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cylinders and tubes —**

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**Hoop wrapped fibre reinforced  
composite gas cylinders and tubes up  
to 450 l**

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## Foreword

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This document has been written so that it is suitable to be referenced in the UN Model Regulations<sup>[1]</sup>.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11119-1:2012), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- References updated.
- [7.1.3](#) Minimum fibre stress ratios added.
- [8.5.8](#) Fire resistance test. Changes to the procedure to make the test more consistent. Adding a criteria for tubes above 150 l to be tested for 5 min.
- [8.5.10](#) Torque Test is now only required for taper threads.

A list of all parts in the ISO 11119 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a specification for the design, manufacture, inspection and testing of cylinders for worldwide usage. The objective is to balance design and economic efficiency against international acceptance and universal utility.

This document aims to eliminate the concern about climate, duplicate inspection and restrictions currently existing because of lack of definitive International Standards and is not to be construed as reflecting on the suitability of the practice of any nation or region.

This document addresses the general requirements on design, construction and initial inspection and testing of pressure receptacles of the *Recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods: Model regulations* developed by the United Nations<sup>[15]</sup>.

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# Gas cylinders — Design, construction and testing of refillable composite gas cylinders and tubes —

## Part 1:

# Hoop wrapped fibre reinforced composite gas cylinders and tubes up to 450 l

## 1 Scope

This document specifies minimum requirements for the material, design, construction and workmanship, manufacturing processes, examination and testing at time of manufacture for:

- type 2 composite hoop wrapped cylinders or tubes with a load-sharing metal liner and composite reinforcement on the cylindrical portion only;
- water capacities up to 450 l;
- the storage and conveyance of compressed or liquefied gases;
- cylinders and tubes with composite reinforcement of carbon fibre, aramid fibre or glass fibre (or a mixture thereof) within a matrix or steel wire to provide circumferential reinforcement;
- a minimum design life of 15 years.

This document does not address the design, fitting, and performance of removable protective sleeves.

NOTE 1 References to cylinders in this document include composite tubes if appropriate.

NOTE 2 ISO 11439 applies to cylinders intended for use as fuel containers on natural gas vehicles and ISO 11623 covers periodic inspection and re-testing of composite cylinders.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3341, *Textile glass — Yarns — Determination of breaking force and breaking elongation*

ISO 6506-1, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6892-1, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing — Part 1: Method of test at room temperature*

ISO 7225, *Gas cylinders — Precautionary labels*

ISO 7866, *Gas cylinders — Refillable seamless aluminium alloy gas cylinders — Design, construction and testing*

ISO 9809-1, *Gas cylinders — Design, construction and testing of refillable seamless steel gas cylinders and tubes — Part 1: Quenched and tempered steel cylinders and tubes with tensile strength less than 1 100 MPa*

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ISO 9809-2, *Gas cylinders — Design, construction and testing of refillable seamless steel gas cylinders and tubes — Part 2: Quenched and tempered steel cylinders and tubes with tensile strength greater than or equal to 1 100 MPa*

ISO 9809-3, *Gas cylinders — Design, construction and testing of refillable seamless steel gas cylinders and tubes — Part 3: Normalized steel cylinders and tubes*

ISO 9809-4, *Gas cylinders — Refillable seamless steel gas cylinders — Design, construction and testing — Part 4: Stainless steel cylinders with an Rm value of less than 1 100 MPa*

ISO 10286, *Gas cylinders — Vocabulary*

ISO 10618, *Carbon fibre — Determination of tensile properties of resin-impregnated yarn*

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

ISO 11114-4, *Transportable gas cylinders — Compatibility of cylinder and valve materials with gas contents — Part 4: Test methods for selecting steels resistant to hydrogen embrittlement*

ISO 13341, *Gas cylinders — Fitting of valves to gas cylinders*

ISO 13769, *Gas cylinders — Stamp marking*

ISO 14130, *Fibre-reinforced plastic composites — Determination of apparent interlaminar shear strength by short-beam method*

ASTM E1356–08, *Standard Test Method for Assignment of the Glass Transition Temperatures by Differential Scanning Calorimetry*

ASTM D7269, *Standard test methods for tensile testing of aramid yarns*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO 10286 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1

##### **aramid fibre**

continuous filaments of aramid laid up in tow form

#### 3.2

##### **autofrettage**

pressure application procedure which strains the metal liner past its yield point sufficient to cause permanent plastic deformation, and results in the liner having compressive stresses and the fibres having tensile stresses when at zero internal gauge pressure

#### 3.3

##### **batch**

set of homogeneous items or material

Note 1 to entry: The number of items in a batch can vary according to the context in which the term is used.



**3.4****batch of liners**

production quantity of up to 200 finished liners successively produced, plus units required for destructive testing of the same nominal diameter, length, thickness and design, from the same material cast and heat treated to the same conditions of temperature and time

**3.5****batch of finished cylinders**

production quantity of up to 200 finished cylinders successively produced by the same manufacturing process plus finished cylinders required for destructive testing, of the same nominal diameter, length, thickness and design

**3.6****burst pressure**

highest pressure reached in a cylinder during a burst test

**3.7****carbon fibre**

continuous filaments of carbon laid up in tow form

**3.8****composite overwrap**

combination of fibres (including steel wire) and matrix

**3.9****dedicated gas service**

service in which a cylinder is to be used only with a specified gas or gases

**3.10****equivalent fibre**

equivalent wire

fibre (or wire) from the same material family and similar properties to a fibre (or wire) in a previously prototype tested cylinder

**3.11****equivalent liner**

liner of the same alloy family, and that has certified properties and performance so as to be a directly comparable to a liner used in an already approved cylinder

**3.12****equivalent matrix**

resin matrix from the same chemical family and similar properties to the resin matrix used in a previously prototype tested cylinder

**3.14****glass fibre**

continuous filaments of glass laid up in tow form

**3.15****liner**

inner portion of the composite cylinder, comprising a metallic vessel, whose purpose is both to contain the gas and transmit the gas pressure to the fibres

**3.16****matrix**

material that is used to bind and hold the fibres in place

**3.18****thermoplastic**

plastics capable of being repeatedly softened by increase of temperature and hardened by decrease of temperature

### 3.19

#### **thermosetting**

plastics that, when cured by the application of heat or chemical means, harden permanently into a substantially infusible and insoluble product

### 3.21

#### **working pressure**

$p_w$   
settled pressure of a compressed gas at a reference temperature of 15 °C in a full gas cylinder

### 3.22

#### **nominal outside diameter**

diameter of the cylinder specified by the manufacturer for the type approval including tolerances (e.g.  $\pm 1\%$ )

### 3.23

#### **glass transition temperature**

$T_g$   
temperature where a polymer substrate changes from a rigid glassy material to a soft (not melted) material, and is usually measured in terms of the stiffness, or modulus

## 4 Symbols

$p_{bl}$	burst pressure of finished liner	bar
$p_b$	burst pressure of finished cylinder	bar
$p_h$	test pressure	bar
$p_{max}$	maximum developed pressure at 65 °C	bar

## 5 Inspection and testing

To ensure that the cylinders conform to this document they shall be subject to inspection and testing in accordance with [Clauses 6, 7, 8, and 9](#) by an inspection body (hereafter referred to as “the inspector”) authorized to do so. Example forms of certificates that can be used are shown in [Annexes A and B](#).

Equipment used for measurement, testing, and examination during production shall be maintained and calibrated within a documented quality management system.

## 6 Materials

### 6.1 Liner materials

**6.1.1** The liner materials shall conform in all relevant respects to the appropriate standard:

- seamless steel liners: ISO 9809-1, ISO 9809-2 or ISO 9809-3, as appropriate;
- seamless stainless steel liners: ISO 9809-4;
- seamless aluminium alloy liners: ISO 7866.

Relevant sections are those covering materials, thermal treatments, neck design, construction and workmanship, and mechanical tests. This excludes the design requirements, since these are specified by the manufacturer for the design of the composite cylinder (see [7.2.2](#)).

**6.1.2** The materials used shall be of uniform and consistent quality. The composite cylinder manufacturer shall verify that each new batch of materials has the correct properties and is of satisfactory quality, and shall maintain records so that the cast of material and the heat treatment batch (where applicable) used for the manufacture of each cylinder can be identified.

**6.1.3** The liner shall be manufactured from a metal or alloy suitable for containing the gas in accordance with ISO 11114-1. For compatibility with hydrogen see also ISO 11114-4.

**6.1.4** When a neck ring is provided, it shall be of a material compatible with that of the cylinder, and shall be securely attached by a method appropriate to the liner material.

## **6.2 Composite materials**

**6.2.1** The overwrap filament materials shall be carbon fibre or aramid fibre or glass fibre (or any mixture thereof) or steel wire.

**6.2.2** The matrix shall be a polymer suited to the application, environment, and intended life of the product.

**6.2.3** The supplier of the filament material and the matrix system component materials or steel wire shall provide documentation for the composite cylinder manufacturer to be able to identify fully the batch of materials used in the manufacture of each cylinder.

**6.2.4** The materials used shall be of uniform and consistent quality. The composite cylinder manufacturer shall verify that each new batch of materials has the correct properties and is of satisfactory quality, and maintain records from which the batch of materials used for the manufacture of each cylinder can be identified. A certificate of conformity from the material manufacturer is considered acceptable for the purposes of verification.

**6.2.5** Batches of materials shall be identified and documented.

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## **7 Design and manufacture**

### **7.1 General**

**7.1.1** A hoop-wrapped composite gas cylinder shall comprise:

- a) an internal metal liner, which carries the total longitudinal load and a substantial circumferential load;
- b) either a composite overwrap formed by layers of continuous fibres in a matrix or a composite overwrap formed by steel wire reinforcement;
- c) an optional external protection system.

Where necessary, care shall be taken to ensure that there is no adverse reaction between the liner and the reinforcing fibre by the application of a suitable protective coating to the liner prior to the wrapping process.

**7.1.2** Cylinders shall be designed with one or two openings along the central axis only. Threads shall extend completely through the neck or have sufficient threads to allow full engagement of the valve.

The cylinder can also include additional fittings (e.g. neck rings).

**7.1.3** The cylinders shall be designed for high reliability under sustained load and cyclic loading. Therefore, it is necessary to take account of the properties of the individual composite fibres and to establish their respective minimum fibre stress ratios.

The fibre stress ratio is defined as the fibre stress at calculated design minimum burst pressure divided by the fibre stress at 2/3 test pressure.

The minimum fibre stress ratios shall be as follows:

- for glass: 3,0;
- for aramid: 3,0;
- for carbon: 2,4.

The strength of the individual types of fibres used in hybrid construction may be verified by testing of containers reinforced with a single type of fibre. In a hybrid construction, the applicable stress ratio requirements shall be met in one of the two following ways:

- a) if load sharing between the various fibre reinforcing materials is considered a fundamental part of the design, each fibre shall meet the stated stress ratio requirements.
- b) if load sharing between fibres is not considered as a fundamental part of the design, then one of the reinforcing fibres shall be capable of meeting the stress ratio requirements even if all other fibre reinforcing materials are removed.

**7.1.4** Example forms of certificates are shown in [Annexes A](#) and [B](#).

## 7.2 Design submission

**7.2.1** The design submission for each new cylinder shall include a detailed drawing, along with documentation of the design including manufacturing and inspection particulars as specified in [7.2.2](#), [7.2.3](#), and [7.2.4](#).

**7.2.2** Documentation for the liner shall include (but not be limited to):

- a) material, including limits of chemical analysis;
- b) dimensions, minimum thickness, straightness, and out-of-roundness, with tolerances;
- c) process and specification of manufacture;
- d) heat treatment, temperatures, duration, and tolerances;
- e) inspection procedures (minimum requirements);
- f) material properties (mechanical properties requirements);
- g) minimum design burst pressure;
- h) dimensional details of valve threads and any other permanent features.

**7.2.3** Documentation for the composite overwrap shall include (but not be limited to):

- a) fibre or wire material, specification, and mechanical properties requirements;
- b) fibre or wire construction, strand geometry and treatment;
- c) minimum composite thickness