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

**Part 3:  
Check valve**

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

*Partie 3: Valve de contrôle*



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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15500-3:2001), which has been technically revised.

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*
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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 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 3: Check valve

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15500 specifies tests and requirements for the check valve, a compressed natural gas (CNG) 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 (mono-fuel, bi-fuel or dual-fuel applications) using natural gas in accordance with ISO 15403 (all parts). 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 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 working 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 check valve 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 — 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	X (see 6.3)
Excess torque resistance	X <sup>a</sup>	X	
Bending moment	X	X	
Continued operation	X	X	X (see 6.4)
Corrosion resistance	X	X	
Oxygen ageing	X	X	
Electrical over-voltages			
Non-metallic material immersion	X	X	
Vibration resistance	X	X	
Brass material compatibility	X	X	

<sup>a</sup> Not applicable for check valves built into other components.

### 6.2 Hydrostatic strength

Test the check valve according to the procedure for testing hydrostatic strength specified in ISO 15500-2. The test pressure shall be 2,5 times the working pressure.

### 6.3 Leakage

Test the check valve at the temperatures and pressures given in Table 2.



Table 2 — Test temperatures and pressures

Temperature °C	Pressure Factor × working pressure (WP)	
	First test	Second test
−40 or −20	0,75 × WP	0,025 × WP
20	0,025 × WP	1,5 × WP
85 or 120	0,05 × WP	

#### 6.4 Continued operation

The check valve shall be able to withstand 20 000 cycles of operation and 24 h of chatter flow when tested according to the following procedure.

- a) Connect the check valve to a test fixture and apply a pressure equal to the working pressure to the check valve's inlet, then vent pressure from its outlet. Lower the pressure on the check valve's outlet side to between 0 and a maximum of 0,5 times the working pressure prior to the next cycle.
- b) Following 20 000 cycles of operation, subject the check valve to 24 h of chatter flow at a flow rate that causes the most chatter. After this test, the check valve shall comply with the leakage test according to 6.3.

Failure in any sense during the procedure shall constitute a failure of the check valve. All parts shall remain in position and function properly after this test.

Following this test, the check valve shall comply with the hydrostatic strength test according to 6.2 of this part of ISO 15500.

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