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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 58, *Gas cylinders*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Cylinder fittings*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 10297:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main technical modifications are:

- a) Scope: inclusion of main valves and valves with integrated pressure regulator (VIPR), exclusion of quick-release valves, non-return valves and ball valves;
- b) Terms, definitions and symbols: introduction of new definitions and adaptation of existing definitions;
- c) Valve description: new clause with figures and general description;
- d) Valve design requirements:
 - 1) General: inclusion of additional requirement of internal leak tightness at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ during transport and storage;
 - 2) Materials: deletion of requirements already given in ISO 11114-1 and ISO 11114-2; deletion of ageing sensitivity test for non-metallic materials; addition of requirement on ductility of valve body material; addition of requirement on suitability of lubricants for valve test pressure;
 - 3) Dimensions: deletion of requirement on bore of the valve with regard to flow requirement and adaption of requirements for valves fitted with a valve protection cap according to ISO 11117;
 - 4) Valve connections: addition of requirements for separate valve filling connection;
 - 5) Resistance to mechanical impact: addition of requirement for impact testing valves protected by a valve guard but fixed only to the valve, modification of acceptance criteria;

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- 6) Valve operating mechanism: inclusion of allowance to increase the endurance torque for some valve designs and to adjust compressed packed valves during endurance testing; replacement of acetylene flashback test by alternative tests without using acetylene and addition of acetylene decomposition test for main valves; modification of acceptance criteria;
- 7) Valve operating device: addition of requirement on the handwheel diameter required to achieve the minimum closing torque; modification of acceptance criteria for flame impingement test;
- 8) Resistance to ignition: addition of requirement of oxygen pressure surge testing for certain cylinder valves for gas mixtures containing oxygen and other oxidizing gases and of detailed information on acceptance criteria; addition of mandatory reference to oxygen pressure surge test for VIPR specified in ISO 22435 or ISO 10524-3 and for cylinder valves with residual pressure devices specified in ISO 15996;
- e) Production requirements: deletion of all respective requirements but reference to ISO 14246 in scope;
- f) Type testing:
 - 1) General: addition of requirements for repeating tests depending on applied changes for a valve design;
 - 2) Documentation: addition of detailed information on documentation required;
 - 3) Test samples: addition of requirement to have pressure gauges/indicators fitted;
 - 4) Test report: addition of detailed information required;
 - 5) Test pressures: adaption of information on burst test pressure (former hydraulic test pressure);
 - 6) Test gas: addition of requirement for using helium or hydrogen or an inert mixture of these gases for the leak tightness tests for cylinder valves for helium and hydrogen and their mixtures; extension of requirements on gas quality;
 - 7) Test schedule: deletion of ageing as preconditioning and leak tightness test before ageing; addition of internal leak tightness test at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ after endurance test; adaption of oxygen pressure surge test for cylinder valves with lubricants not rated for valve test pressure; listing of impact test;
 - 8) Hydraulic burst pressure test: addition of testing the valve in closed position;
 - 9) Excessive torque tests: addition of requirement to carry out the test with the valve operating device in place; differentiation between handwheel and key/toggle operated valves; extension of tests with requirement of two additional test samples;
 - 10) Leak tightness tests: reference to informative [Annex E](#) for an example of a vacuum test; unification of the lower test pressure of 0,5 bar for all gases; implementation of internal leak tightness test at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$; addition of information on required position of the valve operating mechanism for external leak tightness test; adaption of requirement for test order for all required test pressures; adaption of requirement for changing and maintaining the different test temperatures; adaption of requirement for minimum closing torque;
 - 11) Endurance test: addition of requirement to carry out the test with the handwheel in place and of description of procedure for increasing the endurance torque for some valve designs;
 - 12) Visual examination: addition of separate sub-clause for visual examination with detailed information on acceptance criteria;
 - 13) Oxygen pressure surge test: information on test installation and test procedure transferred to normative [Annex C](#); addition of detailed information on determination of pressure rise time; addition of divergent installation requirements for testing main valves; addition of detailed information on acceptance criteria;

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- 14) Acetylene test: information transferred to normative [Annex B](#);
 - 15) Impact test: addition of information on the valving torque according to ISO 13341 to be used; addition of subsequent hydraulic burst pressure test and internal leak tightness test; modification of test procedure;
 - 16) Marking: addition of requirement for marking cylinder valves oxygen pressure surge tested via different connections and of detailed information on marking of valve inlet, valve outlet and separate valve filling connections;
 - 17) Example of test sequence: information transferred from informative [Annex B](#) to informative [Annex D](#) and adaptation according to new requirements for valve designs and changes and material specifications within a valve design;
 - 18) Addition of informative [Annex E](#), giving an example of a vacuum test;
 - 19) Endurance test equipment and procedure: information transferred from normative [Annex C](#) to normative [Annex F](#).
- g) full editorial rework.

This corrected version of ISO 10297:2014 incorporates the addition of titles to Figures 5 and 6.

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Introduction

This International Standard covers the function of a cylinder valve as a closure (defined by the UN Model Regulations). Additional features of cylinder valves (e.g. pressure regulators, residual pressure devices, non-return devices and pressure relief devices) might be covered by other standards and/or regulations.

Cylinder valves complying with this International Standard can be expected to perform satisfactorily under normal service conditions.

This International Standard pays particular attention to:

- a) suitability of materials;
- b) safety (mechanical strength, impact strength, endurance, leak tightness, resistance to ignition, resistance to acetylene flashback);
- c) testing;
- d) marking.

This standard has been written to be in conformity with the UN Model Regulations. When published it will be submitted to the UN Sub Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods with a request that it be included in the UN Model Regulations.

Where there is any conflict between this International Standard and any applicable regulation, the regulation always takes precedence.

Considering the changes described in the Foreword, when a cylinder valve has been approved according to the previous version of this International Standard the body responsible for approving the same cylinder valve to this new edition should consider which tests need to be performed.

In this International Standard the unit bar is used, due to its universal use in the field of technical gases. It should, however, be noted that bar is not an SI unit, and that the corresponding SI unit for pressure is Pa (1 bar = 10^5 Pa = 10^5 N/m²).

Pressure values given in this International Standard are given as gauge pressure (pressure exceeding atmospheric pressure) unless noted otherwise.