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Part 2: **Manifold and line pressure regulators**

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Foreword

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- Part 1: Pressure regulators and pressure regulators with flow-metering devices
- Part 2: Manifold and line pressure regulators
- Part 3: Pressure regulators integrated with cylinder valves
- Part 4: Low-pressure regulators

Introduction

Manifold pressure regulators are used to reduce cylinder pressure to a lower pressure within a source of supply of a medical gas pipeline system.

Line pressure regulators are used to reduce the pressure supplied by manifold pressure regulators or by cryogenic vessels to the lower pressure required at the terminal units of medical gas pipeline systems.

These functions cover a wide range of inlet and outlet pressures and flows which require specific design characteristics.

It is important that the operating characteristics of manifold and line pressure regulators are specified and tested in a defined manner.

It is essential that regular inspection and maintenance be undertaken to ensure that the pressure regulators continue to meet the requirements of this part of ISO 10524.

This part of ISO 10524 pays particular attention to:

- safety (mechanical strength, leakage, safe relief of excess pressure and resistance to ignition);
- cleanliness;
- type testing;
- marking;
- information supplied by the manufacturer.

Annex B contains rationale statements for some of the requirements of this part of ISO 10524. The clauses and subclauses marked with an asterisk (*) after their number have corresponding rationale included to provide additional insight into the reasoning that led to the requirements and recommendations that have been incorporated into this part of ISO 10524. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for the requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this part of ISO 10524, but will expedite any subsequent revisions.