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Standard Practice for Handling, Transportation, and Storage of HFC-125, Pentafluoroethane (C₂HF₅)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers guidance and direction to suppliers, purchasers, and users in the handling, transportation, and storage of HFC-125, pentafluoroethane (C₂HF₅).

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standard:*²

D6231 Specification for HFC-125 (Pentafluoroethane, C₂HF₅)

2.2 *CGA Standards:*³

C-1 Methods for Pressure Testing Compressed Gas Cylinders

C-6 Standards for Visual Inspection of Steel Compressed Gas Cylinders

C-7 Guide to Classification and Labeling of Compressed Gases

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D26 on Halogenated Organic Solvents and Fire Extinguishing Agents and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D26.09 on Fire Extinguishing Agents.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from the Compressed Gas Association (CGA), 8484 Westpark Drive, Suite 220, McLean, VA 22102, <http://www.cganet.com>.

P-1 Standard for Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers

SB-1 Hazards of Refilling Compressed Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbon) Gas Cylinders

SB-5 Hazards of Reusing Disposable Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbon) Gas Cylinders

SB-18 Use of Refrigerant (Halogenated Hydrocarbons) Recovery Cylinders

2.3 *U.S. Government Standards:*⁴

49 CFR Part 172 Hazardous Materials Table, Special Provisions, Hazardous Materials Communications, Emergency Response Information, Training Requirements, and Security Plans

49 CFR Part 172.101 Purpose and Use of Hazardous Materials Table

49 CFR Part 173 Shippers—General Requirements for Shipments and Packagings

49 CFR Part 178 Specifications for Packagings

49 CFR Part 180 Continuing Qualification and Maintenance of Packagings

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *containers, n*—storage vessels for HFC-125.

3.1.2 *cylinders, n*—containers of HFC-125.

3.1.3 *HFC-125, n*—pentafluoroethane, a compound used to inert, extinguish or suppress a fire or explosion hazard.

3.1.4 *insulated, adj*—placed in an isolated situation to protect and prevent the transfer of damage.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice provides requirements for the handling, transportation, and storage of HFC-125 encountered in distribution through both commercial and military channels. It is intended to insure that HFC-125 is handled, transported, and stored in such a way its physical properties are not degraded. Transport may be by various means, such as, but not limited to, highway, rail, water, and air.

⁴ Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) documents are available from U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.gpo.gov>.