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Standard Practice for Handling, Transportation, and Storage of Halon 1211, Bromochlorodifluoromethane (CF_2BrCl)[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers guidance and direction to suppliers, recyclers, reclaimers, purchasers, and users in the handling, transportation, and storage of Halon 1211.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered 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 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

D7673/D7673M Specification for Halon 1211, Bromochlorodifluoromethane (CF_2BrCl)

2.2 *CGA Standards:*[3]

C-1 Methods for Pressure Testing Compressed Gas Cylinders

C-6 Standards for Visual Inspection of Steel Compressed Gas Cylinders

C-7 Guide to Classification and Labeling of Compressed Gases

P-1 Standard for Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers

SB-1 Safety Bulletin: Hazards of Refilling or Reusing Compressed Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbon) Gas Cylinders

SB-5 Safety Bulletin: Hazards of Reusing Disposable Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbon) Gas Cylinders

SB-18 Safety Bulletin: Use of Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbon) Recovery Cylinders

2.3 *U.S. Government Standards:*[4]

CFR Title 40, Part 82.106 Environmental Protection Agency, Warning Statement Requirements

CFR Title 49, Part 172 U.S. DOT, Hazardous Materials Table, Special Provisions, Hazardous Materials Communications, Emergency Response Information, and Training Requirements

CFR Title 49, Part 173 U.S. DOT, Specifications, Shippers-General Requirements for Shipping and Packagings

CFR Title 49, Part 178 U.S. DOT Specifications for Packagings

CFR Title 49, Part 180 U.S. DOT, Continuing Qualification and Maintenance of Packagings

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *containers*—storage vessel for Halon 1211.

3.1.2 *cylinders*—containers of Halon 1211.

3.1.3 *Halon 1211*—bromochlorodifluoromethane; a compound used to suppress a fire.

3.1.4 *insulated*—placed in an isolated situation to protect and prevent the transfer of damage.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice provides requirements for the handling, transportation, and storage of Halon 1211 encountered in distribution through both commercial and military channels. It is intended to ensure that Halon 1211 is handled, transported, and stored in such a way that its physical property values are not degraded. Transport may be by various means, such as, but not limited to, highway, rail, water, and air.

5. Practice

5.1 To ensure safe handling, loading, storing, and transporting of material, personnel shall be trained in the CGA

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[3] Available from Compressed Gas Association (CGA), 14501 George Carter Way, Suite 103, Chantilly, VA 20151, http://www.cganet.com.

[4] Available from U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), 732 N. Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401-0001, http://www.gpo.gov.

publications, CFR regulations, and other documents, as listed in 2.2 and 2.3, respectively.

5.2 *Handling:*

5.2.1 Handling shall be in accordance with CGA Publication P-1 *Standard for Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers* and as specified by the manufacturer.

5.2.1.1 Personnel who handle or store, or both, cylinders of Halon 1211 shall be trained properly to recognize and identify the characteristics of the product and the proper methods of safely handling full, partly full, and empty cylinders.

5.2.2 All Halon transfers between storage containers and recycling processes shall be performed by personnel trained in handling procedures.

5.2.3 Halon 1211 recycling and transfer processes shall be in conjunction with the equipment requirements specified by the manufacturer.

5.2.4 Halon 1211 handling shall be in nonsmoking, heater-free, ventilated areas to preclude product accumulation. Provisions shall be made to ensure that service areas limit Halon 1211 concentrations to not exceed 1 % by volume for 1 min and 0.01 % by volume for a time weighted exposure of 8 h.

5.2.5 Cylinders shall not be over filled. The liquid portion of the liquefied gas shall not completely fill the container's internal volume and the pressure shall not exceed five fourths the service pressure of the container at any temperature up to and including 130 °F (54 °C). To prevent excessive pressure in accordance with Specification D7673/D7673M, the fill density of Type 1 product within a container should not exceed that needed to achieve complete filling of the container at the maximum envisaged storage temperature. For example, for a U.S. DOT 4BW260 cylinder, the nitrogen partial pressure shall not exceed 129 psig at 70 °F (9.9 bar at 21 °C) for a 100 lb/ft^3 (1602 kg/m^3) fill density, which yields a total pressure of 150 psig at 70 °F (11.4 bar at 21 °C). For this example, the safe working pressure of the 4BW260 cylinder is not exceeded for temperatures below 131 °F (55 °C). Filling density requirements for Type II product (pure specification) are specified in CFR Title 49, Part 173.304 and CFR Title 49, Part 173.305. (See Figs. 1 and 2.)

5.2.6 Handling of materials should be done in a manner that prevents contamination or commingling of materials other than Halon 1211.

5.2.7 Cylinders shall be free of dirt and contamination that would contribute to or would cause deterioration of the product during shipment or storage. Precautions should be taken to prevent the entry of oil, water, or any other foreign matter into the container. Unique coatings or preservatives applied prior to shipment to protect the containers are not considered contamination.

5.3 *Transportation:*

5.3.1 Transportation shall be as specified in accordance with DOT regulations of CFR Title 49.

5.3.1.1 Shipment of materials between distributors, collectors, recyclers, and reclaimers should be within approved DOT guidelines for Class 2.2, regulated materials. Any further provisions for special transportation or packaging should be agreed upon between the collectors, recyclers, and reclaimers.

5.3.1.2 The minimum design pressure requirements shall be as stated in CFR Title 49, Part 173.304. The pressure inside the container at 70 °F (21 °C) shall not exceed the service pressure for which the container is marked. The pressure inside the container at 130 °F (54 °C) shall not exceed five fourths the service pressure for which the container is marked. Figs. 1 and 2 illustrate the effect of temperature on cylinders filled with mixtures of Halon 1211 and nitrogen.

5.3.2 Where possible, transportation shall be by suitable vehicles to preclude cylinder damage by excessive mechanical vibration, shock, freezing, or deleterious high temperatures throughout the entire transport route.

5.3.2.1 If cylinders are likely to be subject to unacceptable transport conditions, the cylinders should be placed under insulated conditions.

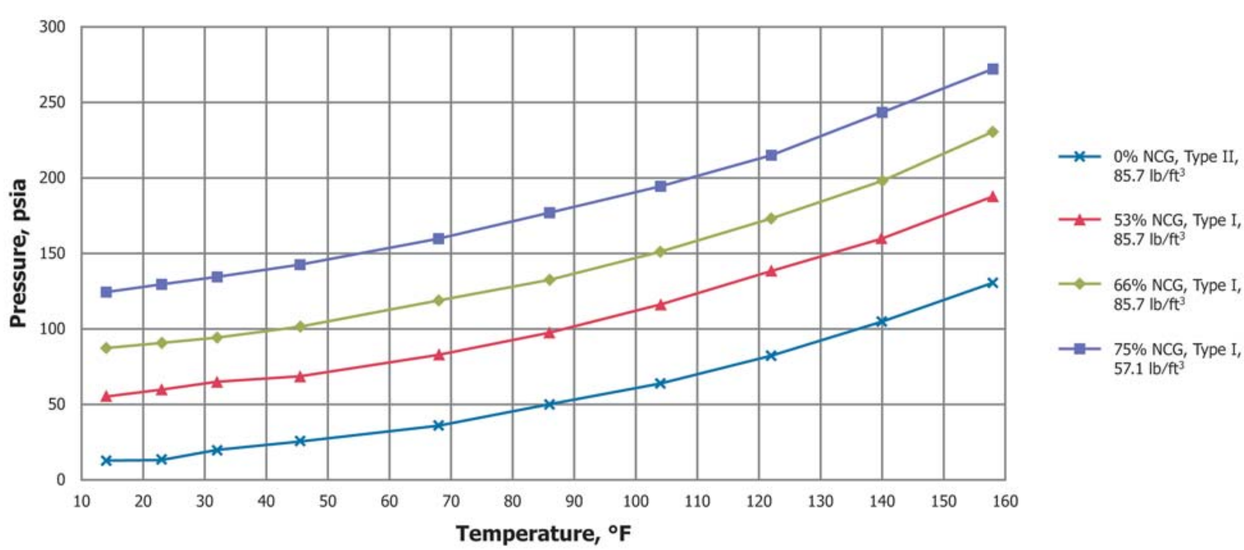

FIG. 1 Halon 1211 Pressure versus Temperature, English Units