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1 Introduction

Fluorine is a highly toxic and oxidizing gas that presents health risks such as poisoning by inhalation and safety risks such as combustion.

Fluorine and fluorine mixtures can be safely handled if equipment is properly designed and maintained, handling precautions are taken, and employees are trained. As a minimum, all personnel shall have access to the safety data sheet (SDS) and be trained in the use of the SDS and other reference material.

2 Scope and purpose

This publication is for suppliers, distributors, and users of gaseous fluorine and mixtures of fluorine with inert gases and handling equipment. This publication is intended for fluorine and mixtures where the resulting fluorine concentrations greater than or equal to 0.5% fluorine are considered to present a risk of reaction due to the oxidizing potential.

This publication provides a good understanding of the potential hazards involved in storage, use, and transportation of compressed fluorine and its mixtures with inert gases and approaches to be taken to minimize the risk of incidents.

The manufacture, purification, liquefaction, and analysis of fluorine or its mixtures with inert gases are beyond the scope of this publication, although the general guidance given is also relevant to these processes.

An audit checklist is located in Appendix A of this publication.

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this publication, the following definitions apply.

3.1 Publication terminology

3.1.1 Shall

Indicates that the procedure is mandatory. It is used wherever the criterion for conformance to specific recommendations allows no deviation.

3.1.2 Should

Indicates that a procedure is recommended.

3.1.3 May

Indicates that the procedure is optional.

3.1.4 Will

Is used only to indicate the future, not a degree of requirement.

3.1.5 Can

Indicates a possibility or ability.

3.2 Technical definitions

3.2.1 Auto-ignition temperature

Temperature at which a substance will spontaneously ignite in a specified oxidant at a given pressure.

3.2.2 Bundle (of cylinders)

Assembly of cylinders that are fastened together and interconnected by a manifold and carried as a unit.

3.2.3 Cylinder

Transportable pressure receptacle having a water capacity that does not exceed 150 L and can be filled with gas under pressure.