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components —**

**Part 1:
Snap-in tyre valves test methods**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14960-1:2014), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- all test methods have been revised;
- test methods have been added for valve hole with diameter 8,8 mm;
- resistance tests have been added.

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Part 1: Snap-in tyre valves test methods

1 Scope

This document specifies test methods for snap-in tubeless tyre valves intended for, but are not limited to, on-road applications. TPMS valves and high-pressure valves are not included in this document.

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 3877-2, *Tyres, valves and tubes — List of equivalent terms — Part 2: Tyre valves*

ISO 9413, *Tyre valves — Dimensions and designation*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions and designations given in ISO 3877-2, ISO 9413 and the following apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

snap-in valve

tyre valve having a rigid housing adhered to a resilient body designed to retain and seal the valve in the rim hole

3.2

unused valve

valve that has completed final curing processing at least 24 h previously, that has not been subjected to any test or service and that has been stored for no longer than four months in the dark at an ambient temperature between 18 °C and 28 °C, in an optimal and non-aggressive environment

Note 1 to entry: Rubber compounds can change characteristics during their life expectancy.

3.3

sealing cap

protective part that is matched with a valve stem and includes an elastomer seal

Note 1 to entry: An example of sealing cap is given in ISO 9413.

4 Methods for testing tubeless tyres snap-in valves

4.1 General

All the pressures mentioned in the testing procedures are gauge pressures.

A tested snap-in valve shall be a unit free of rubber in the air passage, no rubber or cement above the second thread on the housing, and without flow cracks, blisters, voids, or other moulding defects. The mould parting line flash if present should not influence the test execution.

4.2 Ageing

If nothing specified, each of the following tests shall be considered on unused valves.

For the purpose of this testing method, aged valves are those unused valves that have been subjected to $100\text{ °C} \pm 3\text{ °C}$ for 4 h in circulating hot air and then cooled at $23\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$ a minimum of 4 h.

Other ageing profile should be considered regarding the real-life case. The definition of other ageing profile shall be agreed between the customer and the valve manufacturer.

4.3 Test fixtures

Break both edges on both sides of the valve hole either by a 45° chamfer or a radius from 0,3 mm to 0,4 mm. Emery cloth or suitable tooling is recommended. It is recommended that material of the test fixture be representative of the material of the actual rim.

The primary external seal of a “snap-in” valve in a valve hole is obtained from the rubber compression of the valve body onto the internal surface of the valve hole. Secondary external sealing may be present by the contact of the remainder of the valve body exterior to the surface of the material around the valve hole. Either of these seals can be affected by the compound curvatures in the wheel rims and by stock thickness.

The hole diameter and thickness for the considered test is specified in [Table 1](#).

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Table 1 — Test fixtures

Test	Nominal hole diameter 8,8 mm		Nominal hole diameter 11,3 mm		Nominal hole diameter 15,7 mm	
	Test hole diameter mm	Test plate thickness mm	Test hole diameter mm	Test plate thickness mm	Test hole diameter mm	Test plate thickness mm
Valve to rim seal tests (see 5.4.1 and 5.4.2)	$9,10^{+0}_{-0,05}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$	$11,7^{+0}_{-0,05}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$	$16,1^{+0}_{-0,05}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$
Installation tests (see 5.5.1 and 5.5.2)	$8,8^{+0,05}_{-0}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$	$11,3^{+0,05}_{-0}$	$3,5 \pm 0,05$	$15,7^{+0,05}_{-0}$	$3,5 \pm 0,05$
Ozone resistance test (see 5.7)	$8,8^{+0,05}_{-0}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$	$11,3^{+0,05}_{-0}$	$3,5 \pm 0,05$	$15,7^{+0,05}_{-0}$	$3,5 \pm 0,05$
Burst test (see 5.6) and flexing resistance test (see 5.8)	$9,10^{+0}_{-0,05}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$	$11,7^{+0}_{-0,05}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$	$16,1^{+0}_{-0,05}$	$1,8 \pm 0,05$

4.4 Installation

All valves, while wet with clean water as a lubricant, shall be installed in a proper test fixture by applying valve insertion force to the end of the valve metal insert or by applying valve traction force to the mouth of the valve perpendicular to the plane of the valve mounting hole and directly through the centre of the valve mounting hole. However, no valve assembly, which has damage resulting from installation, shall be tested.