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PREFACE

This edition of this Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee on Gas Cylinders to supersede AS 1777—1984.

This edition introduces, together with several editorial changes, the introduction of aluminium alloy designation 6061 and the reduction of lead content from 0.01 percent to 0.003 percent.

The alloy 6061 has been included to align with the trend shown in Europe, America and Japan. The lead content has been lowered after six years of lead analysis in Australia has shown no cast in excess of 30 ppm.

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1 SCOPE. This Standard specifies requirements for seamless aluminium cylinders having a water capacity exceeding 0.1 kg but not exceeding 130 kg intended for the storage and transport of compressed gases, and designed for a hydrostatic test pressure of not less than 1.75 MPa.

NOTE: Appendix A lists the suggested minimum information that should be supplied by the purchaser when ordering gas cylinders by this Standard.

2 APPLICATION. This Standard applies essentially to the manufacture of gas cylinders, in that it specifies such matters as material, design, heat treatment, inspection during manufacture, and conditions of supply. Further, the tests specified are related to batch compliance 'at works' and provide for retesting and in some circumstances reheat treatment.

Subject to adequate certification with respect to the various manufacturing provisions within this Standard, and the results of batch testing, the Standard may also be used as a basis for the approval and certification of finished cylinders.

3 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS. The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1391	Methods for tensile testing of metals
1733	Methods for the determination of grain size in metals
1866	Aluminium and aluminium alloys—Extruded rod, bar, solid and hollow shapes
2030	SAA Gas Cylinders Code
2030.1	Part 1: Cylinders for compressed gases other than acetylene*
2337	Gas cylinder test stations*
2337.1	Part 1: General requirements, inspections and tests—Gas cylinders
2473	Valves for compressed gas cylinders (threaded outlet)
2613	Safety devices for gas cylinders
B133	Unified screw threads Parts 1 and 2: Diameters 1/4 in and larger
ANSI	
B57.1—1977	Compressed gas cylinder valve outlet and inlet connections*
CGA V-	Compressed gas cylinder valve outlet and inlet connections*
CGA 890	Compressed gas cylinder valve outlet and inlet connections*
AS 2045	Transportable gas containers Part 1: Specification for seamless steel gas containers above 0.5 litre water capacity

4 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 2030.1, and those below apply.

4.1 Inspecting authority—an authority with statutory power to control the design, construction and certifica-

tion of cylinders for the Commonwealth of Australia or relevant State or Territory.

4.2 Inspector—a person, acceptable to the Inspecting Authority, who ensures and certifies that all the inspections specified herein have been carried out and that the cylinders comply with all the requirements of this Standard.

5 ALUMINIUM ALLOY.

5.1 Chemical composition. The chemical composition shall be in accordance with AS 1866 for aluminium alloy designation 6351 or designation 6061, except that the maximum lead content shall be 0.03 percent.

A chemical analysis for lead shall be made of the last 10 percent of each drop. Additional chemical analysis, of other parts of each drop, may also be made. Any non-compliance of the chemical analysis for lead shall be cause for rejection of the represented drop.

NOTE: A drop is meant to mean a pour of metal in one operation to result in one casting operation.

5.2 Tensile properties (from cylinder). The tensile properties of the cylinder material, determined in accordance with Clause 9.1.2 subsequent to the heat treatment and prior to hydrostatic pressure testing, shall be in accordance with the following:

- 0.2 percent proof stress 280 MPa min.
- Tensile strength 320 MPa min.
- Elongation 12 percent min.

5.3 Freedom from defects. Each billet shall be ultrasonically tested to ensure there is no piping, shrinkage cavity, seams, cracks, laminations, segregation, or other physical defect which could cause defective cylinders.

Ultrasonic testing of the billet shall include two scans for the length of the billet, from scanning axes perpendicular to the length of the billet and 90 degrees displaced from each other. The maximum defect response shall be not greater than that caused by a 2.0 mm diameter flat-bottomed hole drilled into a calibration block of the same chemical composition. The appropriate depth of the hole depends on the billet diameter and should be established from experience.

NOTES:

- A sound source frequency of either 4 MHz or 6 MHz is recommended.
- The successful application of ultrasonic testing depends upon the technical competence of the testing personnel and on their ability to interpret test results. It is essential that testing personnel be conversant with the test equipment and be capable of demonstrating to the satisfaction of interested parties their technical competence and interpretive ability.

The Australian Institute for Non-destructive Testing (AINDT) operates a qualification scheme with respect to a person's general knowledge of a non-destructive testing method. These AINDT qualifications are recognized by the National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia (NATA), which operates an accreditation scheme for non-destructive testing services.

* Published as one document.