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**Road vehicles — Compressed natural  
gas (CNG) fuel system components —**

**Part 9:  
Pressure regulator**

*Véhicules routiers — Composants des systèmes de combustible gaz  
naturel comprimé (GNC) —*

*Partie 9: Régulateur de pression*

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 15500-9:2012), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 15500-9:2012/Amd.1:2016. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- update of [Clause 4](#) (Marking);
- update of [Clause 6](#) (Test operation).

A list of all parts in the ISO 15500 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

For the purposes of this document, all fuel system components in contact with natural gas have been considered suitable for natural gas as defined in the ISO 15403 series. However, it is recognized that miscellaneous components not specifically covered herein can be examined to meet the criteria of this document and tested according to the appropriate functional tests.

All references to pressure in this document are considered to be gauge pressures unless otherwise specified.

This document is based on a service pressure for natural gas used as fuel of 20 MPa [200 bar<sup>1)</sup>] settled at 15 °C. Other service pressures can be accommodated by adjusting the pressure by the appropriate factor (ratio). For example, a 25 MPa (250 bar) service pressure system will require pressures to be multiplied by 1,25.

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1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10<sup>5</sup> Pa; 1 MPA = 1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

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# Road vehicles — Compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system components —

## Part 9: Pressure regulator

### 1 Scope

This document specifies tests and requirements for the pressure regulator, a compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system component intended for use on the types of motor vehicles defined in ISO 3833.

This document is applicable to vehicles (mono-fuel, bi-fuel or dual-fuel applications) using natural gas in accordance with the ISO 15403 series

It is not applicable to the following:

- a) liquefied natural gas (LNG) fuel system components located upstream of, and including, the vaporizer;
- b) fuel containers;
- c) stationary gas engines;
- d) container-mounting hardware;
- e) electronic fuel management;
- f) refuelling receptacles.

### 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.

ISO 15500-1, *Road vehicles — Compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system components — Part 1: General requirements and definitions*

ISO 15500-2, *Road vehicles — Compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system components — Part 2: Performance and general test methods*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15500-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

#### 3.1

##### **lock-up pressure**

stabilized outlet pressure of the regulator at 0 (zero) flow

## 4 Marking

Marking of the component shall provide sufficient information to allow the following to be traced:

- a) the manufacturer's or agent's name, trademark or symbol;
- b) the model designation (part number);
- c) the working pressure and temperature range;
- d) the maximum outlet pressure;
- e) the serial number or date code.

The following additional markings are recommended:

- the direction of flow (when necessary for correct installation);
- the type of fuel;
- the electrical ratings (if applicable);
- the symbol of the certification agency;
- the type approval number;
- a reference to this document.

NOTE This information can be provided by a suitable identification code on at least one part of the component when it consists of more than one part.

## 5 Construction and assembly

The pressure regulator shall comply with the applicable provisions of ISO 15500-1 and ISO 15500-2, and with the tests specified in [Clause 6](#). Tolerances should follow the specifications of ISO 15500-2.

The components downstream of the pressure regulator shall be protected from exposure to full upstream pressure. The pressure relief valve used for this purpose shall reset after relieving.

A pressure relief valve may be integral to the pressure regulator.

The pressure regulator shall have a factory-set maximum outlet pressure. The maximum outlet pressure rating and the inlet working pressure rating shall be marked on the regulator.

## 6 Tests

### 6.1 Applicability

The tests required to be carried out are indicated in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Applicable tests

Test	Applicable	Test procedure as required by ISO 15500-2	Specific test requirements of this document
Hydrostatic strength	X	X	X (see 6.2)
Leakage	X (external)	X	X (see 6.3)
Excess torque resistance	X	X	
Bending moment	X	X	
Continued operation	X	X	X (see 6.4)
Corrosion resistance	X	X	
Oxygen ageing	X	X	
Ozone ageing	X	X	
Heat ageing	X	X	
Automotive fluids	X	X	
Electrical over-voltages	X	X	
Non-metallic material immersion	X	X	
Vibration resistance	X	X	
Brass material compatibility	X	X	
Insulation resistance	X <sup>a</sup>		X (see 6.5)
Minimum opening voltage	X <sup>a</sup>		X (see 6.6)
Pressure impulse	X		X (see 6.7)
Water jacket freezing	X		X (see 6.8)

<sup>a</sup> Applicable only for regulators with electrical components.

## 6.2 Hydrostatic strength

**6.2.1** Test the pressure regulator according to the procedure for testing hydrostatic strength specified in ISO 15500-2.

**6.2.2** Test the inlet of the first stage at a pressure of 2,5 times the working pressure.

**6.2.3** The chambers downstream of the inlet valve to the pressure regulator shall be tested according to the following procedure.

With the inlet to the chamber in the open position and all the outlets plugged:

- if the chamber has a pressure relief valve, the chamber shall be tested at 2,5 times the relief valve's set pressure, with the relief valve removed and the opening plugged;
- if there is no relief valve, test the chamber to upstream working pressure.

**6.2.4** For multiple stage regulators test the outlet chamber, port and all outlet fittings at 2,5 times the working pressure, or 0,4 MPa (4 bar), whichever is greater.

## 6.3 External leakage

Test the pressure regulator at the temperatures and pressures given in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Test temperatures and pressures

Temperature °C	Stage	Pressure MPa	
		First test	Second test
-40 or -20	Inlet to 1	1	0,025
20	Inlet to 1	0,025	1,5
85 or 120	Inlet to 1	0,05	

#### 6.4 Continued operation

The pressure regulator shall be able to withstand 50 000 cycles without any failure when tested according to the following procedure. Where the stages of pressure regulation are separate, the working pressure in a) to f) is considered to be the working pressure of the upstream stage.

- Cycle the regulator for 95 % of the total number of cycles at room temperature and at the working pressure. Each cycle shall consist of flow until stable outlet pressure has been obtained, after which the gas flow shall be shut off by a downstream valve within 1 s, until the downstream lock-up pressure has stabilized. Stabilized outlet pressures are defined as set pressure  $\pm 15$  % for at least 5 s. The regulator shall comply with 6.3 at room temperature at intervals of 20 %, 40 %, 60 %, 80 % and 100 % of room temperature cycles.
- Cycle the inlet pressure of the regulator for 1 % of the total number of cycles at room temperature from 100 % to 50 % of the working pressure. The duration of each cycle shall be no less than 10 s. The regulator shall comply with 6.3 at room temperature at the completion of this test.
- Repeat the cycling procedure of a) at 85 °C or 120 °C at the working pressure for 1 % of the total number of cycles.
- Repeat the cycling procedure of b) at 120 °C at the working pressure for 1 % of the total number of cycles. The regulator shall comply with 6.3 at 85 °C or 120 °C at the completion of this test.
- Repeat the cycling procedure of a) at -40 °C or -20 °C, as applicable and 50 % of working pressure for 1 % of the total number of cycles.
- Repeat the cycling procedure of b) at -40 °C or -20 °C, as applicable and 50 % of working pressure for 1 % of the total number of cycles. The regulator shall comply with 6.3 at -40 °C or -20 °C, as applicable at the completion of this test.
- At the completion of the cycles, the lock-up pressure downstream of the regulator shall not exceed the lock-up pressure specified by the manufacturer.

Leakage tests mentioned in a) through e) above are optional but the leakage test after f) is mandatory.

#### 6.5 Insulation resistance

The insulation resistance test is designed to check for a potential failure of the insulation between the two-pin coil assembly and the pressure regulator casing.

Apply DC 1 000 V between one of the connector pins and the housing of the pressure regulator for at least 2 s. The minimum allowable resistance shall be 240 k $\Omega$ .

#### 6.6 Minimum opening voltage

The minimum opening voltage at room temperature shall be  $\leq 8$  V for a 12 V system and  $\leq 16$  V for a 24 V system. The component shall be pressurized at 0,75 times working pressure during the test.

For systems with other nominal voltages the test shall be made at  $\leq 66$  % of the system's nominal voltage.

## 6.7 Pressure impulse

### 6.7.1 Internal impulse

Conduct the following steps for the internal impulse test:

- a) Subject the pressure regulator with its first stage valve locked in the open position to a sudden application of its working pressure at its inlet. The pressure regulator shall retain or release the pressure without any permanent deformation.
- b) The lock-up pressure downstream of the regulator shall not exceed the lock-up pressure specified by the manufacturer.

This test was included in order to evaluate the performance of the components that may suffer from the effects of an instantaneous increase in pressure. In normal service, this may happen for example, when filling gas in an empty system or when a solenoid valve opens the flow of gas to an empty fuel line. Previous tests have revealed that certain designs cannot cope with these instantaneous pulses and the components tend to bend or jam.

### 6.7.2 External impulse

The pressure regulator shall withstand 100 inlet pressure pulses, as follows.

- a) If the regulator has an integrated solenoid valve, it shall be opened by application of the rated voltage.
- b) The outlet of the regulator shall be vented until the inlet fuel line is at atmospheric pressure and then closed.
- c) Working pressure shall be instantaneously applied to the regulator inlet.

The pressure regulator shall contain or vent the pressure without any permanent deformation. The pressure regulator shall meet the requirements of the external leakage in accordance with [6.3](#), and the lock-up pressure shall not exceed the manufacturer's rated lock-up pressure.

The external impulse test in this subclause tests the resistance of the inlet valve to pulses on the high-pressure side, for example, a pressure regulator that has a normal working pressure inside but with no pressure in the fuel line and there is a sudden opening of the cylinder valve filled with service pressure.

## 6.8 Water jacket freezing

Conduct the following steps for the water jacket freezing test:

- a) Attach 1 m sections of coolant hose to the coolant inlet and outlet of the regulator or water jacket. Fill the regulator or water jacket, which normally contains an antifreeze solution, with water, to normal capacity and expose it at  $-40\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$  or  $-20\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ , as applicable, for 24 h.
- b) Following the freezing conditioning, and after exposing the assembly to  $20\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$  for a minimum of 24 h, conduct an external leakage test at room temperature according to [6.3](#).

A separate sample may be used for this test.