts onto a concrete floor from a height of 1 meter. The apparatus will not impact more than once on each side, corner, or edge. The drop test will not affect the intrinsic safety because of being dropped.

RESULTS: The sample was dropped six times from 1-m onto a concrete floor. Dropped sample was inspected for internal changes resulting from the drop test that would degrade intrinsic safety. All connections, conductors, and components were intact and intrinsic safety was not degraded due to the drop test.

