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## European foreword

This document (EN 589:2018+A1:2022) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 19 “Gaseous and liquid fuels, lubricants and related products of petroleum, synthetic and biological origin”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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This is the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of EN 589. The main technical changes include:

- a) reduction of the sulfur limit value to 30 mg/kg;
- b) removal of ASTM D 3246, sulfur determination by oxidative microcoulometry, as being incapable of measuring that level;
- c) addition of single limit value for propane in Table 1;
- d) addition of a single limit value for 1,3 butadiene in Table 1 due to CLP requirements [5];
- e) A1 introduction of new test methods for the determination of 1,3 butadiene and hydrocarbon composition (DIN 51619), of low levels of sulfur content (EN 17178) and of evaporation residue (EN 16423) A1;
- f) addition of Clause 7 “Remarks concerning vehicle application issues like residues in vaporizers or injectors”;
- g) permission to use alternative odour tests added to sub-clause 6.3. The odour test according to Annex A is not a precise test method with any given precision. Odour is subjectively perceived, not measured. For this reason it is hard to define a referee method;
- h) inclusion of reference to EN 16942 regarding pump marking in line with the requirements set by the new Directive 2014/94/EU [1].

A1 The following is a list of significant technical changes between this amendment EN 589:2018/A1:2022 and the actual European Standard, EN 589:2018:

- update of revised test method standards;
- adjustment of vapour pressure reporting format to the format required by the test methods EN ISO 8973 and Annex C;

- removal of the increase of the propane content by 2022-05-01;
- modification of the footnote to table g to Table 1 on the performance requirement. 

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for marketed and delivered automotive liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), with LPG defined as low pressure liquefied gas composed of one or more light hydrocarbons which are assigned to UN 1011, 1075, 1965, 1969 or 1978 only and which consists mainly of propane, propene, butane, butane isomers, butenes with traces of other hydrocarbon gases.

This standard is applicable to automotive LPG for use in LPG engine vehicles designed to run on automotive LPG.

**NOTE** For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms “% (m/m)” and “% (V/V)” are used to represent respectively the mass fraction,  $\mu$ , and the volume fraction,  $\varphi$ .

**WARNING — Attention is drawn to the risk of fire and explosion when handling LPG and to the hazard to health arising through inhalation of excessive amounts of LPG.**

LPG is a highly volatile hydrocarbon liquid which is normally stored under pressure. If the pressure is released large volumes of gas will be produced which form flammable mixtures with air over the range of approximately 2 % (V/V) to 10 % (V/V). This European Standard involves the sampling, handling and testing of LPG. Naked flames, unprotected electrical equipment electrostatic hazards etc. are sources of ignition for LPG.

LPG in liquid form can cause cold burns to the skin. The national health and safety regulations apply.

LPG is heavier than air and accumulates in cavities. There is a danger of suffocation when inhaling high concentrations of LPG.

**CAUTION —** One of the tests described in this European Standard involves the operator inhaling a mixture of air and LPG vapour. Particular attention is drawn to the cautionary statement provided in A.1, where this method is referred to.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 15469, *Petroleum products - Test method for free water in liquefied petroleum gas by visual inspection*

EN 15470, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Determination of dissolved residues - High temperature Gas chromatographic method*

EN 15471, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Determination of dissolved residues - High-temperature gravimetric method*

EN 16423, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Determination of dissolved residue - Gas chromatographic method using liquid, on-column injection*

EN 16942, *Fuels - Identification of vehicle compatibility - Graphical expression for consumer information*

EN 17178, *Liquid petroleum products — Determination of the total volatile sulfur content in liquefied petroleum gases by ultraviolet fluorescence spectroscopy*

EN 27941, *Commercial propane and butane - Analysis by gas chromatography (ISO 7941)*

EN ISO 4256, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Determination of gauge pressure - LPG method (ISO 4256)*

EN ISO 4257, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Method of sampling (ISO 4257)*

EN ISO 4259-2, *Petroleum and related products - Precision of measurement methods and results - Part 2: Interpretation and application of precision data in relation to methods of test (ISO 4259-2)*

EN ISO 6251, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Corrosiveness to copper - Copper strip test (ISO 6251)*

EN ISO 8819, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Detection of hydrogen sulfide - Lead acetate method (ISO 8819)*

EN ISO 8973, *Liquefied petroleum gases - Calculation method for density and vapour pressure (ISO 8973)*

DIN 51619, *Testing of mineral oil hydrocarbons — Determination of the composition of liquid petroleum gases — Gas chromatographic analysis under special consideration of 1,3-butadiene with mass fractions  $\leq 0,1$  % (m/m)*

ASTM D6667-14, *Standard Test Method for Determination of Total Volatile Sulfur in Gaseous Hydrocarbons and Liquefied Petroleum Gases by Ultraviolet Fluorescence*

### 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:

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

#### 3.1 liquefied petroleum gas LPG

petroleum gas that can be stored and/or handled in the liquid phase under moderate conditions of pressure and at ambient temperature, consisting predominantly of propane and butanes, with small proportions of propene, butenes and pentanes/pentenes

### 4 Sampling

Samples shall be taken as described in EN ISO 4257 and/or in accordance with the requirements of national standards or regulations for the sampling of automotive LPG. The national requirements shall be set out in detail or shall be referred to by reference in a national annex to this European Standard.

In view of the sensitivity of some of the test methods referred to in this European Standard, particular attention shall be paid to compliance with any guidance on sampling containers which is included in the test method standard.

**IMPORTANT — It is important that the sampling procedure is followed in detail in order to avoid evaporation losses.**

Before sampling from the dispenser hose, 20 l of product should be pumped or recirculated, in order to obtain a representative sample.

### 5 Pump marking

Information to be marked on dispensing pumps and nozzles used for delivering automotive LPG, and the dimensions of the label shall be in accordance with EN 16942.