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Cryogenic vessels — Cleanliness for cryogenic service

1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements for the cleanliness of all surfaces of cryogenic vessels and associated accessories that are in contact with the cryogenic fluid at any expected operating conditions.

This document defines the acceptable level of surface and particle contamination to minimize the risk of malfunction of equipment and ensure safety against ignition when in contact with oxygen or oxidizing fluids (see ISO 10156).

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 21010, *Cryogenic vessels — Gas/materials compatibility*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

cryogenic fluid

gas which is partially liquid because of its low temperature

Note 1 to entry: It includes totally evaporated liquids and supercritical fluids.

Note 2 to entry: In the context of this document, refrigerated but non-toxic gases and mixtures of them are referred to as cryogenic fluids.

Note 3 to entry: See also ISO 21029-1, ISO 20421-1 and/or ISO 21009-1.

3.2

oxidizing fluid

cryogenic fluid (3.1) with oxidizing properties

Note 1 to entry: This is in accordance with ISO 10156.

4 Requirements

4.1 General requirements

Foreign matter such as chips, oxide scale and weld spatter are not acceptable.