

Occupational Health & Safety Contractor Grade Axial Fan for Hazardous Locations

Issue: Confined spaces are some of the most dangerous and potentially life-threatening work environments in industry, making ventilation, respiratory and PPE equipment an integral component of a total safety program. U.S. OSHA states “electrical equipment must be approved by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) “. . . and stated in 29 CFR 1910.303(a). In addition, NRTL’s must approve this equipment using U.S. recognized test standards, 29 CFR 1910.7” Proper selection and training with approved hazardous location safety equipment can reduce the cause of potential accidents and even loss of life. In order to select the proper equipment, the worker must first determine whether the location is considered a “Hazardous” or “Non-Hazardous” location. If the location is deemed to be Hazardous or Potentially Hazardous, the ventilation blower must be approved for use in the hazard location and an Explosion-Proof Electric or Pneumatic blower should be chosen.

Application: In order to stabilize the atmosphere in the confined space, continuous ventilation should be used before and during occupancy of the confined space. These blowers can be used to provide fresh air to underground vaults, tanks, open pits, and many other similar areas.

Recommendation: Once the confined space is determined to be hazardous through the use of a gas detection meter, the correct blower can be chosen to meet the working conditions and available power. Always inspect the blower for loose parts or debris that may cause harm to a worker. Make sure all electric blowers are properly grounded. Make sure all confined space workers are trained on the use and proper application of the ventilation system and all other confined space tools. **If there is potential the atmosphere in the confined space could become hazardous, select an explosion-proof or intrinsically safe blower.**



15E893 (CVF15CANEX)
Contractors Explosion-Proof
Canister Fan with 15 ft. Duct

Reference 1910.146 OSHA Confined Space Entry Regulation What is a Hazardous Location?

All confined spaces should be considered as a “Hazardous Location” until proven otherwise. Federal OSHA refers to the National Electrical Code (NEC) as the “Bible” for reference information concerning hazardous locations. NEC defines a hazardous location as those areas “where fire or explosion hazards may exist due to flammable gases or vapors, flammable liquids, combustible dust, or ignitable fibers or flyings.”

Ventilation Tips

- 1) Proper ventilation procedures should be followed in accordance with all Federal, State, and local laws. For work in hazardous locations, follow ANSI/API 2015 and 2016 procedures.
- 2) Always test the confined space for hazardous gases and sufficient oxygen with a calibrated multi-gas monitor prior to ventilating the space. After ventilating for a sufficient amount of time, re-test the confined space before entering the space. Ventilation must remain in operation during occupancy.
- 3) Use a purge time chart, provided on Air Systems’ blowers, to calculate purge times prior to entering a confined space. Each 90° bend in a section of 8” duct will reduce flow approximately 10-15%. Each additional 25 ft section of duct will reduce flow by approximately 15%.
- 4) If toxic or combustible gases or low oxygen levels are encountered, increase ventilation purge times by 50% and retest the air quality prior to entry.
- 5) When ventilating a manhole or tank, always set the blower back from the opening a minimum of five (5) feet. This should prevent any hazardous gases purged from the confined space from being drawn back into the intake of the blower and forced back into the confined space.
- 6) Never block or restrict entry and egress to or from a confined space opening. Always use Air Systems’ Conductive Saddle Vent® System placed in the opening of the manhole or tank to allow continuous ventilation without restricting entry and egress to the opening.
- 7) With gases heavier than air, the ventilation duct should be placed at the bottom of the confined space allowing the blower’s air to push the gases out the top of the confined space.
- 8) Always use non-sparking tools in and around a hazardous work site
- 9) When using a Venturi style pneumatic air horn (also called an eductor) on a steel tank, make sure the aluminum base is not dragged along the surface of the steel tank; this may cause a spark where rust is forming. Always make certain the Venturi blower has been properly grounded (bonded) to the tank prior to ventilating and assure the tank is properly grounded.
- 10) Always have proper respiratory equipment for the ventilated work space and for emergency rescue.
- 11) The build-up of static electricity is more prevalent during cool dry conditions, typically below 50% relative humidity. Depending on the work environment, anti-static clothing and special static removal devices may be necessary to prevent ignition from static electrical discharge.

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15E892 (CVF-8EXP)
 Contractors Explosion-Proof Axial Fan

**Product Features
 Explosion-Proof
 Electric Ventilation Fan
 15E892 (CVF-8EXP)**

- 8" Fan, 115 VAC, 1/3 HP
- 25 foot Power Cord
- Built-In Sealed On/Off Switch, No Plug, user wired per NEC requirements (Optional plug available)
- CSA/UL Approved Explosion-Proof for Class I, Groups C and D, Class II, Groups E, F, and G environments
- Weight: 19 lbs.
- 974 cfm, free flow
- 786 cfm, 15 ft. duct, 1 - 90° bend
- 661 cfm, 15 ft. duct, 2 - 90° bends



15E897 (CVFEX15KIT)
 Contractors Explosion-Proof Canister Fan Kit w/15 ft Duct

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Fans meet OSHA 29 CFR 1910.303(a) and 1910.7 electric certification requirement.

Conductive Kits Include:

- 1) Explosion-Proof Canister Fan (15E892)
- 2) Conductive Saddle Vent®
- 3) Conductive 90° elbow
- 4) Conductive 15 ft. or 25 ft duct
- 5) Conductive duct canister
- 7) Universal mount

Contractor Fans for Hazardous Locations

Description	ASI Part #	Grainger Item #
Contractors Explosion-Proof Axial Fan	CVF-8EXP	15E892
Contractors Explosion-Proof Canister Fan w/15 ft Ducting	CVF15CANEX	15E893
Contractors Explosion-Proof Canister Fan w/25 ft Ducting	CVF25CANEX	15E894
Contractors Explosion-Proof Canister Fan Kit w/15 ft Ducting	CVFEX15KIT	15E897
Contractors Explosion-Proof Canister Fan Kit w/25 ft Ducting	CVFEX25KIT	15E898