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Introduction

The principal aim of a periodic inspection and testing procedure is that, at the completion of the test, the cylinder bundles may be reintroduced into service for a further period of time.

Periodic inspection and testing of cylinder bundles is carried out in conjunction with the retest period of the cylinders within the bundle in order to comply with national and regional transport regulations.

If there are any doubts, inspectors should consult the bundle/cylinder's manufacturer so that the manufacturer's current recommendations are taken into account.

This document is intended to be used under a variety of national regulatory regimes, but has been written so that it is suitable for the application of the UN Model Regulations^[10].

In International Standards, weight is equivalent to a force, expressed in Newton. However, in common parlance (as used in terms defined in this document), the word “weight” continues to be used to mean mass, although this practice is deprecated (see ISO 80000-4).

Gas cylinders — Cylinder bundles — Periodic inspection and testing

CAUTION — Some of the tests specified in this document involve the use of processes which could lead to a hazardous situation.

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for the periodic inspection and testing of cylinder bundles containing compressed, liquefied and dissolved gas.

NOTE Additional requirements for acetylene cylinder bundles are provided in [Annex A](#).

This document also establishes general principles for the maintenance of cylinder bundles.

This document is not applicable to acetylene bundles with solvent-free acetylene cylinders.

This document excludes the requirements for cylinder bundles when they are a part of a battery vehicle. For some specific applications, e.g. offshore, additional requirements can apply.

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 10286, *Gas cylinders — Terminology*

ISO 10460, *Gas cylinders — Welded carbon-steel gas cylinders — Periodic inspection and testing*

ISO 10462, *Gas cylinders — Acetylene cylinders — Periodic inspection and maintenance*

ISO 10961, *Gas cylinders — Cylinder bundles — Design, manufacture, testing and inspection*

ISO 11372, *Gas cylinders — Acetylene cylinders — Filling conditions and filling inspection*

ISO 11623, *Gas cylinders — Composite construction — Periodic inspection and testing*

ISO 14113, *Gas welding equipment — Rubber and plastics hose and hose assemblies for use with industrial gases up to 450 bar (45 MPa)*

ISO 15996, *Gas cylinders — Residual pressure valves — Specification and type testing of cylinder valves incorporating residual pressure devices*

ISO 18119¹⁾, *Gas cylinders — Seamless steel and seamless aluminium-alloy gas cylinders and tubes — Periodic inspection and testing*

ISO 22434, *Transportable gas cylinders — Inspection and maintenance of cylinder valves*

ISO 25760, *Gas cylinders — Operational procedures for the safe removal of valves from gas cylinders*

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