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(*Page* 4, *clause* 2.1.1) — Insert the following new clause at the end:

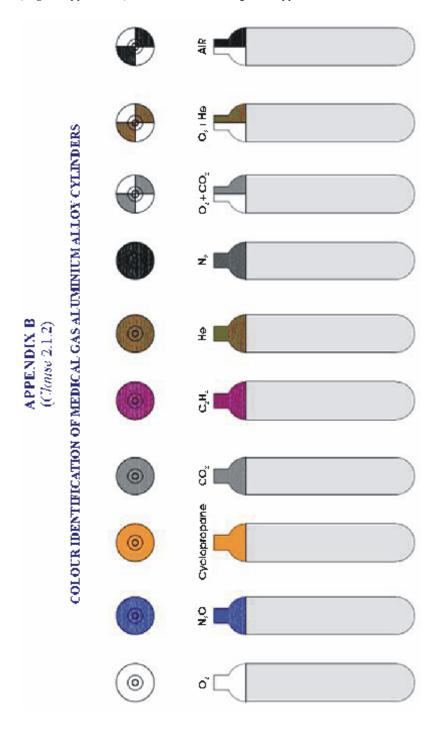
2.1.2 Aluminium Alloy Gas Cylinders — The body of the cylinder shall not be painted in case of Aluminium Alloy Cylinders as shown in Table 2. The identification colours to be applied to the valve end of the cylinder shall extend down the cylinder to the shoulder. In case of mixtures the colours for the gases constituting the mixture shall be applied in four segments, two of each colour (*see* Appendix B).

Table 2 Colour Identification of Medical Gas Aluminium Alloy Cylinders (*Clause* 2.1.2)

Sl No.	Name of Gas Symbol Colour Identifi				ation	
			Valve End		Body Colour	
			Colour	Shade No. and description according to IS 5 : 2007 ¹⁾		
i)	Air	_	White and black	_	Original Al Cylinder Colour	
ii)	Carbon dioxide	CO_2	Grey	Shade 630, French grey	_	
iii)	Cyclopropane	_	Orange	Shade 557, light orange	_	
iv)	Ethylene	C ₂ H ₂	Violet	Shade 796, Dark violet	_	
v)	Helium	Не	Brown	Shade 411, middle brown	_	
vi)	Mixture of oxygen and carbon dioxide	O ₂ + CO ₂	White and grey	Shade 630, French grey	_	
vii)	Mixture of oxygen and helium	O ₂ +He	White and brown	Shade 411, middle brown	_	
viii)	Nitrogen	N ₂	Black	_	_	
ix)	Nitrous oxide	N ₂ O	Blue	Shade 166, French blue	_	
x)	Oxygen	O_2	White			

¹⁾ Colours for ready mixed paints and enamels (sixth revision).

(*Page* 6, *Appendix* A) — Insert the following new Appendix B at the end:



Indian Standard

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O. FOREWORD

- **0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 24 November 1966, after the draft finalized by the Gas Cylinders Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Division Council.
- **0.2** Gases of different chemical composition and in various combinations are widely used in the medical profession for the production of anaesthesia and for the treatment of certain pathological conditions. To ensure the administration of these gases in a safe and a satisfactory manner it is essential that proper identification practice is followed. This standard deals with the code of identification of gas cylinders based on various colour combinations for different gases.
- **0.3** The connecting yoke and flush type non-interchangeable valve connections for use in medical gas cylinders have been covered in IS: 3745-1966*. Also the code of practice for handling gas cylinders and related equipment intended for medical use has been covered in IS: 3870-1966†.
- **0.4** In the preparation of this standard assistance has been derived from the following:
 - ISO/R32-1957 Identification of medical gas cylinders. International Organization for Standardization.

Gas cylinder rules — 1940. Government of India.

B.S. 1319: 1955 Medical gas cylinders and anaesthetic apparatus.
British Standards Institution.

^{*}Specification for yoke type valve connections for medical gas cylinders.

[†]Code of practice for handling gas cylinders and related equipment intended for medical use.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard applies to the identification of the contents of gas cylinders intended for medical use.

2. COLOUR MARKING

- 2.1 Gas Cylinders Each cylinder shall be painted externally in the colours corresponding to its gaseous contents as shown in Table 1.
- 2.1.1 The identification colours to be applied to the valve end of the cylinder shall extend down the cylinder to the shoulder. In case of mixtures the colours for the gases constituting the mixture shall be applied in four segments, two of each colour (see Appendix A).

TABLE 1 COLOUR IDENTIFICATION OF MEDICAL GAS CYLINDERS

(Clauses 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1)

NAME OF GAS	Syme	OL	Colour Identification			
		Va	lve End	~	Body	
		Colour	Shade No. and description according to IS: 5-1961*	Colour	Shade No. and description according to IS: 5-1961*	
Air		White and black		Grey	Shade 630, French grey	
Carbon dioxide	CO^3	Grey	Shade 630, French grey	Grey	Shade 630, French grey	
Cyclopropane	_	Orange	Shade 557, light orange	Orange	Shade 557, light orange	
Ethylene	C_2H_4	Violet	Shade 796, dark violet	Violet	Shade 796, dark violet	
Helium	He	Brown	Shade 411, middle brown	Brown	Shade 411, middle brown	
Mixture of oxygen and carbon dioxide	O_2+ CO_2	White and grey	Shade 630, French grey	Black		
Mixture of oxygen and helium	O_2+ He	White and brown	Shade 411, middle brown	Black 1	-	
Nitrogen	N ₂	Black	_	Grey	Shade 630, French grey	
Nitrous oxide	N ₂ O	Blue	Shade 166, French blue	Blue	Shade 166, French blue	
Oxygen	O ₂	White		Black	-	

^{*} Colours for ready mixed paints (second revision).

^{2.2} Pipelines and Tubing — The pipelines for distribution of medical gases in hospitals and visible connecting tubing of anaesthetic apparatus

shall be marked with bands at least at each end and at every joint by the colour appropriate for the gases, as shown in Table 1. The first colour band shall correspond to the appropriate colour under valve end colour and the second colour band to the appropriate colour under body colour as indicated in Table 1.

3. MARKING

- 3.1 Each cylinder shall be marked with the name of the gas it contains and with the chemical formula as shown in Table 1 (except in the case of cyclopropane). The marking shall be at the valve end of the cylinder, and as close to the neck as possible, and not on the cylindrical part of the body and in characters as large as possible but not smaller than 5 mm in height.
- 3.1.1 The stamps used shall have a concave surface and the indentation shall be neither too sharp nor of excessive depth.

APPENDIX A

(Clause 2.1.1)

COLOUR IDENTIFICATION OF MEDICAL GAS CYLINDERS

