

Flammable Liquids: Definitions and Categories

OSHA		NFPA		DOT	
flammable liquid. Any liquid having a flash point at or below 199.4°F. combustible liquid. Any liquid having a flash point greater than 199.4°F.		flammable liquid. An ignitable liquid that is classified as a Class 1 liquid. combustible liquid. An ignitable liquid that is classified as a Class 2 or Class 3 liquid.		flammable liquid. A liquid with a flash point of not more than 140°F. combustible liquid. Any liquid that does not meet the definition of any other hazard class specified in Title 49, Subtitle B, Chapter 1 and has a flash point above 140°F and below 200°F .	
Category 1	Flash point below 73.4°F and boiling point at or below 95°F	Class 1A (Flammable)	Flash point below 73°F and boiling point below 100°F		
Category 2	Flash point below 73.4°F and boiling point above 95°F	Class 1B (Flammable)	Flash point below 73°F and boiling point at or above 100°F		
		Class 1C (Flammable)	Flash point at or above 73°F but below 100°F		
Category 2	Flash point at or above 73.4°F and at or below 140°F	Class 2 (Combustible)	Flash point at or above 100°F but below 140°F	Class 3 (Flammable)	Flash point at or below 140°F
Category 4	Flash point above 140°F and at or below 199.4°F.	Class 3A (Combustible)	Flash point at or above 140°F but below 200°F	Class 4 (Combustible)	Flash point above 140°F and below 200°F
		Class 3B (Combustible)	Flash point at or above 200°F		