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This publication represents a basic standard for safe operation, substantial and durable construction, and acceptable performance of a line pressure regulator. It is the result of years of experience in the manufacture, testing, installation, maintenance, inspection and research on line pressure regulators. There are risks of injury to persons inherent in appliances that, if completely eliminated, would defeat the utility of the appliance. The provisions in this standard are intended to help reduce such risks while retaining the normal operation of the appliance.

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# ***History Of The Development Of The Standard For Line Pressure Regulators***

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With the onset of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Canada on January 2, 1988, significant attention was given to the harmonization of the United States and Canadian safety standards addressing gas-fired equipment for residential, commercial and industrial applications. It was believed that the elimination of the differences between the standards would remove potential trade barriers and provide an atmosphere in which North American manufacturers could market more freely in the United States and Canada. The harmonization of these standards was also seen as a step toward harmonization with international standards.

With the formation of joint subcommittees, a Canadian Gas Association Standards Steering Committee on Gas Burning Appliances and Related Accessories was established to parallel Accredited Standards Committees Z21 and Z83, and to support the formation of joint subcommittees. In accordance with American National Standards Institute procedures for joint subcommittees, operating procedures were developed and subsequently approved by ANSI on April 1, 1993.

During its July 12-13, 1994 meeting, the Joint Automatic Gas Controls Subcommittee adopted the harmonized draft standard for line pressure regulators, Z21.80 • CSA 6.22, for distribution for review and comment. The harmonized draft standard for line pressure regulators was based on American National Standard for Gas Appliance Pressure Regulators, ANSI Z21.18-1993.

During its August 15, 1995 meeting, the Automatic Gas Controls Subcommittee (formerly the Automatic Gas Controls Subcommittee and the Thermostat and Gas Ignition Systems Subcommittee) reconsidered the proposed draft harmonized standard in light of comments received. The proposed harmonized standard was revised and recommended to Accredited Standards Committee Z21 and the Canadian Standards Steering Committee for approval.

The Z21 Committee approved the proposed harmonized standard by letter ballot dated January 31, 1996, for submittal to the American National Standards Institute, Inc. The Canadian Standards Steering Committee approved the proposed harmonized standard by letter ballot dated May 8, 1996, for submittal to the Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council.

The Interprovincial Gas Advisory Council (IGAC) approved the proposed harmonized standard by letter ballot dated June 28, 1996. The first edition of the harmonized standard for line pressure regulators was approved as American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI) on March 13, 1997.

The second edition of the harmonized line pressure regulator standard was approved by the IGAC on August 25, 2002 and ANSI on November 14, 2002.

This the third edition of the line pressure regulator standard was approved by the IGAC on April 1, 2011 and by ANSI on November 16, 2011.

Previous editions of the harmonized line pressure regulator standard, and addenda thereto approved by the IGAC and ANSI are as follows:

ANSI Z21.80-1997 • CSA 6.22-M97  
ANSI Z21.80a-2000 • CSA 6.22a-M00  
ANSI Z21.80b-2000 • CSA 6.22b-2000

ANSI Z21.80-2003 • CSA 6.22-2003  
ANSI Z21.80a-2005 • CSA 6.22a-2005  
ANSI Z21.80b-2010 • CSA 6.22b-2010

The following identifies the designation and year of this harmonized standard:

ANSI Z21.80-2011 • CSA 6.22-2011

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## Note:

This standard contains SI (Metric) equivalents to the yard/pound quantities, the purpose being to allow the standard to be used in SI (Metric) units. (*Standard for use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System, IEEE/ASTM SI 10 or Metric Practice Guide, CAN/CSA Z234.1* are used as a guide in making metric conversion from yard/pound quantities.) If a value for a measurement and an equivalent value in other units, the first stated is to be regarded as the requirement. The given equivalent value may be approximate. If a value for a measurement and an equivalent value in other units, are both specified as a quoted marking requirement, the first stated unit, or both shall be provided.

# ***American National Standard/ CSA Standard For Line Pressure Regulators***

## ***Part I: Construction***

### **1.1 Scope**

#### **1.1.1**

This standard applies to line pressure regulators, (see Part V, Definitions), constructed entirely of new, unused parts and materials, hereinafter referred to as regulator(s), either individual or in combination with over pressure protection devices, hereinafter referred to as device(s), intended for application in gas piping systems between the service regulator, or LP-gas 2 psi service regulator, and the gas utilization equipment.

#### **1.1.2**

This standard applies to regulators for operation with natural, manufactured and mixed gases, liquefied petroleum gases, and LP gas-air mixtures.

#### **1.1.3**

This standard applies to regulators classified in accordance with their intended application with reference to inlet and outlet pressures as follows.

Rated Inlet Pressure	Maximum Outlet Pressure	
	Class I	Class II
2 psi (13.8 kPa)	$\frac{1}{2}$ psi (3.5 kPa)	—
5 psi (34.5 kPa)	$\frac{1}{2}$ psi (3.5 kPa)	2 psi (13.8 kPa)
10 psi (68.9 kPa)	$\frac{1}{2}$ psi (3.5 kPa)	2 psi (13.8 kPa)

#### **1.1.4**

This standard applies to regulators and devices intended for use in one or more of the following mounting classifications (also see 1.12-a):

Upright—single position on a horizontal axis with respect to the inlet connection, as specified by the manufacturer.

Horizontal—any position on a horizontal axis with respect to the inlet connection.

Vertical—any position on a vertical axis with respect to the inlet connection.

Limited Horizontal—any position from upright to 90 degrees (1.57 rad) from upright on a horizontal axis with respect to the inlet connection.

Multipoise—any position on a horizontal, vertical or intermediate axis with respect to the inlet connection.

The tests specified herein shall be conducted with the regulator mounted in the manufacturer's specified upright position, unless otherwise specified herein.