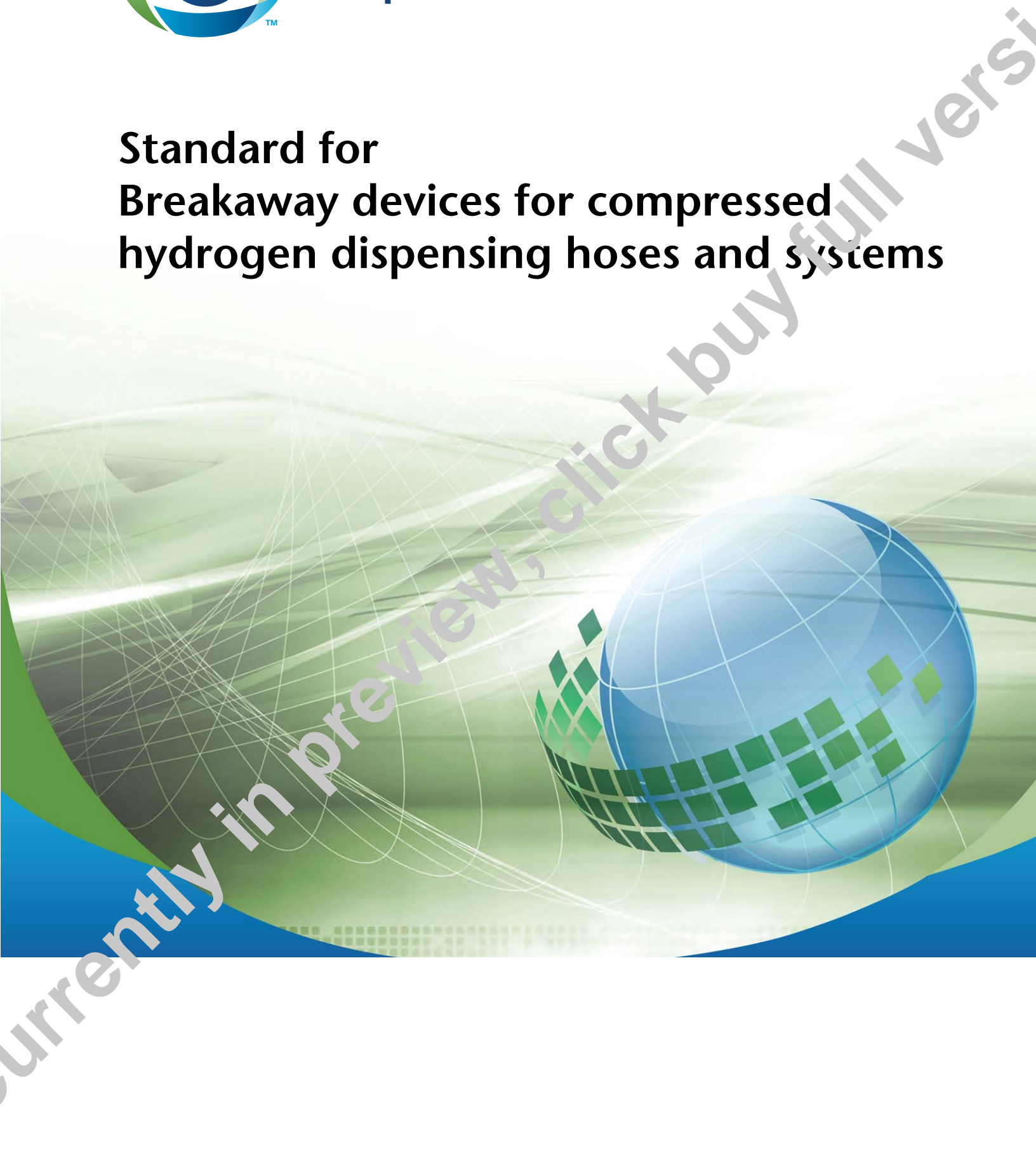




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This publication represents a standard for safe operation, substantial and durable construction and performance testing of fueling hose breakaway devices for use in hydrogen gas fueling applications.

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In September 2002, CSA met with the U.S. Department of Energy, Renewable Fuels Group in Washington, D.C. to discuss standards development opportunities in the hydrogen technology area. During this meeting, DOE requested that CSA provide a proposal relating to the development of hydrogen technology standards and codes in the United States.

Industry recognized that an important consideration in the successful commercialization of hydrogen gas as a vehicle fuel was the issue of codes and standards, pertaining to both fueling stations and vehicle fuel system components. CSA undertook the goal of establishing a program for the development of an organized family of coordinated standards that addresses hydrogen gas vehicles and fueling stations.

Industry and CSA recognized there was no standard that addressed safety requirements for fueling hose breakaway devices for use in hydrogen gas fueling applications. The development of such a standard was necessary based on industry needs and feedback:

(1) There were no standards available for hydrogen fueling hoses breakaway devices with applications at the 700 bar pressure levels.

(2) Automotive OEMs driving the application of hydrogen as a fuel for vehicles expressed concern over solutions in demonstration projects in the field.

The focus of the hydrogen fueling hoses breakaway devices standard established performance based requirements for the construction and performance of newly manufactured hydrogen fueling hose breakaway devices for use in hydrogen gas fueling applications.

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The HGV 4.4 hydrogen fueling hose breakaway device standard was processed as an American National Standard in accordance with procedures of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

This is the first edition of the HGV 4.4 hydrogen fueling hose breakaway device standard, and was approved by the American National Standards Institute, Inc. on May 31, 2012.

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## *Standard for Breakaway devices for compressed hydrogen dispensing hoses and systems*

### *Part I: Construction*

#### **1.1 Scope**

##### **1.1.1**

This standard contains safety requirements for the design, manufacture and testing of fueling hose breakaway devices for use in hydrogen gas fueling applications, hereinafter referred to as devices. This standard applies to newly manufactured devices.

##### **1.1.2**

This standard does not apply to:

- a. Residential Fueling Facility and/or Vehicle Fueling Appliances for hydrogen gas vehicles.
- b. Dispenser Breakaway Devices (Shear Valves)
- c. Vehicular Breakaway Components

##### **1.1.3**

Devices covered by this standard are intended to perform the following functions when a vehicle is driven off with the nozzle attached to the vehicle's fueling receptacle.

- a. Minimize the escape of gaseous hydrogen by automatically shutting off the flow of gas from the dispenser and controlling the depressurization of the hose; and
- b. Minimize damage to the vehicle and dispenser.

##### **1.1.4**

All dimensions used in this standard are in metric units [International System of Units (SI)], unless otherwise specified. If a value for a measurement, as given in this standard, is followed by an equivalent value in other units, the first stated is to be regarded as the specification.

##### **1.1.5**

All references to pressure throughout this document are to be considered gauge pressures unless otherwise specified.

##### **1.1.6**

Except as otherwise stated, testing at room temperature will be conducted between 15°C (59°F) minimum and 30°C (86°F) maximum.