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

**Part 16:
Rigid fuel line in stainless steel**

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

Partie 16: Tuyauterie rigide pour combustible en acier inoxydable





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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 in stainless steel*
- *Part 17: Flexible fuel line*
- *Part 18: Filter*
- *Part 19: Fittings*

— *Part 20: Rigid fuel line in material other than stainless steel*

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Introduction

For the purposes of this part of ISO 15500, all fuel system components in contact with natural gas have been considered suitable for natural gas as defined in ISO 15403. However, 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.

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

This part of ISO 15500 is based on a service pressure for natural gas used as fuel of 20 MPa [200 bar¹⁾] 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.

1) 1 bar = 0,1 MPa = 10⁵ Pa 1 MPa = 1 N/mm².

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

Part 16: Rigid fuel line in stainless steel

1 Scope

This part of ISO 15500 specifies tests and requirements for the rigid fuel line in stainless steel, a compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel system component in accordance with ISO 1127 intended for use on the types of motor vehicles defined in ISO 3833.

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

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 referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1127, *Stainless steel tubes — Dimensions, tolerances and conventional masses per unit length*

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 apply.

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 or pressure and temperature range.

The following additional markings are recommended:

- the direction of flow (when necessary for correct installation);
- the type of fuel;
- electrical ratings (if applicable);
- the symbol of the certification agency;
- the type approval number;
- the serial number or date code;
- 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 stainless steel rigid fuel line 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.

The stainless steel rigid fuel line shall be seamless cold worked austenitic stainless steel tube complying with ISO 1127.

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 part of ISO 15500 |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Hydrostatic strength | X | X | X (see 6.2) |
| Leakage | X | X | |
| Excess torque resistance | | | |
| Bending moment | | | |
| Continued operation | X | X | X (see 6.3) |
| Corrosion resistance | X | X | |
| Oxygen ageing | | | |
| Electrical over-voltages | | | |
| Non-metallic material immersion | | | |
| Vibration resistance | | | |
| Brass material compatibility | | | |
| Bending | X | | X (see 6.4) |
| Conductivity | | | |

6.2 Hydrostatic strength

Test the rigid fuel line according to the procedure for testing hydrostatic strength specified in ISO 15500-2. The test pressure shall be four times the working pressure.

NOTE The higher hydrostatic test pressure for the rigid fuel line compared to the components in the other parts of the ISO 15500 series is due to the necessary provisions to cope with eventual damage or abrasions under normal operation.

6.3 Continued operation

Test the rigid fuel line in accordance with the procedure for testing continued operation given in ISO 15500-2, for a total of 100 000 cycles. Following cycling testing, perform the hydrostatic test in accordance with 6.2 of this part of ISO 15500.

6.4 Bending

Test the rigid fuel line according to the following procedure and acceptance criterion.

- a) Select a mandrel with a diameter according to ISO 15500-2, Table 1.
- b) Bend the rigid fuel line over this mandrel once, forming a “U” shape.
- c) Close the ends of the rigid fuel line and subject it to the hydrostatic test of 6.2 of this part of ISO 15500. At the completion of the hydrostatic test, the rigid fuel line shall be tested according to the procedure for leakage testing specified in ISO 15500-2.

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