

The invention relates to an apparatus and to a method for producing explosions, comprising a pressure-resistance container (1) having a main explosion chamber (11) introduced therein, further comprising a supply line (9') for supplying a flowable explosible material, and a drain opening (2) for the directed drainage of gas pressure caused by the ignition of the explosible material. The drain opening is closed directly by a closure means, preferably a plunger (3), which is pressed against the drain (opening using a gas spring and held closed substantially up to the time of ignition. Before the actual main explosion, the closure means is moved by the igniting and the pressure force of an auxiliary explosion, thereby exposing the drain opening.