# FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO IGNITION

## **MISUSE OF MATERIAL OR PRODUCT**

- 11 Abandoned or discarded materials or products (Includes discarded cigarettes, cigars, tobacco embers, hot ashes, or other burning matter. Excludes outside fires left unattended)
- 12 Heat sources too close to combustibles
- 13 Cutting, welding too close to combustibles
- 14 Flammable liquid or gas spilled (Excludes improper fueling technique, use 15 and release due to improper container, use 18)
- **15** Improper fueling technique (Includes over fueling, failure to ground. Excludes fuel spill, use 14 and using improper fuel, use 27)
- 16 Flammable liquids used to kindle fire
- **17** Washing part or material, painting with flammable liquid
- 18 Improper container or storage procedure (Includes gasoline in unimproved containers, gas containers stored at excessive temperature, and storage conditions that lead to spontaneous ignition.)
- 19 Playing with heat source (Includes playing with matches, candles, and lighters and bringing combustibles into heat source)
- 10 Misuse of materials or products

## **MECHANICAL FAILURE, MALFUNCTION**

- 21 Automatic control failure
- 22 Manual control failure
- 23 Leak or break (Includes leaks or breaks of containers or pipes. Excludes operation deficiencies and spill mishaps.)
- 25 Worn out
- **26** Backfire (Excludes fires originated as a result of a hot catalytic converters, use 41)
- 27 Improper fuel used (Includes the use of gasoline in a kerosene heater and the like.)
- 20 Mechanical failure, malfunction, other

## **ELECTRICAL FAILURE, MALFUNCTION**

- 31 Water-caused short-circuit arc
- 32 Short-circuit arc from mechanical damage
- 33 Short-circuit arc from defective, worn insulation
- 34 Unspecified short-circuit arc
- **35** Arc from faulty contact, broken conductor (Includes broken power lines and loose connections)
- **36** Arc, spark from operating equipment, switch, or electric fence
- 37 Fluorescent light ballast
- 30 Electrical failure, malfunction, other

#### DESIGN, MANUFACTURING, INSTALLATION DEFICIENCY

- 41 Design deficiency
- 42 Construction deficiency
- 43 Installation deficiency
- 44 Manufacturing deficiency
- 40 Design, manufacturing, installation deficiency

## **OPERATIONAL DEFICIENCY**

- **51** Collision, knock down, run over, turn over (Includes automobiles and other vehicles)
- 52 Accidentally turned on, not turned off
- 53 Equipment unattended
- 54 Equipment overloaded
- **55** Failure to clean (Includes lint and grease buildups in chimneys, stovepipes)
- 56 Improper startup/shutdown procedure
- **57** Equipment not used for purpose intended (Excludes overloaded equipment, use 54)
- 58 Equipment not operated properly
- 50 Operational deficiency, other

#### NATURAL CONDITION

- 61 High wind
- 62 Storm
- 63 High water, including floods
- 64 Earthquake
- 65 Volcanic action
- 66 Animal

## FIRE SPREAD OF CONTROL

- 71 Exposure fire
- 72 Rekindle
- 73 Outside/open fire for debris or waste disposal
- 74 Outside/open fire for warming or cooking
- **75** Agriculture or land management burns (Includes prescribed burns)

# **OTHER FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO IGNITION**

NN None UU Undetermined \*\*Codes ending in '0' (i.e., 10, 20, 30 etc.) should be used ONLY when other codes don't apply.

\*\*\*Use "undetermined" when without a doubt the Item First Ignited cannot be identified.



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