
Gas cylinders — Gases and gas mixtures — Determination of fire potential and oxidizing ability for the selection of cylinder valve outlets

Bouteilles à gaz — Gaz et mélanges de gaz — Détermination du potentiel d'inflammabilité et d'oxydation pour le choix des raccords de sortie de robinets



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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 10156:2010), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates ISO 10156:2010/Cor 1:2010.

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

- [4.1](#), [4.2.5](#) and [4.4](#) have been technically revised;
- [4.5](#) and [4.6](#) have been added.

Introduction

ISO 5145 specifies the dimensions of different cylinder valve outlets for different compatible gas groups. These compatible gas groups are determined according to practical criteria defined in ISO 14456.

These criteria are based on certain physical, chemical, toxic and corrosive properties of the gases. In particular, the flammability in air and the oxidizing ability are considered in this document.

One of the potential complications that prompted the development of this document is that while there are abundant data in the literature relating to pure gases, differences can be found, depending upon the test methods employed. In the case of gas mixtures, data in the literature are often incomplete or even non-existent.

The initial aim of this document was to eliminate the ambiguities in the case of differences in the literature, and above all, to supplement existing data (mainly in the case of gas mixtures).

Subsequently, this document was used for other purposes than the selection of cylinder valve outlets, such as establishing flammability and oxidizing potential data for the classification and labelling of gases and gas mixtures.

This document is intended to be used under a variety of national regulatory regimes, but has been written so that it is suitable for the application of the UN Model Regulations and the UN-GHS^[9].

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1 Scope

This document specifies methods for determining whether or not a gas or gas mixture is flammable in air and whether a gas or gas mixture is more or less oxidizing than air under atmospheric conditions.

This document is intended to be used for the classification of gases and gas mixtures including the selection of gas cylinder valve outlets.

This document does not cover the safe preparation of these mixtures under pressure and at temperatures other than ambient.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and units

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

3.1.1

gas or gas mixture flammable in air

gas or gas mixture that is ignitable in air at atmospheric pressure and a temperature of 20 °C

3.1.2

lower flammability limit in air

minimum content of a gas or gas mixture in a homogeneous mixture with air at which a flame just starts to propagate

Note 1 to entry: The lower flammability limit is determined at atmospheric conditions.

Note 2 to entry: The term “flammability limit”, as used in this document, is sometimes called “explosion limit”.

3.1.3

upper flammability limit in air

maximum content of a gas or gas mixture in a homogeneous mixture with air at which a flame just starts to propagate

Note 1 to entry: The upper flammability limit is determined at atmospheric conditions.

Note 2 to entry: The term “flammability limit”, as used in this document, is sometimes called “explosion limit”.