are authorized for transportation only when horizontally mounted on a motor vehicle or in an ISO framework or other framework of equivalent structural integrity. Cylinders may not be transported by rail in container on freight car (COFC) or trailer on flat car (TOFC) service except under conditions approved by the Associate Administrator for Safety, Federal Railroad Administration. The cylinder must be configured as follows:

(1) Each cylinder must be fixed at one end of the vehicle or framework with provision for thermal expansion at the opposite end attachment;

(2) The valve and pressure relief device protective structure must be sufficiently strong to withstand a force equal to twice the weight of the cylinder and framework assembly with a safety factor of four, based on the ultimate strength of the material used; and

(3) Discharge from a pressure relief device must be arranged in such a manner as to prevent any escaping gas from contacting personnel or any adjacent cylinders.

(j) *Non-specification cylinders in domestic use.* Except as provided in paragraphs (k) and (l) of this section, a filled non-DOT specification cylinder, other than a DOT exemption cylinder or a cylinder used as a fire extinguisher in conformance with §173.309, may not be offered for transportation or transported to, from, or within the United States.

(k) *Importation of foreign cylinders for discharge within a single port area.* A cylinder manufactured to other than a DOT specification and certified as being in conformance with the transportation regulations of another country may be authorized, upon written request to and approval by the Associate Administrator, for transportation within a single port area, provided—

(1) The cylinder is transported in a closed freight container;

(2) The cylinder is certified by the importer to provide a level of safety at least equivalent to that required by the regulations in this subchapter for a comparable DOT specification cylinder; and

(3) The cylinder is not refilled for export unless in compliance with paragraph (l) of this section.

(l) *Filling of foreign cylinders for export.* A cylinder not manufactured, inspected, tested and marked in accordance with part 178 of this subchapter, or a cylinder manufactured to other than a DOT specification or exemption, may be filled with a gas in the United States and offered for transportation and transported for export, if the following conditions are met:

(1) The cylinder has been requalified and marked with the month and year of requalification in accordance with subpart C of part 180 of this subchapter, or has been requalified as authorized by the Associate Administrator.

(2) The maximum filling density and service pressure for each cylinder conform to the requirements of this part for the gas involved.

(3) The bill of lading or other shipping paper identifies the cylinder and includes the following certification: ''This cylinder has (These cylinders have) been qualified, as required, and filled in accordance with the DOT requirements for export.''.

(m) *Metal attachments.* Metal attachments to cylinders must have rounded or chamfered corners, or be otherwise protected, so as to prevent the likelihood of causing puncture or damage to other hazardous materials packages. This requirement applies to anything temporarily or permanently attached to the cylinder, such as metal skids.

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§173.301a Additional general requirements for shipment of specification cylinders.

(a) *General.* The requirements in this section are in addition to the requirements in §173.301 and apply to the shipment of gases in specification cylinders.

(b) *Authorized cylinders not marked with a service pressure.* For authorized cylinders not marked with a service pressure, the service pressure is designated as follows:

Specification marking	Service Pressure psig
3	1800

Specification marking	Service Pressure psig
3E	1800
8	250

(c) *Cylinder pressure at 21 °C (70 °F).* The pressure in a cylinder at 21 °C (70 °F) may not exceed the service pressure for which the cylinder is marked or designated, except as provided in §173.302a(b). For certain liquefied gases, the pressure at 21 °C (70 °F) must be lower than the marked service pressure to avoid having a pressure at a temperature of 55 °C (131 °F) that is greater than permitted.

(d) *Cylinder pressure at 55 °C (131 °F).* The pressure in a cylinder at 55 °C (131 °F) may not exceed 5/4 times the service pressure, except:

(1) For a cylinder filled with acetylene, liquefied nitrous oxide, or carbon dioxide.

(2) For a cylinder filled in accordance with §173.302a(b), the pressure in the cylinder at 55 °C (131 °F) may not exceed 5/4 times the filling pressure.

(3) After May 30, 2003, for toxic materials the pressure in the cylinder at 55 °C (131 °F) may not exceed the service pressure of the cylinder.

(e) *Grandfather clause.* A cylinder in domestic use prior to the date on which the specification for the cylinder was first made effective may be used if the cylinder has been properly tested and otherwise conforms to the requirements applicable to the gas with which it is charged.

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§173.301b [Reserved]

§173.302 Filling of cylinders with nonliquefied (permanent) compressed gases.

(a) *General requirements.* A cylinder filled with a nonliquefied compressed gas (except gas in solution) must be offered for transportation in accordance with the requirements of this section and §§173.301, 173.301a, 173.302a, and 173.305, as applicable. Where more than one section applies to a cylinder, the most restrictive requirements must be followed.

(b) *Aluminum cylinders in oxygen service.* Each aluminum cylinder filled with oxygen must meet all of the following conditions:

(1) Metallic portions of a valve that may come into contact with the oxygen in the cylinder must be constructed of brass or stainless steel.

(2) Each cylinder opening must be configured with straight threads only.

(3) Each cylinder must be cleaned in accordance with the requirements of Federal Specification RR–C–901C, paragraphs 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (incorporated by reference; see §171.7 of this subchapter). Cleaning agents equivalent to those specified in RR–C–901C may be used provided they do not react with oxygen. One cylinder selected at random from a group of 200 or fewer and cleaned at the same time must be tested for oil contamination in accordance with Specification RR–C–901C, paragraph 4.4.2.2 (incorporated by reference; *see* §171.7 of this subchapter), and meet the specified standard of cleanliness.

(4) The pressure in each cylinder may not exceed 3000 psig at 21 °C (70 °F).

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of §173.24(b)(1), an authorized cylinder containing oxygen continuously fed to tanks containing live fish may be offered for transportation and transported.

(d) Shipment of Division 2.1 materials in aluminum cylinders is authorized for transportation only by motor vehicle, rail car, or cargo-only aircraft.

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§173.302a Additional requirements for shipment of nonliquefied (permanent) compressed gases in specification cylinders.

(a) *Detailed filling requirements.* Nonliquefied compressed gases (except gas in solution) for which filling requirements are not specifically prescribed in §173.304a must be shipped subject to the requirements in this section and §§173.301, 173.301a, 173.302, and 173.305 in specification cylinders, as follows:

(1) DOT 3, 3A, 3AA, 3AL, 3B, 3E, 4B, 4BA and 4BW cylinders.

(2) DOT 3HT cylinders. These cylinders are authorized for aircraft use only and only for nonflammable gases. They have a maximum service life of 24 years from the date of manufacture. The cylinders must be equipped with