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excessive pressure —**

**Part 2:
Bursting disc safety devices**

*Dispositifs de sécurité pour protection contre les pressions
excessives —*

Partie 2: Dispositifs de sûreté à disque de rupture



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- non-applicable references have been removed;
- material references (old [Annexes A](#) and B) have been removed;
- new [Annex A](#) has been added.

A list of all parts in the ISO 4126 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

A bursting disc safety device is a non-reclosing pressure relief device used to protect pressure equipment such as pressure vessels, piping, gas cylinders or other enclosures from excessive pressure and/or excessive vacuum.

A bursting disc safety device typically comprises an assembly of components including a bursting disc, a bursting disc holder and, where necessary, other components such as back pressure supports, stiffening rings, etc.

The bursting disc is the pressure-sensitive part of the bursting disc safety device and is designed to open by bursting at a specified pressure. There are many different types of bursting disc safety devices manufactured in corrosion resistant materials, both metallic and non-metallic, to cover a wide range of nominal sizes, burst pressures and temperatures.

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Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for bursting disc safety devices.

It includes the requirements for the design, manufacture, inspection, testing, certification, marking, and packaging.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

3.1

bursting disc safety device

non-reclosing pressure relief device actuated by differential pressure and designed to function by the bursting of the *bursting disc(s)* (3.3), and which is the complete assembly of installed components including, where appropriate, the *bursting disc holder* (3.4)

3.2

bursting disc assembly

complete assembly of components which are installed in the *bursting disc holder* (3.4) to perform the desired function

3.3

bursting disc

pressure-sensitive component(s) of a *bursting disc safety device* (3.1), designed to open by bursting at a *specified bursting pressure* (3.11)

Note 1 to entry: It is not considered a pressure-containing part with respect to 4.2.

3.4

bursting disc holder

part of a *bursting disc safety device* (3.1) which retains the *bursting disc assembly* (3.2) in position

Note 1 to entry: It is considered a pressure-containing part with respect to 4.2.