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

**Part 12:  
Pressure relief valve (PRV)**

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

*Partie 12: Soupapes de sécurité à la pression*



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ISO 15500 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Road vehicles — Compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system components*:

- *Part 1: General requirements and definitions*
- *Part 2: Performance and general test methods*
- *Part 3: Check valve*
- *Part 4: Manual valve*
- *Part 5: Manual cylinder valve*
- *Part 6: Automatic valve*
- *Part 7: Gas injector*
- *Part 8: Pressure indicator*
- *Part 9: Pressure regulator*
- *Part 10: Gas-flow adjuster*
- *Part 11: Gas/air mixer*
- *Part 12: Pressure relief valve (PRV)*
- *Part 13: Pressure relief device (PRD)*
- *Part 14: Excess flow valve*
- *Part 15: Gas-tight housing and ventilation hose*

- *Part 16: Rigid fuel line*
- *Part 17: Flexible fuel line*
- *Part 18: Filter*
- *Part 19: Fittings*

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

## Part 12: Pressure relief valve (PRV)

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15500 specifies tests and requirements for the pressure relief valve (PRV), a compressed natural gas fuel system component intended for use on the types of motor vehicles defined in ISO 3833.

This part of ISO 15500 is applicable to vehicles using natural gas in accordance with ISO 15403 (mono-fuel, bi-fuel or dual-fuel applications). 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.

NOTE 1 It is recognized that miscellaneous components not specifically covered herein can be examined to meet the criteria of this part of ISO 15500 and tested according to the appropriate functional tests.

NOTE 2 All references to pressure in this part of ISO 15500 are to be considered gauge pressures unless otherwise specified.

NOTE 3 This part of ISO 15500 is based upon a service pressure for natural gas as a 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.

### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 15500. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 15500 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3833, *Road vehicles — Types — Terms and definitions*.

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

ISO 15403, *Natural gas — Designation of the quality of natural gas for use as a compressed fuel for vehicles.*

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 part of ISO 15500, the terms and definitions given in ISO 15500-1 and the following apply.

#### **3.1**

##### **set pressure**

pressure at which it is intended that the PRV open

### **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 service pressure or pressure and temperature range.

The following additional markings are recommended:

- d) the direction of flow (when necessary for correct installation);
- e) the type of fuel;
- f) electrical ratings (if applicable);
- g) the symbol of the certification agency;
- h) the type approval number;
- i) the serial number or date code;
- j) reference to this part of ISO 15500.

**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 PRV shall comply with the applicable provisions of ISO 15500-1 and ISO 15500-2, and with the tests specified in clause 6 of this part of ISO 15500.

## 6 Tests

### 6.1 Applicability

The tests required to be carried out are indicated in Table 1.

**Table 1 — Tests applicable**

Test	Applicable	Test procedure as required by ISO 15500-2	Specific test requirements of this part of ISO 15500
Hydrostatic strength	X	X	X (see 6.2)
Leakage	X	X	X (see 6.3)
Excess torque resistance	X	X	
Bending moment	X	X	
Continued operation	X	X	X (see 6.4)
Operational	X		X (see 6.5)
Corrosion resistance	X	X	
Oxygen ageing	X	X	
Electrical overvoltages			
Non-metallic synthetic immersion	X	X	
Vibration resistance	X	X	
Brass material compatibility	X	X	

### 6.2 Hydrostatic strength

Test the PRV according to the procedure for testing hydrostatic strength specified in ISO 15500-2 to at least four times its working pressure.

For the purposes of this test, the PRV's mechanism shall be removed and its orifice blocked.

### 6.3 Leakage

Test the PRV at  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (if required by the operating conditions), at working pressure.

### 6.4 Continued Operation

The PRV shall be capable of withstanding 600 cycles of operation when tested according to the provisions of the continued operation test procedure given in ISO 15500-2 and the following.

- A test cycle consists of, first, pressurizing the PRV to the set pressure. This action shall cause the PRV to open and vent. Once the valve is venting, reduce the inlet pressure; when the PRV re-seats the cycle is finished.
- After 600 cycles, test the PRV for leakage at  $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  at its working pressure. Cycle time shall be within a period of  $10\text{ s} \pm 2\text{ s}$ .

## 6.5 Operational test

### 6.5.1 General

Verify the opening and re-seating pressures of the PRV. The opening pressure shall be equal to the set pressure  $\pm 5\%$  at 20 °C, and  $\pm 5\%$  at  $-40$  °C and 85 °C or 120 °C (if required by the operating conditions).

### 6.5.2 Test procedure

Three randomly selected samples shall be subjected to the following test procedure. This test has three steps, which shall be conducted in the order given. Appropriate test media shall be chosen (i.e. air, nitrogen, or natural gas). If the test medium is not natural gas, then the calculated flow values shall be corrected for natural gas.

- a) Establish the opening and re-seating values for the samples at 20 °C. Do this by first slowly pressurizing the inlet of the sample to 110 % of the set pressure, noting the value at which it first opens.
- b) Lower the inlet pressure until the PRV re-seats; note that value. The valves are considered to have passed if all the following requirements are met:
  - opening pressures shall be  $\pm 5\%$  of the manufacturer's set pressure;
  - re-seating pressures shall be no less than 90 % of the set pressure;
  - re-seating pressures shall be within  $\pm 5\%$  of the average re-seating pressure.
- c) Repeat a) and b) at  $-40$  °C and 85 °C or 120 °C (if required by the operating conditions). At each test temperature, the following criteria shall be met:
  - opening pressures  $\pm 15\%$  of the manufacturer's set pressure;
  - re-seating pressures no less than 80 % of the set pressure;
  - re-seating pressures within  $\pm 15\%$  of the average re-seating pressure.