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REFILLABLE SEAMLESS STEEL GAS CYLINDERS—SPECIFICATION
PART 1 NORMALIZED STEEL CYLINDERS
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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Part 1) (Third Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Gas Cylinders Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Divisional Council.

This revised standard is mainly derived from the ISO 9809-3 : 1999 'Gas Cylinder — Refillable seamless steel gas cylinders — Design, construction and testing — Part 3 : Normalized steel cylinders'. However, considering the prevailing practices of cylinder manufacturing in the country, necessary additions are made wherever necessary. Assistance has also been taken from:

ISO 13769 : 2002  Gas cylinders — Stamp-marking

While implementing this standard, the manufacturer and the inspection agency shall ensure compliance with statutory regulations.

The purpose of this standard is to provide a specification for the design, manufacture, inspection and testing of a cylinder for worldwide usage. The objective is to balance design and economic efficiency against international acceptance and universal utility.

This standard will, together with Part 2 in the future replace IS 7285:1988 'Specification for seamless steel cylinders for permanent and high pressure liquefiable gases'. Quenched and tempered cylinders with maximum tensile strength less than 1 100 MPa (112 kgf/mm²) covered in IS 7285 (Part 2) : 2004. Cylinders for on-board storage of compressed natural gas (CNG) as fuel for automobile vehicles application covered in IS 15490 : 2004 'Cylinders for on-board storage of compressed natural gas as a fuel for automotive vehicles — Specification'.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the formulation of this standard is given in Annex D.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.
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TO
IS 7285 (PART 1) : 2004 REFILLABLE SEAMLESS STEEL GAS CYLINDERS — SPECIFICATION

PART 1 NORMALIZED STEEL CYLINDERS

(Third Revision)

(Page 1, clause 3.1) — Substitute 'R_p02' for 'R_p'.

(Page 4, clause 6.2.1, definitions) — Substitute the following definitions below the formula for the existing:

\[ f = \text{maximum allowable wall stress at hydrostatic test pressure in} \]
\[ \text{kgf/mm}^2; \]
\[ = \frac{5}{6} R_e \quad R_e \text{ being the minimum value of the yield strength in} \]
\[ \text{kgf/mm}^2; \]
\[ D_o = \text{nominal outside diameter of the cylinder in millimetres.} \]
\[ D_i = \text{nominal inside diameter of the cylinder in millimetres:} \]
\[ a = \text{calculated minimum wall thickness of cylindrical shell in} \]
\[ \text{millimetres, excluding additional allowances to resist} \]
\[ \text{influences other than those of internal pressure and of external} \]
\[ \text{forces due to normal handling: and} \]
\[ P_h = \frac{5}{3} \times \text{service pressure for permanent gases, in kgf/cm}^2. \]

(Page 4, clause 6.3.1, lines 4 and 5) — Substitute the following for the existing.

\[ b \geq 1.5 \, a' \text{ for } 0.5 < H/D_o \geq 0.25 \]
\[ b \geq 2 \, a' \text{ for } 0.25 < H/D_o \geq 0.2 \]

(Page 5, clause 6.8, line 2) — Insert the words 'and neck' in between the words 'materials' and 'threads'.

(Page 5, clause 6.8, second para) — Delete.

(Page 8, clause 9.2.3.3, line 14) — Substitute '1.2 \times \text{test pressure (} P_h \text{)} for \]
\[ '1/F \times 1.5 \text{ test pressure (} P_h \text{)} with an absolute min of } 1.18 \times \text{test pressure (} P_h)'. \]
Amend No. 1 to IS 7285 (Part 1) : 2004

(Page 10, Table 5, clause 10.4) — Substitute '10.4' for '10.3.1'.

(Page 10, clause 10.4.3, line 7) — Substitute 'Table 5' for 'Table 4'.

[Page 11, clause 13(j)] — Substitute the following for the existing:

'j) Filling pressure in bar or kgf/cm² at 15°C in case of permanent gases and filling ratio in case of liquefiable gases'

(Page 12, clause 16) — Substitute the following for the existing matter:

'Before being despatched from the manufacturer's works, all cylinder shall be thoroughly cleaned and all particles of grit, filings or other matter which may have collected inside the cylinder in the course of manufacture, heat treatment and testing shall be removed completely and the cylinder dried internally if required, by heating uniformly to a temperature not exceeding 300°C. Cylinders not immediately closed by fitting of a valve and safety devices if applicable, shall have plugs, which prevent entry of moisture and protect threads, fitted to all openings. The outside surface of the cylinder shall be given a suitable protective coating before despatch.'

(Page 15, Fig. 6) — Substitute the figure given on page 3 for the existing:
KEY

1. BEND TEST PIECES
2. TRANSVERSE IMPACT TEST PIECES
3. LONGITUDINAL IMPACT TEST PIECES
   (ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS SHOWN DOTTED)
4. TENSILE TEST PIECES

FIG. 6 TYPICAL LOCATION OF TEST PIECES

(Page 18, Table 6, col 3) — Delete symbols ¹¹ and ²² from the text.

(Page 19, Table 6) — Delete footnotes ¹) and ²) given under the table.

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REFILLABLE SEAMLESS STEEL GAS CYLINDERS — SPECIFICATION

PART 1 NORMALIZED STEEL CYLINDERS

(Third Revision)

1 SCOPE

This standard (Part 1) sets out minimum requirements for the material, design, construction and workmanship, manufacturing processes and tests at manufacture of refillable normalized or normalized and tempered seamless steel gas cylinders of water capacities from 0.5 litre up to and including 400 litres for compressed, liquefied and dissolved gases.

NOTES

1 If so desired, cylinders of water capacity less than 0.5 litre may be manufactured and certified to this standard.

2 If so desired, cylinders of water capacity exceeding 400 litres may be manufactured and certified to this standard. The number of cylinders to be subjected to pressure cycling test, and sampling method for mechanical tests shall be decided in consultation with the statutory authority.

2 REFERENCES

The standards listed below contain provisions which, through reference in this text constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

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3 TERMINOLOGY

In addition to the definitions given in IS 7241, the following definitions shall apply:

3.1 Yield Stress ($R_y$) — Value corresponding to the lower yield stress $R_y$ or for steels that do not exhibit a defined yield, the 0.2 percent proof stress (non-proportional elongation) $R_p$.

3.2 Normalizing — Heat treatment in which a cylinder is heated to a uniform temperature above the upper critical point ($AC_s$) of the steel and then cooled in still air.

3.3 Tempering — Softening heat treatment which follows normalizing, in which the cylinder is heated to
a uniform temperature below the lower critical point (AC1) of the steel.

3.4 Batch — A quantity of up to 200 cylinders plus cylinder for destructive testing of the same nominal diameter, thickness and design made, successively from the same steel and subjected to the same heat treatment for the same duration of time.

3.5 Working Pressure \((P_w)\)/Service Pressure — Working pressure for permanent gas means the internal pressure of the gas in the cylinder at a temperature of 15°C.

3.6 Test Pressure \((P_t)\) — Test pressure means the internal pressure required for the hydrostatic test or the hydrostatic stretch test of the cylinders.

NOTE — It is used for cylinder wall thickness calculation.

3.7 Burst Pressure \((P_b)\) — Highest pressure reached in a cylinder during a burst test.

4 SYMBOLS

- \(a\) = calculated minimum thickness, in millimetres, of the cylindrical shell;
- \(a'\) = guaranteed minimum thickness, in millimetres, of the cylindrical shell (see Fig. 1);
- \(a_1\) = guaranteed minimum thickness, in millimetres, of a concave base at the knuckle (see Fig. 2);
- \(a_2\) = guaranteed minimum thickness, in millimetres, at the centre of a concave base (see Fig. 2);
- \(A\) = percentage elongation on gauge length 5.65 \(\sqrt{S_o}\);
- \(b\) = guaranteed minimum thickness, in millimetres, at the centre of a convex base (see Fig. 1);
- \(d_2\) = maximum permissible deviation of burst profile, in millimetres (see Fig. 5);
- \(D_o\) = nominal design outside diameter of the cylinder, in millimetres (see Fig. 1);
- \(D_i\) = nominal inside diameter of the cylinder, in millimetres;
- \(D_o\) = diameter, in millimetres of former (see Fig. 9);
- \(h\) = outside depth (concave base end), in millimetres (see Fig. 2);
- \(H\) = outside height, in millimetres, of domed part (convex head or base end) (see Fig. 1);
- \(l\) = length of cylindrical part of the cylinder, in millimetres (see Fig. 3);
- \(L_o\) = original gauge length, in millimetres;
- \(n\) = ratio of the diameter of the bend test former to actual thickness of test piece \((t)\);
- \(P_h\) = measured burst pressure, in bar or kgf/cm²;
- \(P_b\) = hydraulic test pressure, in bar or kgf/cm², above atmospheric pressure;
- \(P_w\) = working pressure/service pressure, in bar or kgf/cm², above atmospheric pressure;
- \(P_y\) = observed pressure when cylinder starts yielding during hydraulic bursting test, in bar or kgf/cm²;
- \(r\) = inside knuckle radius, in millimetres (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2);
- \(R_o\) = minimum guaranteed value of yield stress (see 3.1), in MPa or kgf/mm²;
- \(R_{os}\) = value of the actual yield stress, in MPa or kgf/mm², as determined by the tensile test (see 10.2);
- \(R_e\) = minimum guaranteed value of tensile strength, in MPa or kgf/mm²;
- \(R_m\) = actual value of tensile strength, in MPa or kgf/mm² as determined by the tensile test (see 10.2);
- \(S_o\) = original cross-sectional area of tensile test piece, in square millimetres according to IS 1608;
- \(t\) = actual thickness of the test specimen, in millimetres;
- \(u\) = ratio of distance between knife edges or platens in the flattening test to average cylinder wall thickness at the position of test;
- \(V\) = water capacity of cylinder, in litres; and
- \(w\) = width, in millimetres, of the tensile test piece.

NOTF — 1 bar = \(10^5\) Pa = 0.1 N/mm² (1 kgf/mm² = 9 806 65 MPa).

5 MATERIALS

5.1 General Requirements

5.1.1 The steel used shall be such that its properties meet the requirements of the Finished product. The steel shall be aluminium or silicon killed with non-aging properties, other than rimming qualities. The chemical composition of all steels shall be declared and defined at least by:

| a) Carbon, manganese and silicon content in all, |
| b) Chromium, nickel, molybdenum, vanadium and that of any other alloying elements intentionally added, and |
| c) Maximum sulphur and phosphorus contents in all cases. |

NOTES

1 When aluminium or a combination of aluminium and silicon is used for killing the steel, the requirement regarding minimum silicon content does not apply.

2 When steel is aluminium killed, nitrogen content shall be limited to 0.01 percent.
3 When steel is aluminium killed by aluminium alone, nitrogen content is limited to 0.007 percent.

5.1.2 The cylinder manufacturer shall establish means to identify the cylinders with the cast of steel from which they are made.

5.1.3 Grades of steel used for cylinder manufacture shall be compatible with the intended gas service, for example corrosive gases, embrittling gases.

5.2 Controls on Chemical Composition

5.2.1 The steel used in the manufacture of gas cylinder shall be as per chemical composition specified in Table 1, unless otherwise permitted by the statutory authority.

The actual content of any element deliberately added shall be reported and their maximum content shall be representative of good steel making practice.

Table 1 Chemical Composition of Steel (in Percentage) 
(Clause 5.2.1 and 5.4)

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<td>Carbon</td>
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<td>ii)</td>
<td>Manganese</td>
<td>1.20-1.70</td>
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<td>iii)</td>
<td>Silicon</td>
<td>0 10-0.35</td>
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<td>Chromium</td>
<td>0 20, Max</td>
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<td>v)</td>
<td>Nickel</td>
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<td>vi)</td>
<td>Copper</td>
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<td>viii)</td>
<td>Combined value of micro alloying elements: that is, V, Nb, Ti, B, Zr, Sn</td>
<td>0.15, Max</td>
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<td>ix)</td>
<td>Sulphur</td>
<td>0.02, Max</td>
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<td>x)</td>
<td>Phosphorus</td>
<td>0 02, Max</td>
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<td>x)</td>
<td>Sulphur</td>
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NOTE — Actual cast analysis shall comply with 5.2.2.

5.2.2 The carbon, manganese and silicon contents and, where appropriate, the chromium, nickel and molybdenum contents shall be given, with tolerances, such that the differences between the maximum and minimum values of the cast do not exceed the values shown in Table 2. The maximum permissible deviation for each element is not required to be centered on the nominal content.

5.2.3 The cylinder manufacturer shall obtain and provide certificates of cast (heat) analysis of the steels supplied for the construction of gas cylinders.

Should check analysis be required, they shall be carried out either on specimens taken during manufacture from the material in the form as supplied by the steel maker to the cylinder manufacturer, or from finished cylinders.

5.3 Heat Treatment

The heat treatment process applied to the finished cylinder shall be either normalizing or normalizing and tempering. The cylinder manufacturer shall certify the heat treatment process applied and shall be in conformity with material standard and or as recommended by steel maker.

The heat treatment process shall achieve the required mechanical properties.

The actual temperature to which a type of steel if subjected for a given tensile strength shall not deviate by more than 30°C from the temperature specified by the cylinder manufacturer.

When the hardness check is specified, the hardness value shall be within the band related to the range of declared values of tensile strength.

5.4 Mechanical Properties

The steel conforming to the composition specified in Table 1 after manufacture of the cylinders the normalized or normalized and tempered, should meet the mechanical properties given in Table 3.

5.4.1 Suitable steel other than above may be used with the prior approval of the statutory authority. In such a case, minimum specified value of the yield strength of the steel shall be taken for the purpose of calculating the wall thickness of the cylinder.

Table 2 Chemical Composition Tolerances
(Clause 5.2.2)

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<td>≥ 0.30</td>
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<td>ii)</td>
<td>Manganese</td>
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<td>iii)</td>
<td>Silicon</td>
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<td>iv)</td>
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Table 3 Mechanical Properties
(Clause 5.4)

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<td>i)</td>
<td>Tensile strength ( R_d ) kgf/mm² (MPa), Min</td>
<td>68 (670)</td>
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<td>ii)</td>
<td>Yield strength ( R_y ) kgf/mm² (MPa), Min</td>
<td>44 (430)</td>
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<td>iii)</td>
<td>Elongation percent, minimum on gauge length ( \geq 5.65 \sqrt{s_e} )</td>
<td>18</td>
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NOTE — Alternatively, yield strength shall be 0.2 percent proof stress.

6 Design

6.1 General Requirements

For design purpose, the value of \( R_c \) shall not exceed 0.75 \( R_{y} \).

6.2 Calculation of Cylindrical Shell Thickness

6.2.1 The wall thickness of the cylindrical shell of the cylinder may be calculated by following formulae:

\[
 f = \frac{ P_b \left( 1.3 \ D_o^2 + 0.4 \ D_i^2 \right)}{100 \left( D_o^2 - D_i^2 \right)} \quad \ldots (1)
\]

\[
 a \geq \frac{D_o}{250} + 1 \quad \ldots (2)
\]

with absolute minimum of \( a = 1.5 \) mm

where

\( f \) = maximum allowable wall stress at hydrostatic test pressure, in kgf/cm²;

\( R_c \) = minimum value of the yield strength in kgf/mm²;

\( D_o \) = outer diameter of cylinder, in mm;

\( D_i \) = inner diameter of cylinder, in mm;

\( a \) = calculated minimum wall thickness of cylindrical shell in mm, excluding additional allowances to resist influences other than those of internal pressure and of external forces due to normal handling; and

\( P_b \) = 5/3 \times service pressure for permanent gases, in kgf/cm².

NOTES

1 In case of liquefiable gases, \( P_b \geq 1.5 \times \) developed pressure at 65°C (for the filling ratio under consideration);

2 for dissolved acetylene \( P_b \geq 60 \) kgf/cm²;

3 The value of \( R_c \) itself is limited to 75 percent of the minimum value of the tensile strength of the material.

6.2.2 The value of the wall thickness as calculated from above formula shall however, be not less than 0.136 \( \sqrt{D_o} \).

6.3 Calculation of Convex Ends (Heads and Bases)

6.3.1 The thickness, \( b \), at the centre of a convex end shall not be less than that required by the following criteria:

\[
 b \geq 1.5 \ a \quad \text{for } 0.5 > \frac{H}{D_o} \geq 0.25
\]

\[
 b \geq 2 \ a \quad \text{for } 0.25 > \frac{H}{D_o} \geq 0.2
\]

where the inside knuckle radius, \( r \), is not less than 0.075 \( D_o \).

NOTE — \( H/D_o \leq 0.20 \) is not recommended

In order to obtain a satisfactory stress distribution in the region where the end joins the shell, any thickening of the end that may be required shall be gradual from the point of juncture. For the application of this rule the point of juncture between the shell and the end is defined by the horizontal line indicating dimension \( H \) in Fig. 1.

6.3.2 The cylinder manufacturer shall prove by the pressure cycling test detailed in 9.2.4 that the design is satisfactory.

The shapes shown in Fig. 1 are typical convex heads and base ends. Shapes A, B, D and E are base ends, and shapes C and F are heads.

6.3.3 The cylinder may be designed with one or two openings along the central axis.

6.4 Calculation of Concave Base Ends

When concave base ends (see Fig. 2) are used the following design values are recommended:

\[
 a_1 \geq 2 \ a'
\]

\[
 a_2 \geq 2 \ a'
\]

\[
 h \geq 0.10 \ D_o
\]

\[
 R \geq 0.075 \ D_o
\]

The design drawing shall at least show values for \( a_1 \), \( a_2 \), \( h \) and \( r \).

6.4.1 In order to obtain a satisfactory stress distribution, the thickness of the cylinder shall increase progressively in the transition region between the cylindrical part and the base.

6.4.2 The cylinder manufacturer shall in any case prove by the pressure cycling test detailed in 9.2.4 that the design is satisfactory.

6.5 Neck Design

6.5.1 The external diameter and thickness of the formed neck end of the cylinder shall be adequate for the torque applied in fitting the valve to the cylinder. The torque
may vary according to the diameter of thread, the form of thread and the sealant used in the fitting of the valve (for guidance on torque, see IS 3224 and IS 3745).

6.5.2 In establishing the minimum thickness, consideration shall be given to obtain a thickness of wall in the cylinder neck which will prevent permanent expansion of the neck during the initial and subsequent fittings of the valve into the cylinder without support of an attachment such as a neck ring. Where the cylinder is specifically designed to be fitted with neck reinforcement, such as neck ring or shrunk-on collar, the same shall be taken into account.

6.5.3 Valve Fittings

The cylinder neck shall be threaded to suit the type of valves specified in IS 3224 or IS 3745 or to any other specification approved by the statutory authority. The threads shall be full form, clean cut, even, and without chatter, tapped into gauges, and concentric with axis of the cylinder.

NOTE — For special application parallel threads suitable for pressure retaining as per IS 4218 (Parts 1 to 6) may be acceptable with the approval of the statutory authority.

6.6 Foot Rings

When a foot ring is provided, it shall be sufficiently strong and made of material compatible with that of the cylinder. The shape should preferably be cylindrical and shall give the cylinder sufficient stability. The foot ring shall be secured to the cylinder by a method other than welding, brazing or soldering. Any gaps which may form water traps shall be sealed by a method other than welding, brazing or soldering.

6.7 Neck Rings

6.7.1 The valve shall be protected against damage by the provision of a stout cap of thickness not less than 2.5 mm. Cylinder for non-toxic gases, of nominal water capacity up to 5 litres shall be exempted from this provision. Cylinder for non-toxic gases of nominal water capacity above 5 litres and up to 10.5 litres may not be provided with valve protection cap, if approved by the statutory authority. The cap shall be of such a shape that it is nowhere in actual contact with any part of the valve or the valve body. The cap shall be provided with vent of adequate size so as to avoid any gas pressure accumulation inside cap in case of leak. However, in case of highly toxic gases, the cap shall be gas tight, capable of withstanding maximum developed pressure of contained gas at 65°C.

6.7.2 When a neck ring is provided, it shall be sufficiently strong and made of material compatible with that of the cylinder and shall be securely attached by a method other than welding, brazing or soldering. The manufacturer shall ensure that the torque to turn the neck ring is greater than 100 Nm.

6.8 Design Drawing

A fully dimensioned drawing shall be prepared which includes the specification of the material, threads, permanent fitting and minimum possible service temperature - 20°C.

Consideration shall be given to the minimum required impact values at the lowest service temperature which may be - 20°C (see 10.3 and Table 4). The minimum permissible service temperature shall be specified on the drawing.

7 MANUFACTURE

7.1 General

The cylinder shall be produced by:

a) Forging or drop forging from a solid ingot or billet; or
b) Manufacturing from seamless tube (hot/cold finish, flow formed); or
c) Pressing from a flat plate;
d) Closing of the open ends may be done by any hot working processes such as spinning, forging, etc; and
e) Cylinders may be designed with one or two openings along the central cylinder axis. Metal shall not be added in the process of closure of the end. Plugging to correct manufacturing defects in cylinder bases is not permitted.

7.2 Wall Thickness

During production each cylinder or semi-finished shell shall be examined for thickness. The wall thickness at any point shall be not less than the minimum thickness specified.

If required by the purchaser, suitable allowances to cover corrosion, manufacturing tolerances, stresses due to horizontal acceleration and retardation during transportation may also be provided. The amount of these allowances shall be as agreed to between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

7.3 Surface Defects

The internal and external surfaces of the finished cylinder shall be free from defects which would adversely affect the safe working of the cylinder. See Annex A for examples of defects and guidance on their evaluation.

7.4 Out-of-Roundness

The out-of-roundness of the cylindrical shell that is the difference between the maximum and minimum outside diameters at the same cross-section shall not exceed 2 percent of the mean of these diameters.
7.5 Mean Diameter
The mean external diameter of the cylindrical part outside the transition zones on a cross-section shall not deviate more than \( \pm 1 \) percent from the nominal design diameter.

7.6 Straightness
The maximum deviation of the cylindrical part of the shell from a straight line shall not exceed 3 mm/m length (see Fig. 3).

7.7 Vertically
Deviation from vertical shall not exceed 10 mm/m length (see Fig. 3).

7.8 Stability
The outer diameter of the surface in contact with the ground shall be greater than 65 percent of the nominal outside diameter of the concave base cylinder.

7.9 Testing Requirements
The material of the finished cylinders shall satisfy the requirements given in 9 (type approval procedure), 10 (batch test) and 11 (test on every cylinder).

7.9.1 Re-test
In the event of failure to meet test requirements, re-testing or re-heat treatment and re-testing shall be carried out as follows:

a) If there is evidence of a fault in carrying out a test as per 10.1.3, or an error of measurement, a further test shall be performed on test sample from the same cylinder or one sample from same cylinder/test ring and one sample from an additional cylinder/test ring taken at random from the same batch by inspector. If the result of this test is satisfactory, the first test shall be ignored.

b) If the test has been carried out in a satisfactory manner, the cause of test failure shall be identified.

NOTES

1. It the failure is considered to be due to the heat treatment applied, the manufacturer may subject all the cylinders implicated by the failure to a further heat treatment. This heat treatment shall consist of re-normalizing or re-normalizing and tempering or re-tempering. No cylinder shall be normalized more than three times or tempered more than three times. If the failure is in a test representing prototype or batch cylinder, test failure shall require re-heat treatment of all the represented cylinders prior to re-testing. However, the failure occurs sporadically in a test applied to every cylinder then these cylinders which fail the test shall require re-heat treatment and re-testing. Also, if more than five cylinders are re-heat treated, they shall constitute a new batch (see 10).

However, cylinders which are re-heat treated for compliance with hardness test, or hydrostatic stretch test, shall continue to be part of the original batch, unless the repeat treatment temperatures differ by more than 20°C from the first heat treatment.

Whenever cylinders are re-heat treated, the minimum guaranteed wall thickness shall be maintained.

Only the relevant prototype or batch tests needed to prove the acceptability of the batch shall be performed again. If one or more of these re-tests prove even partially unsatisfactory, all cylinders of the batch shall be rejected, and re-subjected to the provisions of 7.9.1

2. If the failure is not due to the heat treatment applied, all the identified defective cylinders shall be rejected or repaired by an approved method. The repaired cylinders shall then be included and represented by the original batch tests provided that they have passed the necessary test(s) for that repair.

3. Not more than five cylinders or test rings from a batch shall be subjected to tests, subject to the limitation on number of re-heat treatments as above.

4. If any cylinders fail to meet the requirements of hydrostatic stretch test in terms of stretch, or burst test, no further cylinders shall be accepted from the manufacturer until it has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of the inspector that the cause of the failure has been identified and corrected. Also, for the batch under consideration, each of the remaining cylinders should be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the inspector, to be free from the defect which caused the failure.

7.10 Water Capacity
The manufacturer shall check and record the water capacity of each cylinder in order to ensure compliance as per following tolerance:

a) For cylinders of water capacity up to and including 20 litres - + 10 percent

subject to a maximum of 1 litre; and

b) For cylinders of water capacity exceeding 20 litres - + 5 percent.

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8 INSPECTION AND TESTING
In order to ensure that the cylinders are in compliance with this standard they shall be subject to inspection and testing in accordance with 9 (type approval procedure), 10 (batch test) and 11 (test on every cylinder) by an authorized inspection body (hereafter referred to as the inspector) recognized by the statutory authority.

9 TYPE APPROVAL PROCEDURE
9.1 General Requirements
A technical specification of each new design of cylinders or cylinder family as given in 9.1 (f) including design drawing, design calculations, steel details and heat treatment, shall be submitted by the manufacturer to the inspecting authority, for scrutiny and further recommendations to statutory authority. The type approval tests detailed in 9.2 shall be carried out on each new design under the supervision of the inspector.

A cylinder shall be considered to be of a new design,
compared with an existing approved design when:

a) It is manufactured in a different factory; or
b) It is manufactured by a different process; or
c) It is manufactured from a steel of different specified chemical composition range as defined in 5.2.1; or
d) It is given a different heat treatment beyond the limits stipulated in 5.3; or
e) Base/neck profile has changed, for example concave, convex, hemispherical or also if there is a change in base thickness/cylinder diameter ratio; or
f) Overall length of the cylinder has increased by more than 50 percent (cylinders with a length diameter ratio less than 3 shall not be used as reference cylinders for any new design with this ratio greater than 3; or
g) Nominal outside diameter has changed; or
h) Design wall thickness has changed; or
i) Hydraulic test pressure has been increased (where a cylinder is to be used for lower pressure duty than that for which design approval has been given, it shall not be deemed to be a new design); or

k) Guaranteed minimum yield stress \( (R_y) \) and/or the guaranteed minimum tensile strength \( (R_s) \) have changed.

9.2 Prototype Tests

9.2.1 A minimum of 50 cylinders, which shall be guaranteed by the manufacturer to be representative of the new design, shall be made available for prototype testing. However, if for special applications the total production if less than 50 cylinders, enough cylinders shall be made to complete the prototype tests required, in addition to the production quantity.

9.2.2 In the course of the type approval process, the inspector shall select the necessary cylinder for test and

a) Verify that:
   1) Design conforms to the requirements of 6 (design);
   2) Thickness of the wall of the ends on one cylinder (that taken for mechanical testing) meet the requirements of 6.3 to 6.6. The measurements being taken at least at three transverse sections of the cylindrical part and on a longitudinal section of the base and head;
   3) Requirements of 5 (materials) are complied with;
   4) Requirements of 6.7, 6.8 and 7.5 to 7.8, inclusive are complied with for all cylinders selected by the inspector; and
   5) Internal and external surfaces of the cylinders are free of any defect which might make them unsafe for use (see Annex A).

b) Supervise the following tests on the cylinders selected:
   1) Tests specified in 9.2.3 (hydraulic bursting test) on one cylinder, the cylinder bearing representative stamp markings;
   2) Tests specified in 10.1.3 (mechanical testing) on one cylinder, the test piece being identifiable with the batch;
   3) Tests specified in 9.2.4 (pressure cycling test) on two cylinders, the cylinders bearing representative stamp marking;
   4) For cylinders made from seamless tube, the test specified in 9.2.5 (base check) shall be performed on one cylinder selected for mechanical testing.

NOTES
1 In case of cylinders having diameter exceeding 300 mm for test 9.2.2 (b) (2), a sample cut from a tube of same heat number in the form of a ring of sufficient length to provide requisite test piece may be taken and subjected to the same heat treatment, so that its mechanical properties are representative of the cylinders in the batch.
2 Cylinders selected for pressure cycling test may be used for hydraulic burst test.

9.2.3 Hydraulic Bursting Test

9.2.3.1 Test installation

The test equipment shall be capable of operation in accordance with the test conditions specified in 9.2.3.2 and producing accurately the information required by 9.2.3.3.

A typical hydraulic burst test installation is illustrated in Fig. 4.

9.2.3.2 Test conditions

As the cylinder and test equipment are being filled with water, care shall be taken to ensure that no air is trapped in the circuit by operating the hydraulic pump until water is discharged from the vent or air release valve.

During the test, pressurization shall be carried out in two successive stages:

a) In the first stage, the pressure shall be increased at a rate of not more than 0.5 MPa/s (5 bar/s) up to a pressure value corresponding to the initiation of plastic deformation; and
b) In the second stage, the pump discharge rate shall be maintained at as constant a level as is possible until the cylinder bursts.

9.2.3.3 Interpretation of test

a) The interpretation of the burst test shall involve:
   1) Examination of the pressure/time curve or pressure/volume of water used curve, to
permit determination of the pressure \((P_y)\) at which plastic deformation of the cylinder commences, together with the bursting pressure \((P_b)\); and

2) Examination of the burst tear and of the shape of its edges.

For the result of a bursting test to be considered satisfactory, the following requirements shall be met:

1) Observed yield pressure \((P_y)\) shall be greater than or equal to \(1/F \times 1.5\) test pressure \((P_b)\) with an absolute min of 1.18 \times test pressure \((P_b)\).

2) Actual burst pressure \((P_b)\) shall be greater than or equal to 2.25 times of working pressure \((P_w)\).

b) The cylinder shall remain in one piece and shall not fragment;

c) The main fracture shall be in the cylindrical portion and shall not be brittle, that is the fracture edges shall be inclined with respect to the wall. The tear shall not reveal a significant defect in the metal;

d) For cylinder with wall thickness less than 7.5 mm, the fracture shall be acceptable only if it conforms to one of the following descriptions:

1) Longitudinal, without branching \([\text{see Fig. (5a)}]\);

2) Longitudinal, with a side branching at each end which in no case extends \(d_2\) beyond the longitudinal plane normal to the fracture plane \([\text{see Fig. 5(b)}]\) or with fishtail branching at one end \([\text{see Fig. (5c)}]\) or at both ends \([\text{see Fig. (5d)}]\).

e) Cylinder having diameter exceeding 300 mm and water capacity exceeding 150 litres shall be subjected to hydraulic pressure not less than calculated burst pressure as per formula given below. During pressurization, if no visible permanent deformation is observed, the cylinder shall be considered to have passed the burst test.

\[
R_k \times 0.95 = \frac{P_b(D - 2\alpha)}{200 \alpha}
\]

9.2.3.4 Acceptance criteria

Figure 5 illustrate satisfactory burst test profiles and batches represented by such results shall be accepted. If the configuration of the fracture does not conform to Fig. 5 but other material and mechanical tests are satisfactory, investigation of the cause of the non-conformity shall be undertaken prior to acceptance or rejection of the batch.

9.2.4 Pressure Cycling Test

This test shall be carried out on cylinders bearing representative markings with a non-corrosive liquid subjecting the cylinders to successive reversals at an upper cyclic pressure [UCP] which is equal to the hydraulic test pressure \((P_b)\). The cylinders shall withstand 12 000 cycles without failure.

For cylinders with hydraulic test pressure \((P_b)\) > 450 bar, the upper cyclic pressure may be reduced to two-thirds of this test pressure. In this case the cylinders shall withstand 80 000 cycles without failure.

The value of the lower cyclic pressure shall not exceed 10 percent of the upper cyclic pressure, but shall have an absolute maximum of 30 bar.

The cylinder shall actually experience the maximum and minimum cyclic pressures during the test.

The frequency of reversals of pressure shall not exceed 0.25 Hz (15 cycles/min). The temperature measured on the outside surface of the cylinder shall not exceed 50°C during the test.

After the test the cylinder bases shall be sectioned in order to measure the thickness and to ensure that this thickness is greater than the minimum designed thickness.

The test shall be considered satisfactory if the cylinders attain the required number of cycles without developing a leak.

9.2.5 Base Check (for Cylinder Made from Tube Only)

A meridian section with offset equal to saw blade thickness shall be made in the base of the cylinder and one of the surfaces thus obtained polished for examination under a magnification of between 5 \times and 10 \times.

The cylinder shall be regarded as defective if the presence of cracks is detected. It shall also be regarded as defective, if the dimensions of any pores or inclusions present reach values considered to pose a threat to safety.

In no case shall the sound thickness (that is the thickness with no defects) in the base centre be less than the specified shell thickness as per 6.3 and 6.4.

9.3 Type Approval Certificate

If the results of the checks according to 9.2 are satisfactory, the inspector shall issue a type approval certificate. A typical example is given in Annex B.

10 BATCH TESTS

10.1 General Requirements

10.1.1 All tests given at 10.1.3 for checking the quality of the gas cylinder material shall be carried out on material from finished cylinders.

For the purpose of batch testing the manufacturer shall provide the inspector with:
a) Type approval certificate;
b) Certificates from material manufacturer stating the
cast analysis of the steel supplied for the
manufacture of the cylinders, and heat-wise
derification by test laboratory;
c) Evidence that appropriate heat treatment has
d) A list of the cylinders, stating serial numbers
and stamp markings as required; and
c) Confirmation that threads are checked properly
in accordance with gauging requirements. The
gauges to be used shall be specified.

10.1.2 During batch testing, the inspector shall:

a) Ascertain that the type approval certificate has
been obtained and the cylinders confirm to it;
b) Check whether the requirements set out in 5, 6
and 7 have met and in particular check by an
external and, if physically possible, internal
visual examination of the cylinders whether their
construction and checks carried out by the
manufacturer in accordance with 7.2 to 7.8 are
satisfactory. The visual examination shall cover
at least 10 percent of the cylinders manufactured.
c) Check whether the information supplied by the
manufacturer referred to in 10.1.1 is correct;
d) Select the necessary cylinders per batch for
destructive testing and carry out the tests
specified in 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4. Where
alternative tests are permitted, the purchaser and
manufacturer shall agree which tests are to be
carried out; and
e) Assess the results of hardness testing specified
in 11.3.

10.1.3 Mechanical Test
The following tests shall be carried out on one cylinder
of each batch:

a) One tensile test in the longitudinal direction (see
10.2);
b) Either two bend tests (see 10.4.1) in a
circularferential direction or a flattening test (see
10.4.2) or one ring flattening test (see 10.4.3);
and
c) Three impact tests in transverse or longitudinal
direction as required in 10.3 when the thickness
of the cylinder permits the machining of a test
piece at least 3 mm thick.

NOTE – For location of test pieces, see Fig. 6.

10.2 Tensile Test

10.2.1 A tensile test shall be carried out on material
taken from the cylindrical part of the cylinder by
adopting either of the following procedures:

a) Rectangular specimens shall be prepared in
accordance with Fig. 6 and with a gauge length

\[ L_o \text{ equal to } 5.65 \sqrt{S_o} \]. The two faces of the test
piece representing the inside and the outside
surfaces of the cylinder shall not be machined.
The elongation \((A)\) shall not be less than 18
percent; and

b) Machined round specimens having the
maximum diameter practicable, the elongation
\((A)\) measured on a gauge length of 5 times the
specimen's diameter being not less than the value
calculated by the formula in 10.2.1 (a) increased
by elongation as 20 percent. It is recommended
that machined round test pieces are not used for
wall thickness less than 3 mm.

10.2.2 The tensile test shall be carried out in accordance
with IS 1608.

10.3 Impact Test

10.3.1 Except for the requirement set out below, the
test shall be carried out in accordance with IS 1757.

The impact test pieces three numbers shall be taken in
the direction either transverse or longitudinal as required
in Table 4 from the wall of the cylinder. The notch
shall be perpendicular to the face of the cylinder wall
(see Fig. 7). For longitudinal tests the test piece shall
be machined all over (on six faces), if the wall thickness
does not permit a final test piece width of 10 mm, the
width shall be near as practicable to the nominal
thickness of the cylinder wall. The test pieces taken in
the transverse direction shall be machined on four faces
only, the inner and outer faces of the cylinder wall shall
be un-machined (see Fig. 8).

Minimum acceptance values are given in Table 4.

10.4 Bend Test and Flattening Test

10.4.1 Bend Test

10.4.1.1 The bend test shall be carried out on two test
pieces obtained by cutting either one or two rings of
width 25 mm or 4 times the minimum agreed finished
thickness, whichever is the greater, into equal parts.
Each test piece shall be of sufficient length to permit
the bend test to be carried out correctly. Only the edges
of each strip may be machined.

10.4.1.2 The test piece shall not crack when bent
inwards around the former until the inside surfaces are
not further apart than the diameter of the former (see
Fig. 9).

10.4.1.3 The maximum diameter of the former \((D_f)\)
shall be established from Table 5. For the actual tensile
strength \((R_{tu})\) given in Table 5; \(D_f = n \times t\) where \(t\) is the
test piece thickness.

10.4.2 Flattening Test

10.4.2.1 The flattening test shall be performed on
one cylinder selected from each batch after heat
treatment.
Table 4 Impact Test Acceptance Values

(Probles 6.8 and 10.3)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sl No.</th>
<th>Cylinder Diameter $D_n$, in mm</th>
<th>$&gt; 140$</th>
<th>$\leq 140$</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>(4)</td>
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<tr>
<td>i)</td>
<td>Direction of testing</td>
<td>Transverse</td>
<td>Longitudinal</td>
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<tr>
<td>ii)</td>
<td>Test temperature, in °C</td>
<td></td>
<td>-20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>iii)</td>
<td>Impact strength in J/cm², Min</td>
<td>Mean of 3 specimens</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Individual specimen</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Table 5 Bend Test and Flattening Test Requirements

(Clause 10.3.1)

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<tr>
<th>Sl No.</th>
<th>Actual Tensile Strength $R_m$ (MPa)</th>
<th>Bend Test Value of $n$</th>
<th>Flattening Test Value of $u^1$</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>(4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>i)</td>
<td>$R_m \leq 500$</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ii)</td>
<td>$500 &lt; R_m \leq 670$</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>iii)</td>
<td>$670 &lt; R_m \leq 800$</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
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a) Hydraulic proof pressure test in accordance with 11.2.1, if hardness test is carried out or a hydraulic volumetric expansion test in accordance with 11.2.2. The purchaser and manufacturer shall agree which of these alternatives shall be carried out;
b) Cylinders manufactured from chromium, molybdenum and nickel chromium molybdenum steel shall be tested for hardness in accordance with 11.3;
c) Leakage test in accordance with 11.4; and
d) Water capacity check in accordance with 11.5.

10.4.2.2 The test cylinder shall be flattened between wedge-shaped knife edges with a 60° included angle, the edges being rounded to a nominal radius of 13 mm. The length of the wedges shall not be less than the width of the flattened cylinder. The longitudinal axis of the cylinder shall be at an angle of approximately 90° to the knife edges.

10.4.2.3 The test cylinder shall be flattened until the distance between the knife edge is in accordance with Table 5. The flattened cylinder shall remain visually intact.

10.4.3 Ring Flattening Test

The ring flattening test shall be carried out on one ring of width 25 mm or 4 times the minimum agreed finished thickness, whichever is greater, taken from the cylinder body. Only the edges of the ring may be machined. The ring shall be flattened between platens until the distance between platens is in accordance with Table 4. The flattened ring shall remain visually uncracked.

11 TESTS ON EVERY CYLINDER

11.1 General

Following heat treatment, all cylinders except those selected for testing under 10, shall be subjected to the following tests:
a controlled rate until the test pressure, \( P_{th} \), is reached. The cylinder shall remain under pressure \( P_{th} \) for at least 30 s and the total volumetric expansion measured. The pressure shall be released, and the volumetric expansion re-measured (see IS 5844).

The cylinder shall be rejected, if it shows a permanent expansion (that is volumetric expansion after the pressure has been released) in excess of 10 percent of the total volumetric expansion measured at the test pressure \( P_{th} \).

The total and permanent expansion readings shall be recorded together with the corresponding serial number of each cylinder tested, so that the elastic expansion (that is total expansion less permanent expansion) under the test pressure can be established for each cylinder.

11.3 Hardness Test

If required, a hardness test [see 11.1 (b)] in accordance with IS 1500 (Brinell), or IS 1586 (Rockwell) or other equivalent methods shall be carried out by the manufacturer after the final heat treatment of the cylinder. The hardness values thus determined according to IS 4258, shall be within the limits specified by the cylinder manufacturer for the material, dependent upon the heat treatment used for the production of the cylinder.

NOTES

1 Methods for measuring the surface indentation, other than those given in IS 1500 or IS 1586 may be used subject to agreement between the parties concerned.

2 Cylinders made from carbon manganese steel shall not be subjected to this test, except those having a hydraulic test pressure \( \geq 260 \text{ bar} \).

11.4 Leakage Test

The manufacturer shall employ such manufacturing techniques and apply such tests as will demonstrate to the satisfaction of the inspector that the cylinders do not leak. This test shall be conducted at a pressure not lower than \( 0.6 \times \text{test pressure} (P_{th}) \) (see 6.2).

11.5 Capacity Check

The manufacturer shall verify that water capacity of each cylinder conforms to 7.10.

12 CERTIFICATION

Each cylinder shall be permanently stamped with the following:

a) Serial number and identification of manufacturer and year of manufacture;
b) Number of this standard, IS 7285-1;
c) Test pressure and date of the hydraulic test (such as 4/04 for April 2004);
d) Tare weight, in kg (except in case of dissolved gas);
e) Design minimum water capacity of the cylinder, in litres;
f) Inspector’s official mark;
g) A whole number, indicating the value of yield stress, \( R_{y} \), in MPa, on which the calculation of wall thickness was based;
h) Symbol for heat treatment, N;
j) Filling pressure in bar at 15° C in the case of permanent gases and filling ratio in the case of liquefiable gases; and
k) Name or chemical symbol of the gas for which cylinder is to be used.

13 CYLINDER MARKING

Each cylinder may also be marked with the Standard Mark.

14.1 The use of the Standard Mark is governed by the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. The details of conditions under which a license for the use of the Standard Mark may be granted to the manufacturers or the producers may be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards.

14.2 The markings shall not be made on the body of the cylinder but shall be at areas in the formed neck where the thickness of metal is greater than the design minimum and where it is adequate for marking to be carried out.

14.2.1 Suitable area for marking shall be determined by sectioning a prototype cylinder by any suitable method acceptable to the statutory authority.

14.2.2 The characters in marking shall normally be at least 6 mm in height. On cylinders below 140 mm diameter, this height may be reduced, but in no case shall the characters be less than 3 mm in height. The indentation shall not be of excessive depth.

14.2.3 The stamps used for marking shall have small radii at changes of section to avoid the formation of sharp edges in the stamped marking.

14.3 Colour Identification

The cylinder shall be painted externally in accordance with the colour scheme specified in IS 3933 or IS 4379.
14.3.1 Export Market

Cylinders manufactured for export shall be painted externally as agreed to between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

15 RECORDS

Records shall be kept of all the tests made at the cylinder manufacturer's works and copies shall be forwarded to the purchaser of the cylinder and the inspecting authority.

16 PREPARATION FOR DESPATCH

Before being despatch from the manufacturer's works, all cylinder shall be thoroughly cleaned and all particles of grit, filings or other matter which may have collected inside the cylinder in the course of manufacture, heat treatment and testing shall be removed completely and the cylinder dried internally if required, by heating uniformly to a temperature not exceeding 300°C. The outside of the cylinder shall be given a suitable protective coating before despatch.

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**KEY**

1 Cylindrical Part

**NOTE** — Shape B shall not be excluded from this requirement.

**FIG. 1 TYPICAL CONVEX ENDS**
FIG. 2 CONCAVE BASE ENDS

KEY
1 Maximum 0.01 \times l \text{ (see 7.7)}
2 Maximum 0.003 \times l \text{ (see 7.6)}

FIG. 3 ILLUSTRATION OF DEVIATION OF CYLINDRICAL PART OF SHELL FROM A STRAIGHT LINE AND FROM VERTICAL
FIG. 4 TEST INSTALLATION

KEY
1 Test Fluid Reservoir
2 Tank for Measurement of Test Fluid (the Feed Tank may also be Used as a Measuring Tank)
3 Pump
4 Pressure Gauge
5 Pressure /Time Curve Recorder
6 Vent or Air Release Valve
7 Test Well
8 Cylinder

FIG. 5 ACCEPTABLE BURST PROFILES

a)  

b)  

c)  

d)  

\[ d_2 < \frac{\pi D_0}{2} \]
KEY

1 Bend Test Pieces
2 Transverse Impact Test Pieces
3 Longitudinal Impact Test Pieces (Alternative Positions Shown Dotted)
4 Tensile Test Piece

FIG. 6 TYPICAL LOCATION OF TEST PIECES

KEY

1 Transverse Specimen
2 Cylinder Longitudinal-Axis
3 Charpy V-Notch Perpendicular to Wall
4 Longitudinal Specimen

FIG. 7 DESCRIPTION OF TRANSVERSE AND LONGITUDINAL IMPACT TEST PIECES
a) Test Piece Taken from Cylinder Wall

b) Front View of Test Piece in Impact Tester

c) Top View of Test Piece in Impact Tester

FIG. 8 DESCRIPTION OF TRANSVERSE IMPACT TESTING

FIG. 9 ILLUSTRATION OF BEND TEST
ANNEX A
(Clauses 7.3 and 9.2.2)

DESCRIPTION, EVALUATION OF MANUFACTURING DEFECTS AND CONDITIONS
FOR REJECTION OF SEAMLESS STEEL GAS CYLINDERS AT TIME OF FINAL VISUAL
INSPECTION BY THE MANUFACTURER

A-1 INTRODUCTION

Several types of defects can occur during the manufacturing of seamless steel gas cylinders.

Such defects can be mechanical or material. They can be due to the basic material used, the manufacturing process, heat treatments, manipulations, neck ring, machining or marking operations and other occurrences during manufacture.

The aim of this Annex is to identify the manufacturing defects most commonly met and to provide rejection criteria to the inspectors that perform the visual inspection.

Nevertheless extensive field experience and good judgement and independence from production are necessary by the inspector to detect and to be able to evaluate and judge a defect at the time of the visual inspection.

A-2 GENERAL

A-2.1 It is essential to perform the visual internal and external inspection in good conditions.

The surface of the metal and particularly the inner wall should be completely clean, dry and reasonably free from oxidation products, corrosion, scale, etc, since these could obscure other more serious defects. Where necessary, the surface should be cleaned under closely controlled conditions by suitable methods before further inspection.

Appropriate sources of illumination with sufficient intensity should be used.

After the cylinders have been closed and the threads have been cut, the internal neck area should be examined by means of an introscope, dental-mirror or other suitable appliance.

A-2.2 Small defects may be removed by local dressing, grinding, machining, or other appropriate methods.

Great care should be taken to avoid introducing new injurious defects.

After such a repair the cylinders should be re-examined.

A-3 MANUFACTURING DEFECTS

The most commonly found manufacturing defects and their definitions are listed in Table 6.

Rejection limits for repair or reject are also included in Table 6. These rejections limits are established following considerable field experience. They apply to all sizes and types of cylinders and service conditions. Nevertheless, some customer specifications, some types of cylinder or some special service conditions can require stringent conditions.

A-4 REJECTED CYLINDERS

a) All rejected cylinders should be rendered unserviceable for their original application, and
b) It may be possible to produce cylinders for different service conditions from rejected cylinders.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Defect</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Conditions for Rejection and/or Actions</th>
<th>Repair/Reject</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bulge</td>
<td>Visible swelling of the wall</td>
<td>All cylinders with such a defect</td>
<td>Reject</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dent(flats)</td>
<td>A depression in the wall that has neither penetrated nor removed metal</td>
<td>a) When the depth of the dent exceeds 2% of the external diameter of the cylinder</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td></td>
<td>(see Fig. 10)</td>
<td>b) When the depth of the dent is greater than 1 mm and the diameter of the dent is less than 30 times its depth</td>
<td>Permit repair</td>
</tr>
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<td>(see also 'excessive grinding or machining' below).</td>
<td>NOTE — On small diameter cylinders these general limits may have to be adjusted. Consideration of appearance also plays a part in the evaluation of defects, especially in the case of small cylinders.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cut, gouge, metallic or scale</td>
<td>An impression in the wall where metal has been removed or re-distributed</td>
<td>a) <em>Inside defect:</em> If not superficial with sharp notches more than 5% of wall thickness</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>impression</td>
<td>(due basically to the introduction of foreign bodies on the mandrel or matrix during extrusion or drawing operations)</td>
<td>NOTE — Consideration of appearance and localization (in thicker part with lower stresses) can be taken into account.</td>
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<td>b) <em>Outside defect:</em> When the depth exceeds 5% of the wall thickness times the thickness of the cylinders</td>
<td>Repair (see A-2.2)</td>
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<td>Dent containing cut or gouge</td>
<td>A depression in the wall which contains a cut or gouge</td>
<td>All cylinders with such defects</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>Excessive grinding or machining</td>
<td>Local reduction of wall thickness by grinding or machining</td>
<td>a) When the wall thickness is reduced to below the minimum drawing thickness; and</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>b) When it results in the formation of a dent.</td>
<td>See 'dent'</td>
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<td>Rib</td>
<td>A longitudinal raised surface with sharp corners</td>
<td><em>Inside defect:</em> If height or depth exceeds 5% of wall thickness or if the length exceeds 10% of the length of the cylinders</td>
<td>Repair, if possible or reject</td>
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<td>Groove</td>
<td>A longitudinal notch</td>
<td><em>Outside defect</em> When the height or depth exceeds 5% of the wall thickness or when the length exceeds 5 x the thickness of the cylinders</td>
<td>Repair, if possible (see A-2.2)</td>
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<td>Crack</td>
<td>Split, material separation</td>
<td>a) When not removable within thickness tolerance; and</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>b) When removable within thickness tolerance</td>
<td>Repair</td>
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<td>Neck cracks</td>
<td>Appear as lines, which run vertically down the thread and across the thread faces. (They should not be confused with tap marks or thread machining marks.)</td>
<td>All cylinders with such defects</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>Shoulder folds</td>
<td>Folding with peaks and troughs situated in the internal shoulder area, which can</td>
<td>a) Folds or cracks that are visible as a line of oxide running into the</td>
<td>Repair, if possible</td>
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<td>Defect</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Conditions for Rejection and/or Actions</td>
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<td>(1)</td>
<td>propagate into the threaded area of the shoulder (see Fig. 15)</td>
<td>threaded portion should be removed by a machining operation until the lines of oxide are no longer visible. After machining, the whole area should be re-inspected carefully and the wall thickness verified</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>and/or shoulder cracks</td>
<td>Cracks can start from folds in the internal shoulder area and propagate into the cylindrical area or threaded area of the shoulder (see Fig. 16 shows exactly where shoulder cracks start and how they propagate)</td>
<td>b) If folding or lines of oxide have not been removed by machining, if cracks are still visible or if wall thickness is unsatisfactory; and c) Folds which extend beyond the machined area and are clearly visible as open depressions where no oxides have been trapped in the metal, should be accepted provided that the peaks are smooth and the root of the depression is rounded</td>
<td>Acceptable</td>
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<td>Internal cracks in base</td>
<td>Splits in the metal of the bottom of the cylinder in star form</td>
<td>a) When not removable within thickness tolerance; and b) When removable within thickness tolerance</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>Orange peel surface</td>
<td>Orange peel appearance due to discontinuous metal flow</td>
<td>If sharp cracks are visible in the orange peel surface</td>
<td>Acceptable for non-aggressive gases</td>
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<td>Internal neck threads damaged or out of tolerance</td>
<td>Neck threads damaged, with dents, cuts, burrs or out of tolerance</td>
<td>a) When the design permits it, threads may be re-tapped and re-checked by the appropriate thread gauge and carefully visually re-examined. The appropriate number of effective threads shall be guaranteed; and b) If not repairable.</td>
<td>Repair, Reject</td>
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<td>Pitting</td>
<td>Severe surface corrosion</td>
<td>All cylinders with such defects visible after shot blasting</td>
<td>Reject</td>
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<td>Non-conformity with design drawing</td>
<td>Neck ring turns under application of low torque, or pulls off under low axial load (see 6.7.2)</td>
<td>All cylinders presenting such a defect</td>
<td>Repair, if possible or reject</td>
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<td>Neck ring not secure</td>
<td>Partial burning of the cylinder metal, the addition of weld metal or the removal of metal by scarfing or cratering</td>
<td>All cylinders presenting such a defect</td>
<td>Repair possible according to approved method only</td>
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1) On small diameter cylinders these general limits may have to be adjusted. Consideration of appearance also plays a part in the evaluation of defects, especially in the case of small cylinders.

2) Consideration of appearance and localization (in thicker parts with lower stresses) can be taken into account.
FIG. 10 DENT

FIG. 11 DENT CONTAINING CUT OR GOUGE

FIG. 12 RIB

FIG. 13 GROOVE
FIG. 14 NECK CRACKS

KEY
1 Neck Cracks
2 Propagated Crack in the Neck

FIG. 15 CYLINDER SHOULDERS FOLDS OR CRACKS BEFORE AND AFTER MACHINING

KEY
1 Folds or Cracks
2 After Machining

FIG. 16 SHOULDER CRACKS

KEY
1 Shoulder Cracks
2 Propagated Crack in the Shoulder
3 Folds
ANNEX B
(Clause 9.3)
TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

This Annex provides an example of a suitable form of a type approval certificate. Other formats also acceptable.

TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

Issued by

(Authorized Inspection Authority)

applying IS Standard .................................................................................................................................

concerning

SEAMLESS STEEL GAS CYLINDERS

Approval No: .............................................. Date:......................

Type of cylinder: .................................................................................................................................

[Description of the family of cylinders (Drawing No.) which has received type approval]

\[ P_{b} \] bar, \( D_{\text{min}} \) mm, \( D_{\text{max}} \) mm, \( a' \) mm

Shape of base: \( b \) mm

\( L_{\text{min}} \) mm, \( L_{\text{max}} \) mm, \( V_{\text{min}} \) litre, \( V_{\text{max}} \) litre

Material and heat treatment: ......................................................................................................................

Material and characteristics: Material \( R_{e} \) MPa, \( R_{f} \) MPa

Manufacturer or agent: .................................................................................................................................

(Name and address of manufacturer or its agent)

All information may be obtained from

..............................................................................................................................................................

(Name and address of approving body)

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Date:.............................

Place:.............................

(Signature of Inspector)
ANNEX C
(Clause 12)

ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE

This Annex provides an example of a suitable form of acceptance certificate. Other formats are also acceptable.

ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE

Acceptance certificate for seamless steel cylinders No.………..

A consignment of…………………….cylinders consisting of…………….test batches have been inspected and tested,……………..according to IS 7285 (Part 1).

(Designation or Type of gas):…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Manufacturer's No.:……………………………………………….to……………………………………………………………………

Owner's No.1) to……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Manufacturer:………………………………………………………..Manufacturer Order No.:……………….

Address:…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Country:…………………………………………………………………..Date:……………………………………………..

Owner/Customer2) Purchase Order No.:……………….

Address:…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Country:…………………………………………………………………..Date:……………………………………………..

TECHNICAL DATA

Water capacity, \( V \): Nominal1)……………litre Minimum1)………………litre

Test pressure, \( P_{h} \) :………..bar

Working pressure1) at 15\(^{\circ}\)C, \( P_{w} \) :……………..bar

Maximum filling charge0) kg

Nominal length:…………………mm (without cap and without valve)

Outside diameter, \( D_{o} \) :……………..mm

Minimum wall thickness, \( a \) :………..mm

Drawing No.:………………….Approved vide CCE's letter No;…………….dated………………

Material: Manufacturer's name, Specification, designation and grade:

Specified analysis3) : C Si Mn P S (P+S)

Percent, \( Max \):

Percent, \( Min \):

Heat treatment:

Stamp markings3):

Date

Manufacturer

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1) If required by customer.
2) Delete if applicable.
3) To be quoted or drawing to be attached.
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ACCEPTANCE TESTS

1. Measurements taken on one representative cylinder of the batch

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Minimum values

This is to certify that the cylinders covered by this Acceptance Certificate have passed the hydraulic pressure test and all the other tests as required in 10 of IS 7285 (Part 1) and they are in accordance with this standard.

Special remarks: ........................................................................................................................................................................
........................................................................................................................................................................................................

On behalf of: ..........................................................................................................................................................................

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Date .................................................. (Signature of Inspector)

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4) Need not be filled in if test reports are attached.
ANNEX D

(Foreword)

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Gas Cylinders Sectional Committee, ME 16

Organization
Department of Explosives, Nagpur

All India Industrial Gases Manufacturers Association, New Delhi

Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, Mathura

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Mumbai

Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd, Allahabad

BOC India Ltd, Kolkata

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Indian Gas Cylinders, Faridabad

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Ministry of Defence, Pune

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