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fond plat, verticaux, construits sur site, destinés au
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196 °C - Partie 5 : Essais, séchage, inertage et mise en
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Auslegung und Herstellung standortgefertigter,
stehender, zylindrischer Flachboden-Tanksysteme für
die Lagerung von tiefkalt verflüssigten Gasen bei
Betriebstemperaturen zwischen 0 °C und -196 °C - Teil
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This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2026, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2026.

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EN 14620-5:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 14620-5:2006:

- Table 1 ‘Hydrostatic test requirements’ updated and adjusted to relate to product temperature;
- product temperature range extended to -196°C to include LIN, LOX and LAR;
- permitted use of small temporary safety opening in primary steel liquid container after hydrostatic test added;
- requirements for inspection of concrete surfaces during pressure test added;
- negative pressure test details clarified;
- negative pressure test requirements for double-wall double-roof tanks clarified;
- purging of bottom insulation space clarified;
- decommissioning guidance improved;
- new informative annex for global test for membrane tanks added;
- new informative annex for guidance for duties and responsibilities between parties added;
- new normative annex for NDE of steel containers supplementary to EN 14620-Part 2:2006.

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1 Scope

This document is applicable to the design and manufacture of site built, vertical, cylindrical, flat-bottomed tank systems for the storage of refrigerated, liquefied gases with operating temperatures between 0 °C and -196°C. It specifies the requirements for testing, drying, purging, cool-down and decommissioning of refrigerated liquefied gas storage tank systems.

The tank systems covered by this document are used to store large volumes of hydrocarbon products, ammonia and other non-hydrocarbon gases with low temperature boiling points, generally called "Refrigerated Liquefied Gases" (RLGs). Typical products stored in the tank systems are: methane, ethane, propane, butane, ethylene, propylene, butadiene (this range includes Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), ammonia, nitrogen, oxygen and argon.

NOTE Properties of the gases are given in Annex A EN 14620-1:2024.

This document provides requirements and specifies measures to be taken following completion of major tank construction activities and before the tank is brought in to service. It provides requirements for full-height and partial height hydrostatic testing to check the structural integrity of tanks and the capacity of the foundations. Settlement monitoring of the foundations at this stage form the starting point of an annual settlement monitoring programme for the tank foundation. Recommendations are given for marker systems for such monitoring. Requirements for water quality of both fresh water and seawater used during hydrotest, are provided to avoid the risk of corrosion of tanks and appurtenances.

Guidance and requirements for positive and negative pneumatic tests to further check tank structural integrity, leak tightness of welds and the function of pressure and vacuum relief valve systems are also given. Requirements specific to testing of double-wall and membrane type tanks is included.

Rules and procedures for commissioning activities, including drying and purging with inert and product gas are provided, including required oxygen concentrations for various RLG's. The document also provides guidance for cool-down procedures and suggestions for temperature monitoring, including an informative Annex A.

For major maintenance inspection or at the end of the life of the tank, decommissioning will be required. Guidance on safe decommissioning processes is provided.

Suggested procedures for Global testing for membrane tanks are provided in informative Annex B

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