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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 41, *Specific aspects for gaseous fuels*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 15500-16:2012), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 15500-16:2012/Amd.1:2016. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- serial number or data code became mandatory in marking.

A list of all parts in the ISO 15500 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

For the purposes of this document, all fuel system components in contact with natural gas have been considered suitable for natural gas as defined in the ISO 15403 series. However, it is recognized that miscellaneous components not specifically covered herein can be examined to meet the criteria of this document and tested according to the appropriate functional tests.

All references to pressure in this document are considered to be gauge pressures unless otherwise specified.

This document is based on a service pressure for natural gas used as fuel of 20 MPa [200 bar<sup>1)</sup>] settled at 15 °C. Other service pressures can be accommodated by adjusting the pressure by the appropriate factor (ratio). For example, a 25 MPa (250 bar) service pressure system will require pressures to be multiplied by 1,25.

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1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10<sup>5</sup> Pa 1 MPa = 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

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# Road vehicles — Compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system components —

## Part 16: Rigid fuel line in stainless steel

### 1 Scope

This document specifies tests and requirements for the rigid fuel line in stainless steel, a compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system component in accordance with ISO 1127 intended for use on the types of motor vehicles defined in ISO 3833.

This document is applicable to vehicles (mono-fuel, bi-fuel or dual-fuel applications) using natural gas in accordance with the ISO 15403 series.

It is not applicable to the following:

- a) liquefied natural gas (LNG) fuel system components located upstream of, and including, the vaporizer;
- b) fuel containers;
- c) stationary gas engines;
- d) container-mounting hardware;
- e) electronic fuel management;
- f) refuelling receptacles.

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### 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 1127, *Stainless steel tubes — Dimensions, tolerances and conventional masses per unit length*

ISO 15500-1, *Road vehicles — Compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system components — Part 1: General requirements and definitions*

ISO 15500-2:2016, *Road vehicles — Compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system components — Part 2: Performance and general test methods*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15500-1 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/>

## 4 Marking

Marking of the component shall provide sufficient information to allow the following to be traced:

- a) the manufacturer's or agent's name, trademark or symbol;
- b) the model designation (part number);
- c) the working pressure or pressure and temperature range;
- d) the serial number or date code.

The following additional markings are recommended:

- the direction of flow (when necessary for correct installation);
- the type of fuel;
- the electrical ratings (if applicable);
- the symbol of the certification agency;
- the type approval number;
- a reference to this document.

NOTE This information can be provided by a suitable identification code on at least one part of the component when it consists of more than one part.

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## 5 Construction and assembly

The stainless-steel rigid fuel line shall comply with the applicable provisions of ISO 15500-1 and ISO 15500-2, and with the tests specified in [Clause 6](#). Tolerances should follow the specifications of ISO 15500-2.

The stainless-steel rigid fuel line shall be seamless cold worked austenitic stainless-steel tube complying with ISO 1127.

## 6 Tests

### 6.1 Applicability

The tests required to be carried out are indicated in [Table 1](#).



Table 1 — Applicable tests

Test	Applicable	Test procedure as required by ISO 15500-2	Specific test requirements of this document
Hydrostatic strength	X	X	X (see <a href="#">6.2</a> )
Leakage	X	X	
Excess torque resistance			
Bending moment			
Continued operation	X	X	X (see <a href="#">6.3</a> )
Corrosion resistance	X	X	
Oxygen ageing			
Ozone ageing	X	X	
Heat ageing	X	X	
Automotive fluids	X	X	
Electrical over-voltages			
Non-metallic material immersion			
Vibration resistance			
Brass material compatibility			
Bending	X		X (see <a href="#">6.4</a> )
Conductivity			

## 6.2 Hydrostatic strength

Test the rigid fuel line according to the procedure for testing hydrostatic strength specified in ISO 15500-2. The test pressure shall be four times the working pressure.

NOTE The higher hydrostatic test pressure for the rigid fuel line compared to the components in the other parts of the ISO 15500 series is due to the necessary provisions to cope with eventual damage or abrasions under normal operation.

## 6.3 Continued operation

Test the rigid fuel line in accordance with the procedure for testing continued operation given in ISO 15500-2, for a total of 100 000 cycles. Following cycling testing, perform the hydrostatic test in accordance with [6.2](#).

## 6.4 Bending

Test the rigid fuel line according to the following procedure and acceptance criterion.

- a) Select a mandrel with a diameter according to ISO 15500-2:2016, Table 1.
- b) Bend the rigid fuel line over this mandrel once, forming a “U” shape.
- c) Close the ends of the rigid fuel line and subject it to the hydrostatic test of [6.2](#). At the completion of the hydrostatic test, the rigid fuel line shall be tested according to the procedure for leakage testing specified in ISO 15500-2.