
**Safety devices for protection against
excessive pressure —**

**Part 6:
Application, selection and installation
of bursting disc safety devices**

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

*Partie 6: Application, sélection et installation des dispositifs de sûreté
à disque de rupture*



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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 185, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4126-6:2003), which has been technically revised.

The main technical modifications are:

- a) Revision to [Annex C](#) to refer to Part 7 for capacity calculations;
- b) [Annex D](#) was deleted as this information is found in Part 7;
- c) [Annex E](#) was revised to include methodology for establishing flow resistance values for bursting discs opened in incompressible fluid;
- d) [Annex F](#) was added to include existing and additional guidelines for type testing;
- e) Annex G was added to provide a place for informative information relative to bursting disc tolerances and operating parameters.

ISO 4126 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure*:

- *Part 1: Safety valves*
- *Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices*
- *Part 3: Safety valves and bursting disc safety devices in combination*
- *Part 4: Pilot operated safety valves*
- *Part 5: Controlled safety pressure relief systems (CSPRS)*
- *Part 6: Application, selection and installation of bursting disc safety devices*

- *Part 7: Common data*
- *Part 9: Application and installation of safety devices excluding stand-alone bursting disc safety devices*
- *Part 10: Sizing of safety valves for gas/liquid two-phase flow*
- *Part 11: Performance testing*¹⁾

Part 7 contains data, which is common to more than one of the parts of ISO 4126 to avoid unnecessary repetition.

1) In development.

Introduction

Safety devices for the protection of pressure equipment against excessive pressure include pressure relief devices such as safety valves and bursting disc safety devices which, dependent upon the application, may be used either as the sole pressure relieving devices or in conjunction with each other.

Operating problems frequently arise due to the use of pressure relieving devices not having been properly selected for the intended service or properly selected but whose performance is adversely affected by improper handling, wrong installation or lack of maintenance, any of which may affect the safety of the pressure equipment being protected.

It is important to consider not only the pressure relief devices but also the whole of the pressure relief system so as not to reduce the relieving capacity below that required or adversely affect the proper operation of the pressure relieving devices.

A bursting disc safety device is a non-reclosing pressure relief device which typically comprises a bursting disc, which is a pressure-containing and pressure-sensitive part designed to open by bursting at a predetermined pressure, and a bursting disc holder. 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. They are used to protect pressure equipment such as vessels, piping, gas cylinders or other enclosures from excessive pressure and/or excessive vacuum.

This standard covers the important considerations necessary in the application, selection and installation of bursting disc safety devices to give the required protection against excessive pressure and/or excessive vacuum.

Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure —

Part 6:

Application, selection and installation of bursting disc safety devices

1 Scope

This International standard gives guidance on the application, selection and installation of bursting disc safety devices used to protect pressure equipment from excessive pressure and/or excessive vacuum.

[Annex A](#) provides a checklist for the information to be supplied by the purchaser to the manufacturer.

[Annex B](#) gives guidance on the replacement period of a bursting disc.

[Annex C](#) provides guidance for determining the discharge capacity, for single phase fluids, of a pressure relief system that contains a bursting disc safety device.

[Annex D](#) is a non-mandatory procedure for establishing the flow resistance of a burst bursting disc assembly.

[Annex E](#) is a non-mandatory procedure for type testing of bursting disc safety devices.

[Annex F](#) provides typical performance characteristics for various bursting disc safety device types.

The requirements for the manufacture, inspection, testing, marking, certification and packaging of bursting disc safety devices are given in ISO 4126-2.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4126-2, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure — Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices*

ISO 4126-3, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure — Part 3: Safety valves and bursting disc safety devices in combination*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4126-2 and the following apply.

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), and which is the complete assembly of installed components including, where appropriate, the bursting disc holder

3.2

bursting disc assembly

complete assembly of components, which are installed in the bursting disc holder to perform the desired function