



Standard Specification for Paintball Cylinder Burst Disk Assemblies¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers burst disk assemblies for paintball marker propellant sources their application and installation requirements.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *Code of Federal Regulations*:²

DOT 49 CFR

2.2 *CGA Standard*:³

CGA S-1.1 Pressure Relief Device Standards-Part 1-Cylinders for Compressed Gases

CGA TB-13 Correct Assemblies and Installation of Rupture Disk and Fusible Plug Type Pressure Relief Devices

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.1.1 Burst Disk Assembly is sometimes known as a Rupture Disk Assembly.

3.1.2 *burst disk port, n*—port into which a burst disk assembly is installed.

3.1.3 *service pressure, n*—operating pressure as indicated by markings placed on cylinder at time of manufacture.

3.1.4 *test pressure, n*— $\frac{5}{3}$ of cylinder's service pressure.

3.2 *Abbreviations*:

3.2.1 *psi*—pounds per square inch

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² *Code of Federal Regulations*, available from U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

³ Available from Compressed Gas Assoc., Inc., 1725 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1004, Arlington, VA 22202-4102.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The materials and processes used to manufacture the burst disk assembly shall result in items with mechanical strength sufficient to pass the applicable burst pressure tests. Materials used shall be corrosion resistant, chemically compatible with the propellant used, and shall not promote galvanic action. Burst disks shall be manufactured and tested in accordance with DOT 49 CFR and CGA S-1.1.

4.2 The burst disk assembly and related port features shall be free of burrs and sharp edges.

5. Performance

5.1 Burst disk must rupture between 90 and 100 % of test pressure as noted in **Table 1**.

5.2 Burst disk assembly must contain a minimum of two relief holes positioned 180° apart.

5.3 Relief holes must be oriented to reduce the likelihood of thrust resulting in cylinder spin.

5.4 The relief hole in the burst disk assembly shall provide for flow to adequately vent the cylinder as specified in CGA S-1.1.

5.5 When installed in the burst disc port, the relief holes in the burst disk assembly shall allow for visible inspection by the end user to verify that the holes are free and clear of obstructions/debris. An example of the location of the relief holes is shown in **Fig. 1**.

5.6 The burst disk and seal shall be affixed on the plug to provide proper alignment and assembly.

5.7 The burst disk assembly will be of a single use design (non user resettable or rebuildable). Therefore, if activated, this will require the replacement of the entire burst disk assembly.

6. Marking

6.1 The burst disk assembly shall be marked with its maximum rated burst pressure. This shall be done in accordance with **Table 1**.

6.2 The markings on the burst disk assembly shall be at least 10 point type and must be marked so as to be clearly visible as shown in **Fig. 1**.