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Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee ME-093, Hydrogen Technologies.

The objective of this document is to specify requirements for packaged, self-contained or factory matched hydrogen generation systems with a capacity of less than 400 m³/h at 0 °C and 101,325 kPa, herein referred to as hydrogen generators, that convert an input fuel to a hydrogen-rich stream of composition and conditions suitable for the type of device using the hydrogen (e.g. a fuel cell power system or a hydrogen compression, storage and delivery system).

It applies to hydrogen generators using one or a combination of the following input fuels:

- (a) Natural gas and other methane-rich gases derived from renewable (biomass) or fossil fuel sources, e.g. landfill gas, digester gas, coal mine gas.
- (b) Fuels derived from oil refining, e.g. diesel, gasoline, kerosene, liquefied petroleum gases such as propane and butane.
- (c) Alcohols, esters, ethers, aldehydes, ketones, Fischer-Tropsch liquids and other suitable hydrogen-rich organic compounds derived from renewable (biomass) or fossil fuel sources, e.g. methanol, ethanol, di-methyl ether, biodiesel.
- (d) Gaseous mixtures containing hydrogen gas, e.g. synthesis gas, town gas.

This document is applicable to stationary hydrogen generators intended for indoor and outdoor commercial, industrial, light industrial and residential use.

It aims to cover all significant hazards, hazardous situations and events relevant to hydrogen generators, with the exception of those associated with environmental compatibility (installation conditions), when they are used as intended and under the conditions foreseen by the manufacturer.

This document is an adoption with national modifications, and has been reproduced from, ISO 16110-1:2007, *Hydrogen generators using fuel processing technologies — Part 1: Safety*. The modifications are additional requirements and are set out in [Appendix ZZ](#) which has been added at the end of the source text.

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Foreword

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ISO 16110 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Hydrogen generators using fuel processing technologies*:

- *Part 1: Safety*
- *Part 2: Procedures to determine efficiency*

Introduction

The machine concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and events are covered are indicated in the scope of this part of ISO 16110.

This part of ISO 16110 provides requirements and recommendations relating to hydrogen generators using fuel-processing technologies so as to promote:

- safety of persons and property;
- consistency of control response; and
- ease of maintenance.

High performance is not to be obtained at the expense of the essential factors mentioned above.

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NOTE A list of significant hazards and hazardous situations dealt with in this part of ISO 16110 is found in [Annex A](#).

This part of ISO 16110 is a product safety standard suitable for conformity assessment as stated in IEC Guide 104, ISO/IEC Guide 51 and ISO/IEC Guide 7.

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 4080, *Rubber and plastics hoses and hose assemblies — Determination of permeability to gas*

ISO 4413, *Hydraulic fluid power — General rules relating to systems*

ISO 4414, *Pneumatic fluid power — General rules relating to systems*

ISO 5388, *Stationary air compressors — Safety rules and code of practice*

ISO 10439, *Petroleum, chemical and gas service industries — Centrifugal compressors*

ISO 10440-1, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Rotary-type positive-displacement compressors — Part 1: Process compressors (oil-free)*