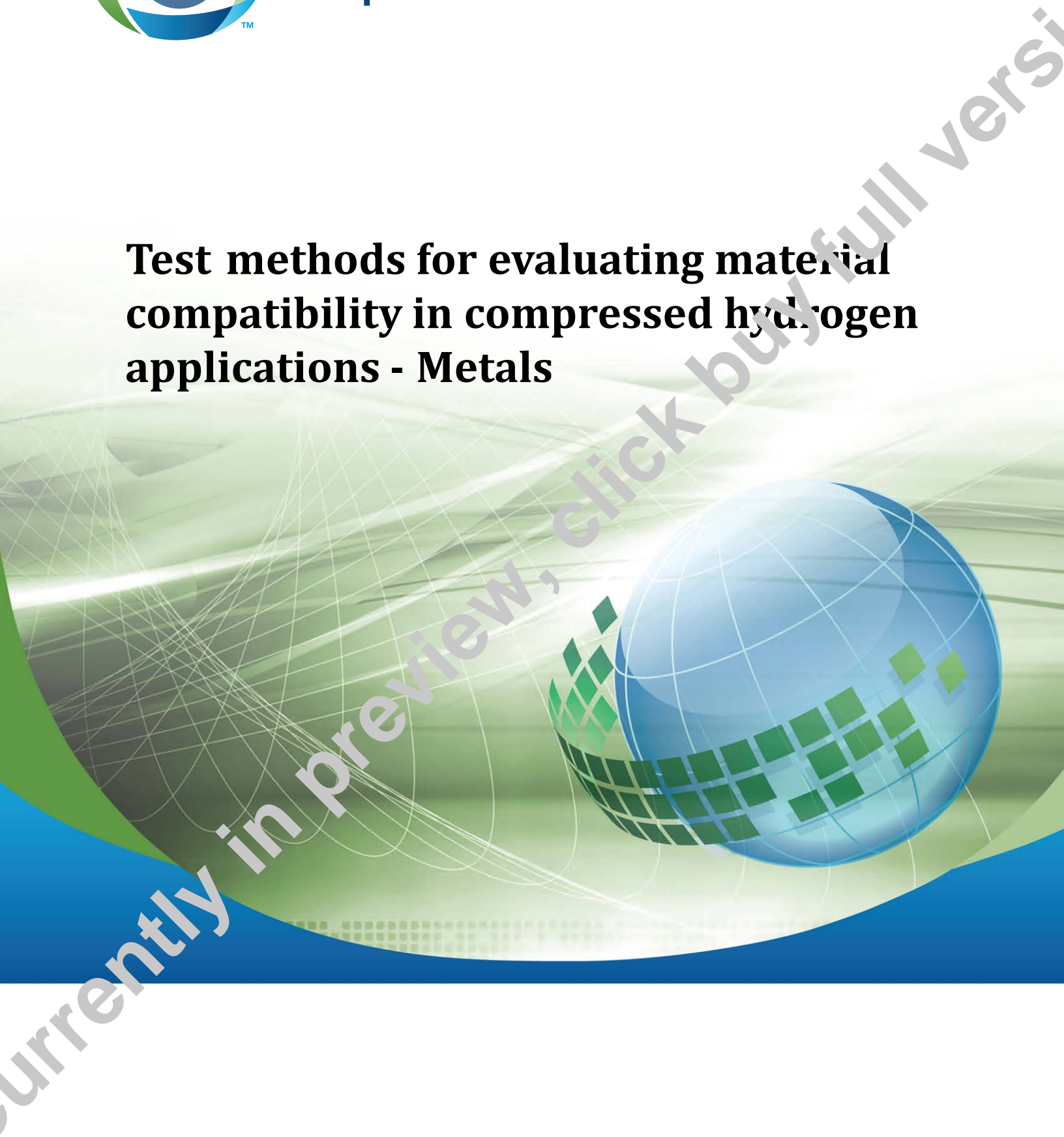




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Preface

This is the first edition of ANSI/CSA CHMC 1-2014, *Test methods for evaluating material compatibility in compressed hydrogen applications - Metals*. It supersedes the previous CSA CHMC 1-2012 edition published in 2012.

This Standard was prepared by the CSA Technical Advisory Group on Standards for Test Methods for Evaluating Material Compatibility in Compressed Hydrogen Applications, under the jurisdiction of the Automotive Technical Committee and the Strategic Steering Committee U.S. Advisory Council on Alternative Energy on Standards, and had been formally approved by the Technical Committee(s) and American National Standards Institute.

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Note: This history is informative and is not part of the standard.

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 comprehensive standard that provided methods for evaluating suitability of materials for use in hydrogen environments.

The development of such a standard was necessary based on industry needs and feedback:

- a) There were no comprehensive standard available for material suitability in hydrogen applications.
- b) 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 Test Method for Evaluating Material Compatibility in Compressed Hydrogen Applications standard established uniform test methods for evaluating material compatibility with compressed hydrogen applications. The results of these tests are intended to provide a basic comparison of materials performance in applications utilizing compressed hydrogen. This standard is not intended to replace the targeted testing which may be necessary to qualify the design of a component manufactured for use in hydrogen applications.

This standard applies to metallic materials only.

CSA has positioned itself as a leader in the fuel cell, hydrogen and natural gas sectors as a Standards Developing Organization (SDO). CSA is aggressively updating and developing national standards, and is playing a major role in the promulgation of US technologies nationally. As US TAG Administrator to IEC TC 105 for Fuel Cell Technologies and as US TAG members of ISO TC 197 and ISO TC 22 / SC 25, CSA is facilitating US technology internationally. CSA organized committees to address technical issues in the development of standards which would affect future expansion of the hydrogen industry.

The ANSI/CSA CHMC 1 Test Method for Evaluating Material Compatibility in Compressed Hydrogen Applications 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 ANSI/CHMC 1 Test Methods for Evaluating Material Compatibility in Compressed Hydrogen Applications - Metals, was approved by CSA Technical Committee on Automotive Alternative Energy on October 28, 2013, and the American National Standards Institute, Inc. on January 07, 2014.

Previous editions of this standard are as follows: CSA CHMC-1-2012

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0 Introduction

Pressurized hydrogen gas environments may alter the mechanical properties of virtually all common structural metal alloys. The manifestations of the effects of hydrogen environment on mechanical properties are qualitatively similar for all relevant structural metals and alloys – hydrogen reduces the resistance to crack initiation and crack growth, and reduces ductility. Quantitatively, the magnitude of this reduction is strongly dependent on a large number of variables related to the material, the environment and the mechanical loading conditions.

The test methods described in this standard are intended to provide an assessment of the influence of gaseous hydrogen on a given metallic alloy's tensile ductility and resistance to sub-critical crack growth under quasi-static or cyclic loading. These test methods may be used to determine the compatibility of a given metallic material with gaseous hydrogen within a specified range of material and environmental variables.

This standard is divided into three parts; together these three parts determine the compatibility of a given material with compressed hydrogen gas environments. Clause 4 – *General Requirements* defines the specific environmental variables within which the material will be qualified; specifically these variables are temperature, hydrogen gas pressure and hydrogen gas purity. Clause 5 – *Test Methods* provides specific methods for conducting mechanical property measurements in gaseous hydrogen. Test results generated using Clause 5 of this document are valid only within the bounding conditions of temperature, hydrogen gas pressure, and hydrogen gas purity, as described in Clause 4. Clause 6 – *Material Qualification* provides procedures for qualification of the material based on the results generated from Clause 5. Clause 6 provides three separate pathways by which the compatibility of the material with hydrogen may be quantified.

1 Scope

This standard provides uniform test methods for evaluating material compatibility with compressed hydrogen applications. The results of these tests are intended to provide a basic comparison of materials performance in applications utilizing compressed hydrogen. This standard is not intended to replace sound engineering judgment; additional testing considerations may be necessary to fully qualify the design of a component manufactured for use in certain hydrogen applications.

This standard applies to metallic materials only.

If the value for measurement as given in this standard is followed by an equivalent value in other units, the first stated value is to be regarded as the specification.

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