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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10524-3:2005), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 10524-3:2005/Amd 1:2013.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

a) introduction of the acronym VIPR for designating the valve with integrated pressure regulator as in ISO 10297 and ISO 22435[9];

b) extension of the scope to include VIPRs with a nominal inlet pressure up to 30 000 kPa (300 bar);

c) restructuring of the document to the new ISO template and associated renumbering;

d) removal of the requirements for VIPRs fitted with flow-metering devices, flow gauges and adjustable pressure regulators;

e) alignment with the common requirements of ISO 10524-1 and ISO 10524-2;

f) addition of cross-reference to ISO 10297 for all requirements concerning the MAIN SHUT-OFF;

g) rationalization of impact test requirements to comply with ISO 10297 and requirements for drop testing in alignment with ISO 11117;

h) introduction of endurance testing on the flow selector, non-return valve and PRESSURE REGULATOR;

i) introduction of type testing with the intended gas;

j) introduction of a complete test schedule;

k) review of all type tests;

l) reference to ISO 15996 for *residual pressure device* (RPD);

m) introduction of requirements for usability;

n) consideration of avoidance of stainless steel for parts in contact with oxygen.

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Introduction

VALVES WITH INTEGRATED PRESSURE REGULATORS (VIPRs) are used to reduce high cylinder pressure to a lower pressure suitable for use with medical equipment or for delivery of gas to a patient.

These functions cover a range of inlet and outlet pressures and flows which require specific design characteristics. It is important that the operating characteristics of VIPRs are specified and tested in a defined manner.

A VIPR is normally coupled to a device which controls the gas flow, such as a flow control device or a fixed orifice.

This document pays particular attention to:

— use of suitable materials;

— safety (mechanical strength, leakage, safe relief of excess pressure and resistance to ignition);

— gas-specificity;

— cleanliness;

— type testing;

— marking;

— information supplied by the manufacturer.

This document should be read in conjunction with ISO 10524-1, ISO 10524-2 and ISO 10524-4.

In this document, the following print types are used.

— Requirements and definitions: Roman type.

— Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: smaller type. Normative text of tables are also in a smaller type.

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