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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 023 "Transportable gas cylinders", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

This European Standard replaces EN 1975:1999..

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by August 1999, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 1999.

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## Introduction

The purpose of this standard is to provide a specification for the design, manufacture, inspection and approval of refillable transportable seamless aluminium and aluminium alloy gas cylinders. The specifications given are based on knowledge of, and experience with, materials, design requirements, manufacturing processes and control during manufacture, of cylinders in common use in the countries of the CEN members.

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## 1 Scope

This standard specifies minimum requirements for the material, design, construction and workmanship, manufacturing processes and tests at manufacture of refillable transportable seamless aluminium and aluminium alloy gas cylinders of water capacities from 0,5 l up to and including 150 l for compressed, liquefied and dissolved gases.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates, by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 962:1996	Transportable gas cylinders - Valve protection caps and valve guards for industrial and medical gas cylinders - Design, construction and tests
EN 1089-1:1996	Transportable gas cylinders - Gas cylinder identification - Part 1: Stampmarking
EN 10002-1	Metallic materials - Tensile testing - Part 1: Method of test
EN 10003-1	Metallic materials - Brinell hardness test - Part 1: Test method
EN ISO 13341	Transportable gas cylinders - Fitting of valves to gas cylinders
EURONORM 6-55	Bend test for steel
EURONORM 12-55	Bend test of sheet steels and strips with a thickness of less than 3 mm
EN ISO 7539-6: 1995	Corrosion of metals and alloys - Stress corrosion testing - Part 6: Preparation and use of pre-cracked specimens (ISO 7539-6: 1989)

### 3 Definitions and symbols

For the purposes of this standard the following definitions and symbols apply.

#### 3.1 Definitions

**3.1.1 yield stress:** Value corresponding to 0,2 % proof stress (non-proportional elongation),  $R_{p0,2}$  for aluminium alloys, or 1 % proof stress for unalloyed aluminium in the unhardened state.

**3.1.2 solution heat treatment:** A thermal treatment which consists of heating the products to a suitable temperature, holding at that temperature long enough to allow constituents to enter into solid solution and cooling rapidly enough to hold the constituents in solution.

**3.1.3 quenching:** Controlled rapid cooling in a suitable medium to retain the solute phase in solid solution.

**3.1.4 artificial ageing:** A heat treatment process in which the solute phase is precipitated to give an increased yield stress and tensile strength.

**3.1.5 stabilizing heat treatment:** Heat treatment applied to some 5000 series aluminium alloys in order to prevent changes in mechanical properties and structure under service conditions.

**3.1.6 batch:** A quantity of up to 200 cylinders, plus cylinders for destructive testing, of the same nominal diameter, thickness, length and design, made successively from the same cast and subjected to the same heat treatment for the same duration of time.

**3.1.7 mass:** The mass of a cylinder, expressed in kilogrammes, comprising the combined mass of cylinder and permanently attached parts (e.g. foot ring, neck ring, etc.) but without valve.

**3.1.8 design stress factor ( $F$ ) (variable):** The ratio of equivalent wall stress at test pressure ( $p_h$ ) to guaranteed minimum yield stress ( $R_e$ ).

#### 3.2 Symbols

- $a$  Calculated minimum thickness, in millimetres, of the cylindrical shell
- $a'$  Guaranteed minimum thickness, in millimetres, of the cylindrical shell
- $A$  Percentage elongation, determined by the tensile test 7.1.2.1
- $b$  Guaranteed minimum thickness, in millimetres, at the centre of a convex base (see figure 1)
- $d$  Diameter of former, in millimetres (see figure 5)



$D$	Nominal outside diameter of the cylinder, in millimetres (see figure 1)
$F$	Design stress factor (variable) (see 3.1.8)
$H$	Outside height of domed part (convex head or base end), in millimetres (see figure 1)
$n$	The ratio of the diameter of the bend test former to actual thickness of test piece ( $t$ )
$p_b$	Measured burst pressure, in bar <sup>1)</sup> above atmospheric pressure
$p_{lc}$	Lower cyclic pressure, in bar <sup>1)</sup> above atmospheric pressure
$p_h$	Hydraulic test pressure, in bar <sup>1)</sup> above atmospheric pressure
$p_y$	Observed yield pressure, in bar <sup>1)</sup> above atmospheric pressure
$r$	Inside knuckle radius, in millimetres (see figure 1)
$r_i$	Inside crown radius, in millimetres (see figure 1)
$R_e$	Minimum guaranteed value of yield stress (see 3.1.1), in megapascals, for the finished cylinder
$R_{ea}$	Actual value of yield stress, in megapascals, determined by the tensile test 7.1.2.1
$R_g$	Minimum guaranteed value of tensile strength, in megapascals, for the finished cylinder
$R_m$	Actual value of tensile strength, in megapascals, determined by the tensile test 7.1.2.1
$S_0$	Original cross-sectional area of tensile test piece, in square millimetres, according to EN 10002-1
$t$	Actual thickness of test specimen, in millimetres

## 4 Materials

### 4.1 General provisions

**4.1.1** Gas cylinders may be manufactured from unalloyed aluminium of at least 99,5 % purity.

**4.1.2** Aluminium alloy(s) may be used to produce gas cylinders provided that they satisfy the requirements of the corrosion resistance tests defined in annex A, meet all other requirements of this standard including annex B and are approved by the relevant Authority.

The alloys most commonly used for the fabrication of gas cylinders are those given in table 1.

<sup>1)</sup> 1 bar = 10<sup>5</sup> Pa = 0,1 MPa.

**4.1.3** The cylinder manufacturer shall identify the cylinders with the particular casts of the alloy from which they are made, and shall obtain and provide certificates of the analyses of the casts used.

## **4.2 Heat treatment**

### **4.2.1 Heat treatable alloys**

The manufacturer shall specify on the prototype testing documentation the solution heat treatment and artificial ageing temperatures and the times for which the cylinders have been held at those temperatures. The medium used for quenching after solution heat treatment shall be identified.

### **4.2.2 Non-heat treatable alloys**

The manufacturer shall specify on the prototype testing documentation the type of metal forming operation carried out (extrusion, drawing, ironing, head forming, etc.).

Unless the alloy is subjected to a temperature in excess of 400 °C during the forming process, a stabilizing heat treatment shall be carried out and the temperature and time at temperature shall be identified by the manufacturer.

### **4.2.3 Control of specified heat treatment**

During the heat treatment, the manufacturer shall comply with the specified temperatures and durations, within the following tolerances:

#### a) Temperatures

Solution temperature	$\pm 10$ °C
Artificial ageing temperature	$\pm 5$ °C
Stabilizing temperature	$\pm 10$ °C

#### b) Durations

Time cylinders actually spend at temperature during treatments

Solution treatment	$\pm 30$ %
Ageing treatment	$\pm 20$ %
Stabilizing treatment	$\pm 10$ %

**Table 1: Chemical composition of aluminium alloys**

Type of alloy AA <sup>1)</sup> registered designation	Marking code reference	Chemical composition - weight %														
		Si	Fe	Cu	Mn	Mg	Cr	Ni	Zn	Ti	Zr	Pb	Others		Aluminium	
													Each	Total		
5283A	min	-	-	-	0,50	4,5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Remainder
	max	0,30	0,30	0,03	1,0	5,1	0,03	0,10	0,03	0,05	0,0030	0,05	0,05	0,15	0,15	Remainder
6061 A	min	0,40	-	0,15	-	0,8	0,04	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Remainder
	max	0,8	0,7	0,40	0,15	1,2	0,35	0,25	0,15	-	0,0030	0,05	0,05	0,15	0,15	Remainder
6082 A	min	0,7	-	-	0,40	0,60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Remainder
	max	1,3	0,50	0,10	1,0	1,2	0,25	0,20	0,10	-	0,0030	0,05	0,05	0,15	0,15	Remainder
6351 A	min	0,7	-	-	0,40	0,40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Remainder
	max	1,3	0,50	0,10	0,8	0,8	-	0,20	0,20	-	0,0030	0,05	0,05	0,15	0,15	Remainder
7060	min	-	-	1,8	-	1,3	0,15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Remainder
	max	0,15	0,20	2,6	0,20	2,1	0,25	7,5	0,05	0,05	0,0030	0,05	0,05	0,15	0,15	Remainder

<sup>1)</sup> AA is the Aluminum Association Inc., 900 19th Street N.W., Washington D.C., 20006-2168, USA.

NOTE: Where a melt contains scrap or other re-used material the bismuth content shall not exceed 0,0030 %.

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## 5 Design

### 5.1 General provisions

**5.1.1** The calculation of the wall thickness of the pressure-containing parts shall be related to the yield stress ( $R_e$ ) of the material to ensure elastic behaviour.

**5.1.2** For calculation purposes the value of the yield stress ( $R_e$ ) is limited to a maximum of  $0,90 R_g$  for aluminium alloys.

**5.1.3** The internal pressure upon which the calculation of wall thickness is based shall be the hydraulic test pressure ( $p_h$ ).

**5.1.4** For dissolved acetylene, the manufacturing process of the porous mass can modify the characteristics of the aluminium alloy used. This shall be considered when designing the shell.

### 5.2 Calculation of cylindrical wall thickness

The guaranteed minimum thickness of the cylindrical shell ( $a'$ ) shall not be less than the thickness calculated using the equation:

$$a = \frac{D}{2} \sqrt{\frac{10 \cdot F \cdot R_e - \sqrt{3} \cdot p_h}{10 \cdot F \cdot R_e}}$$

where the value of  $F$  is the lesser of  $\frac{0,65}{(R_e / R_g)}$  or  $0,77$ .

$R_e/R_g$  shall be limited to  $0,90$ .

The calculated minimum thickness shall also satisfy the equation:

$$a \geq \frac{D}{100} + 1 \text{ mm}$$

with an absolute minimum of  $a = 1,5$  mm.

When choosing the minimum guaranteed value of the thickness of the cylindrical shell ( $a'$ ), the manufacturer shall take into account all requirements for prototype and production testing, particularly the burst and yield pressure test requirements of 7.2.2.2.

For examples of wall thickness calculations see annex E.

### 5.3 Design of ends (heads and bases)

The thickness and shape of the base and head of the cylinders shall be such as to meet the requirements of the tests laid down in 7.2 and 7.3.

In order to achieve satisfactory stress distribution, the cylinder wall thickness shall increase progressively in the transition zone between the cylindrical shell and the ends, particularly the base. For example, typical shapes of convex heads and base ends are shown in figure 1. The thickness at any part of the base shall not be less than the guaranteed minimum thickness of the cylindrical part.

The inside knuckle radius ( $r$ ) shall not be less than 10 % of the inside diameter of the shell.

For convex ends, the inside crown radius ( $r_1$ ) shall not be greater than 1,2 x the inside diameter of the shell.

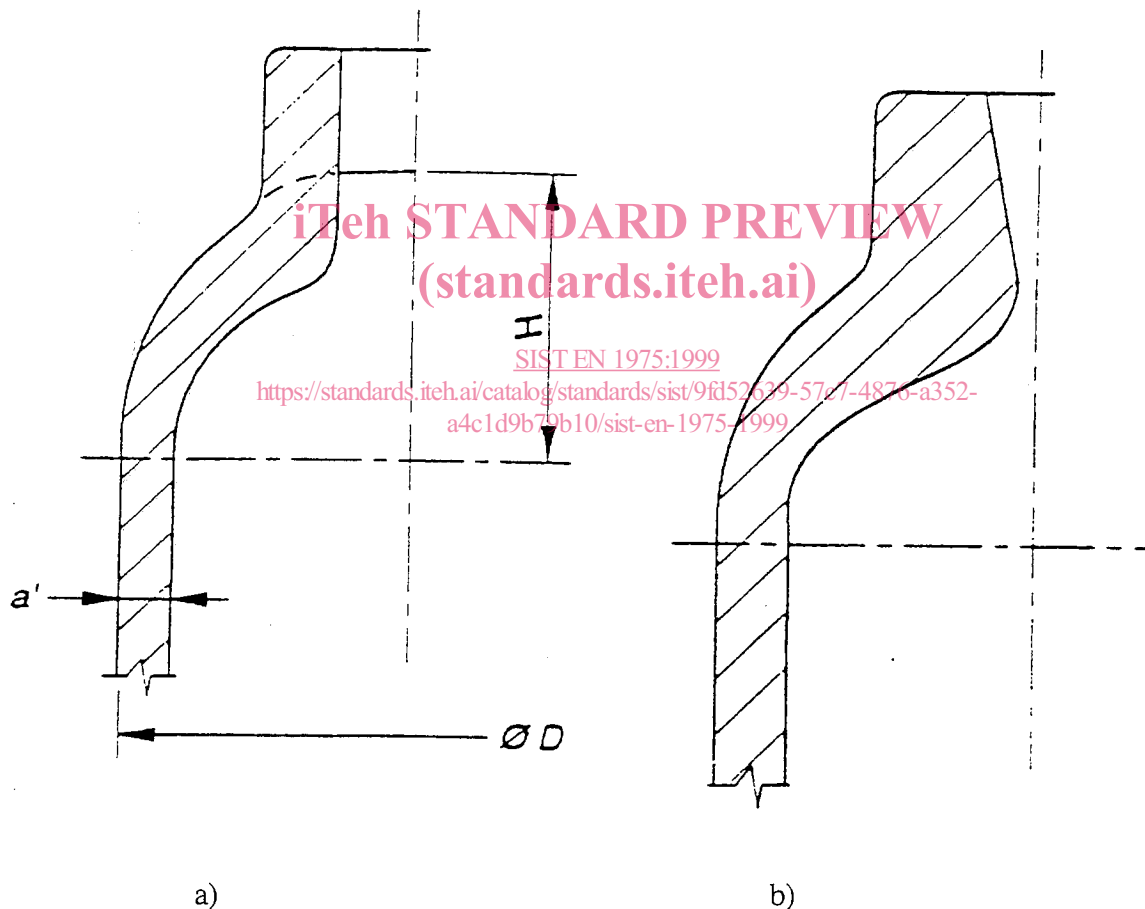
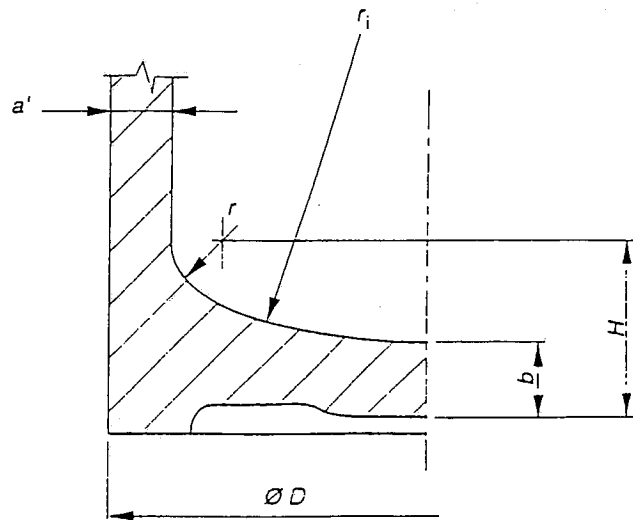
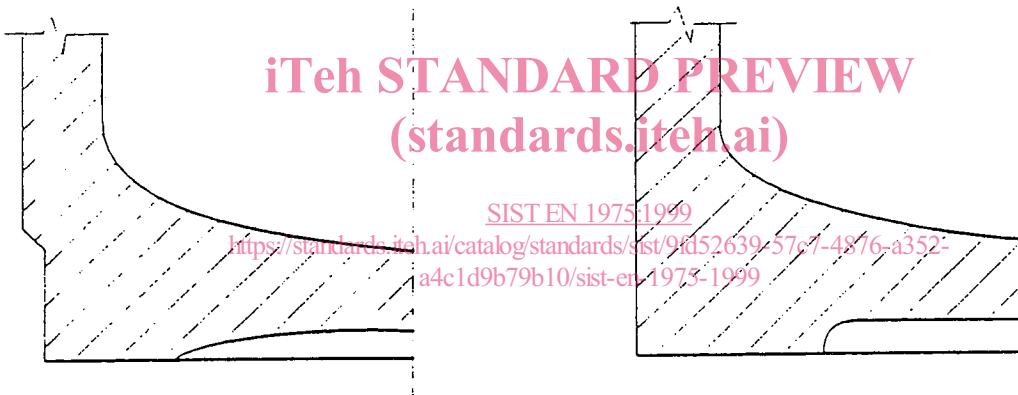


Figure 1: Examples of convex ends

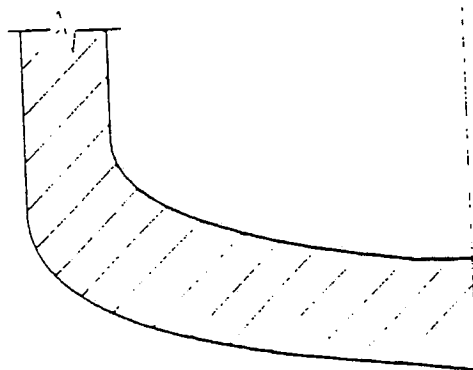


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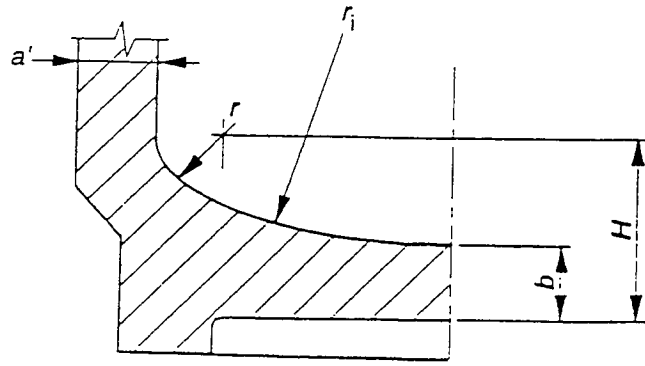
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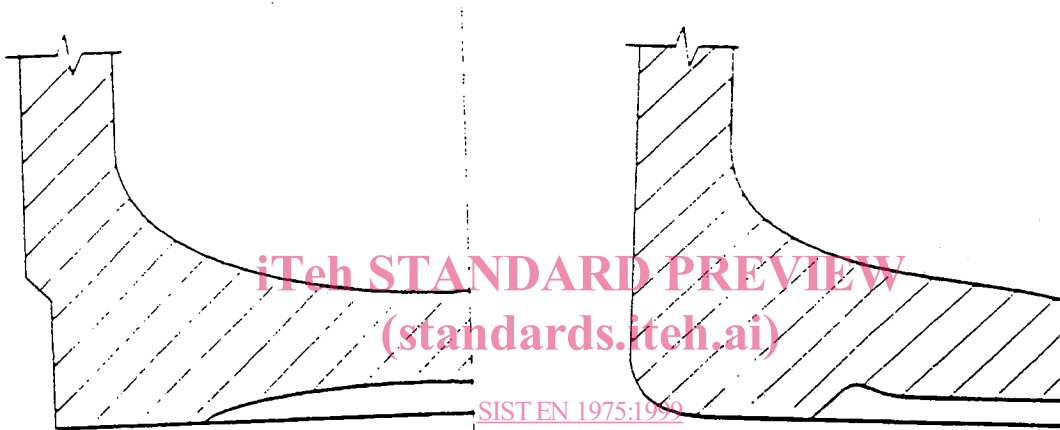


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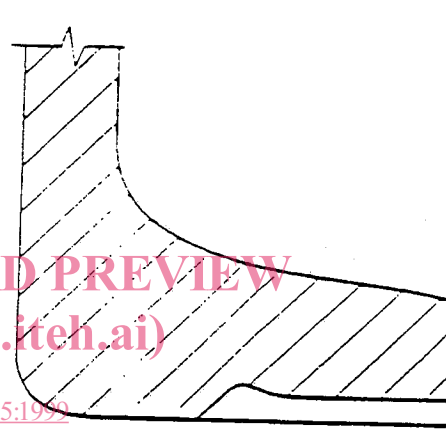
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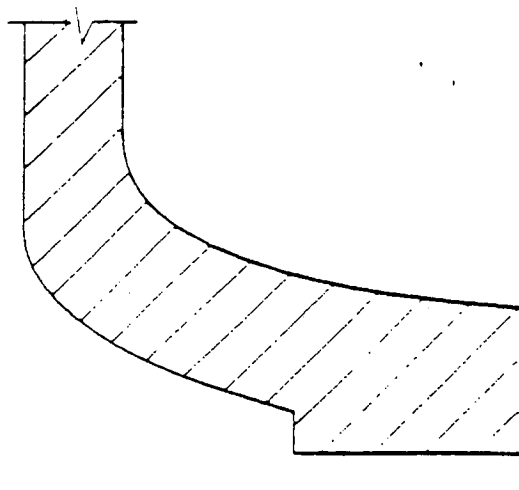
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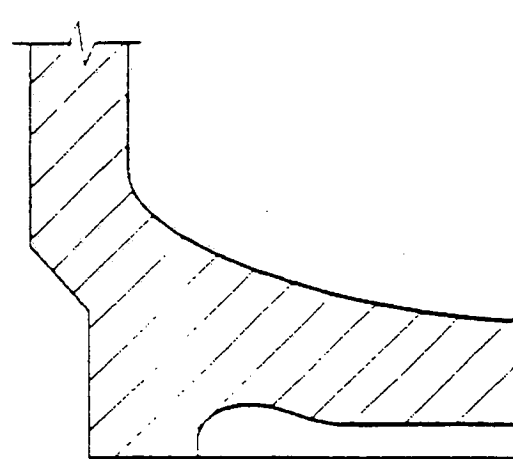
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Figure 1: Examples of convex ends (concluded)