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Foreword

This document (EN 13953:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 286 "Liquefied petroleum gas equipment and accessories", the secretariat of which is held by NSAI.

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— This European Standard has been submitted for reference into the technical annexes of the ADR [1].

NOTE These regulations take precedence over any clause of this European Standard. It is emphasized that ADR is regularly at intervals of two years which may lead to temporary non-compliances with the clauses of this European Standard.

The major changes to this revision include:

— change to the nominal set pressure;

— restructure of Clause 7, Testing and inspection of the design;

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EN 13953:2015 (E)**Introduction**

This European Standard calls for the use of substances and procedures that may be injurious to health and/or the environment if adequate precautions are not taken. It refers only to technical suitability. It does not absolve the user from their legal obligations at any stage.

Protection of the environment is a key political issue in Europe and elsewhere around the world. Protection of the environment in this document is understood in a very broad sense. The phrase is used, for example, in relation to the total life-cycle aspects of a product on the environment, including expenditure of energy, and during all phases of its existence, from mining of raw materials, to fabrication, packaging, distribution, use, scrapping, recycling of materials, etc.

It is essential that provisions be restricted to a general guidance. Limit values are specified in national laws.

It is recommended that manufacturers develop an environmental management policy. For guidance see the EN ISO 14000 series.

It has been assumed in the drafting of this European Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people.

All pressures are gauge pressures unless otherwise stated.

NOTE This European Standard requires measurement of material properties, dimensions and pressures. All such measurements are subject to a degree of uncertainty due to tolerances in measuring equipment etc. It may be beneficial to refer to the leaflet "measurement uncertainty leaflet" SP INFO 2000 27 [2].

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the design, testing and marking requirements for spring loaded pressure relief valves (PRV), for use in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders.

These PRVs can be either an integral part of a cylinder valve (see EN ISO 14245 [3] and EN ISO 15995 [4]) or a separate device.

This European Standard does not exclude the use of other designs of pressure relief devices that provide a similar level of safety.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 549, *Rubber materials for seals and diaphragms for gas appliances and gas equipment*

EN 751-1, *Sealing materials for metallic threaded joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water — Part 1: Anaerobic jointing compounds*

EN 751-2, *Sealing materials for metallic threaded joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water — Part 2: Non-hardening jointing compounds*

EN 751-3, *Sealing materials for metallic threaded joints in contact with 1st, 2nd and 3rd family gases and hot water — Part 3: Unsintered PTFE tapes*

EN 837-1:1996, *Pressure gauges — Part 1: Bourdon tube pressure gauges — Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 10270-3, *Steel wire for mechanical springs — Part 3: Stainless spring steel wire*

EN 12164, *Copper and copper alloys — Rod for free machining purposes*

EN 12420, *Copper and copper alloys — Forgings*

EN 13906-1, *Cylindrical helical springs made from round wire and bar — Calculation and design — Part 1: Compression springs*

EN ISO 11114-1, *Gas cylinders — Compatibility of cylinder and valve materials with gas contents — Part 1: Metallic materials (ISO 11114-1)*

EN ISO 11114-2, *Gas cylinders — Compatibility of cylinder and valve materials with gas contents — Part 2: Non-metallic materials (ISO 11114-2)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

3.1

liquefied petroleum gas

LPG

low pressure liquefied gas composed of one or more light hydrocarbons which are assigned to UN 1011, UN 1075, UN 1965, UN 1969 or UN 1978 only and which consists mainly of propane, propene, butane, butane isomers, butene with traces of other hydrocarbon gases

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3.2
pressure relief valve
PRV
 self-closing valve which automatically, without the assistance of any energy other than that of the vapour concerned, discharges vapour at a predetermined pressure, and operates with a pop action

Note 1 to entry: This is known as a "safety valve" in ADR.

3.3
nominal set pressure
 predetermined pressure of the pressure relief valve at which the valve is set to start to discharge

3.4
start to discharge pressure
 inlet pressure at which the first of a stream of bubbles appears at the outlet of a pressure relief valve through a water seal of not more than 50 mm water column, or other equivalent method

3.5
pop action
 rapid opening of the pressure relief valve sealing element so that the pressure relief valve is fully open, resulting from an increase of inlet pressure creating a sudden increase in force and compression of the spring

3.6
overpressure
 pressure increase between the nominal set pressure and the flow rating pressure

Note 1 to entry: Usually expressed as a percentage of nominal set pressure.

3.7
reset pressure
 inlet pressure at which the sealing element effects a seal with the valve seat after the valve has been subjected to pop action

3.8
flow rating pressure
 inlet pressure at which the discharge capacity is measured

3.9
discharge capacity
 capacity at the flow rating pressure of a pressure relief valve expressed in cubic metres per minute of free air at STP

3.10
nominal discharge capacity
 minimum discharge capacity at the flow rating pressure expressed in cubic metres per minute (m³/min) of free air at STP rounded down to one decimal place

3.11
sealing element
 non-metallic resilient component which affects a seal by contact with the valve seat

3.12**valve seat**

normally raised area of the valve body on to which the sealing element effects a seal

3.13**cylinder valve**

primary shutoff device intended for liquid filling and liquid or vapour service fitted to LPG cylinders

Note 1 to entry: The valve can also include additional devices e.g. liquid level indicator, excess flow device, pressure relief valve, sediment tube, non-return valve and eduction tube.

3.14**leak tightness**

resistance to leakage to atmosphere across the valve seat or any other pressure containing component when the valve is closed

3.15**Standard Temperature and Pressure****STP**

15,6 °C (288,7 K), 1,013 bar absolute (0,1013 MPa absolute)

4 Operating Conditions

4.1 Terms used with PRVs are described graphically in Annex A.

4.2 Valves designed in accordance with this European Standard shall be suitable for:

- a minimum operating temperature of $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. Temperatures below this are acceptable for short periods for example, when discharging;
- a minimum operating temperature of $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for those parts of Europe where valves are subject to more severe temperature conditions. The material and design shall be shown to be satisfactory for operations under these conditions and shall meet the requirements of Annex B. Where the PRV is integral with a cylinder valve suitable for temperature of $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, the PRV shall also be designed and tested for a temperature of $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; and
- a maximum operating temperature of $65\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

5 Materials**5.1 General**

5.1.1 Materials in contact with LPG shall be physically and chemically compatible with LPG under all normal operating conditions for which the valve is intended and shall meet the requirements for propane and butane in accordance with EN ISO 11114-1 and EN ISO 11114-2.

5.1.2 Materials for valve components shall be selected to give adequate strength in service. Consideration shall be given to all modes of failure including atmospheric corrosion, brass dezincification, stress corrosion, impact or material failure.

5.1.3 Alternative materials to those listed in 5.2 are not precluded, providing they can be shown to be equivalent.

5.1.4 Where PRVs are an integral part of a cylinder valve, the material requirements for the cylinder valve standard shall be complied with.

EN 13953:2015 (E)**5.2 Metallic materials**

5.2.1 Hot stamped brass shall be non-porous and shall be suitable for machining or other processes. Sand-cast brass shall not be used.

Leaded brass shall be CW614N or CW617N in accordance with EN 12420 and EN 12164.

Cold drawn brass rods up to 45 mm wide in cross-section shall only be used after heat treatment and testing for internal cracking. Cold drawn brass rods greater than 45 mm wide in cross-section shall not be used.

Components produced from stamping brass shall not exhibit cold shuts, also known as folds, or surface defects such as a crack which may lead to leakage or component failure.

5.2.2 Springs shall be manufactured from stainless steel in accordance with EN 10270-3 or equivalent standard.

Components, when made from stainless steel, shall contain not less than 16 % chromium and not less than 7 % nickel.

5.3 Non-metallic components

Non-metallic materials in contact with LPG shall not distort, harden or adhere to the body or seat face to such an extent as to impair the function of the valve.

Non-metallic materials in contact with LPG shall meet the requirements for resistance to gas (pentane test), lubricants, ageing, compression, ozone (where the material is exposed to the atmosphere) in accordance with EN 549.

Non-metallic materials which are exposed to the atmosphere shall be UV resistant as confirmed by the material manufacturer.

5.4 Lubricants, sealants and adhesives

Lubricants, sealants and adhesives used on operating threads and seals, shall be compatible with LPG and not interfere with the operation of the valve.

Sealants shall comply with the requirements of EN 751-1, EN 751-2 or EN 751-3.

6 Design**6.1 General**

6.1.1 PRVs shall be designed to operate with a pop action within the overpressure of the valve.

The valve components shall be designed with adequate strength and clearances to ensure correct operation in service.

6.1.2 Design and construction of PRVs shall ensure that the fitting of a PRV to the cylinder under normal conditions and in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer does not affect its performance. When a PRV is integral with a cylinder valve, it shall be ensured that fitting of the cylinder valve to the cylinder in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer does not affect the performance of the PRV.

6.1.3 The sealing element carrier shall be manufactured from a metallic material with a minimum melting point of 450 °C. Non-metallic materials can be used if they are able to meet the same requirements without deformation or degradation which would impair the operation of the valve.

6.1.4 The design shall incorporate guiding arrangements for the sealing element to ensure reliable operation and leak tightness.

6.1.5 The sealing element shall be secured to prevent it becoming loose in operation.

6.1.6 Means shall be provided to lock and/or to seal the PRV in order to prevent and/or reveal any tampering with the settings. Adhesive shall not be used.

6.1.7 When PRVs are provided with a means of protection (such as a disc or cap) to prevent the ingress of foreign matter, such protection shall be designed so as not to be easily displaced except by the discharge from the PRV and shall not interfere with the proper operation of the valve.

6.1.8 The nominal discharge capacity of the PRV for the cylinder shall be calculated in accordance with Annex C.

6.1.9 The flow rating pressure shall be 120 % of the nominal set pressure when sizing the PRV in accordance with Annex C.

6.1.10 The nominal set pressure for pressure relief valves shall have a value between 2,1 MPa and 3,5 MPa (21 bar and 35 bar) as specified by the valve manufacturer.

6.1.11 In certain liquid off take applications where the PRV, during correct use, is located below the liquid level, an internal tube of sufficient internal cross-sectional area communicating with the vapour space shall be fitted to the PRV. It shall be secured in place, during the service life of the PRV, and when the PRV is discharging at full capacity.

6.1.12 PRVs designed such that the PRV is capable of retaining water on the discharge side of the PRV seat, shall be provided with a protection cap or with a drain at the lowest point where water collects.

6.2 Threads

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The end connections for PRVs intended to be directly fitted into the cylinder, shall either be a taper thread or a parallel thread combined with a sealing and securing method.

NOTE EN ISO 13341 [5] provides guidance for the insertion of valves into gas cylinders.

A PRV intended to be used with a vent extension or a discharge pipe shall be threaded or otherwise constructed to allow for their connection to the PRV body.

6.3 Springs

Springs shall be designed in accordance with EN 13906-1 or shall be designed to prevent design stresses (as specified in EN 13906-1) being exceeded at the flow rating pressure. Stops may be provided to avoid excessive stresses.

Springs shall be guided and arranged to reduce binding, buckling, or other interference with their free movement. Both ends of the spring shall be closed, ground and at 90° to the axis.

7 Type Testing and inspection of the design

7.1 General

7.1.1 All sample PRVs shall be tested in accordance with the requirements of 7.3 to 7.9.

7.1.2 The test sequence and valve sample numbers are identified in Table 1.

7.1.3 The test medium shall be air or nitrogen for all tests unless otherwise stated.