
**Fuel cell road vehicles — Safety
specifications — Protection against
hydrogen hazards for vehicles fuelled
with compressed hydrogen**

*Véhicules routiers alimentés par pile à combustible — Spécifications
de sécurité — Protection contre les dangers de l'hydrogène pour les
véhicules utilisant de l'hydrogène comprimé*

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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the essential requirements for fuel cell vehicles (FCV) with respect to the protection of persons and the environment inside and outside the vehicle against hydrogen-related hazards.

It applies only to such FCV where compressed hydrogen is used as fuel for the fuel cell system.

This International Standard does not apply to manufacturing, maintenance, and repair.

The requirements of this International Standard address both normal operating (fault-free) and single-fault conditions of the vehicles.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 17268, *Gaseous hydrogen land vehicle refuelling connection devices*

ISO 6469-2, *Electrically propelled road vehicles — Safety specifications — Part 2: Vehicle operational safety means and protection against failures*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

air processing system

system that processes (i.e. that filters, meters, conditions, and pressurizes) the incoming air for the fuel cell system

3.2

contaminant

substances within raw fuel, such as sulphur, that, at or above a specified concentration level, may poison reaction catalysts

3.3

electric chassis

conductive mechanical structure of the vehicle, including all associated electric and electronic components, whose parts are electrically connected and whose potential is taken as reference

3.4

excess flow valve

valve which automatically shuts off or limits the gas flow when the flow exceeds a set design value