



ERMA NEW ZEALAND

INFORMATION SHEET

Code of Practice HSNOCOP 33-1
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Code of Practice for Composite Gas Cylinders

This Code of Practice is called:

Code of Practice for Gas Cylinders of Composite Construction Designed to EN 12245:2009

Codes of Practice: What are they and what is their significance?

Codes of Practice are documents approved by the Authority under Sections 78 and 79 of the HSNO Act. In practice they are approved by the ERMA New Zealand Chief Executive under delegated authority.

Codes of Practice are “how to” documents. They tell you how you can meet the requirements of the HSNO regulations and controls, in a way that is legally defensible. However, following the requirements in a code of practice is **not** mandatory. If you have other ways of meeting the requirements then you can adopt those instead.

Most Codes will be developed by industry or user groups rather than by ERMA New Zealand.

Where can you get a copy of this Code?

This code of practice is available for downloading from the ERMA New Zealand website at:

<http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/compliance/codesofpractice.html>

In addition, a copy of the Code is held for inspection at reception in ERMA New Zealand’s Wellington Office.

The Code HSNOCOP 33-1 was developed by the Ragasco AS Norway. The contact details for Ragasco are:

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What is the Code about?

The Code was developed to assist importers, cylinder testing stations and members of the public who handle and use compressed gas cylinders, to provide a standard for the design of wrapped composite gas cylinders.

This Code provides a means of compliance with the requirements of Regulation 10(c) of the Hazardous Substances (Compressed Gases) Regulations 2004.

What is in the Code?

The Code is presented in the form of a written guide and refers to the EN 12245:2009 standard for the design, manufacture and inspection of composite cylinders. This Code of Practice applies to the design standard for composite gas cylinders that are designed to meet the requirements of EN 12245:2009 Transportable cylinders – Fully Wrapped Composite Cylinders. It approves this standard as a design standard but also sets requirements additional to the requirements of EN 12245:2009.

Conclusion

This information sheet has been prepared by ERMA New Zealand to help you decide whether this Code would be of relevance to you. It is **not** in itself a Code of Practice.

The Code is primarily intended to assist Persons in Charge, Approved Handlers and other people who store hazardous substances, to meet the requirements of the Hazardous Substances (Compressed Gases) Regulations 2004.

Further information or feedback

For information on hazardous substances compliance visit <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/index.html> or call our Hazardous Substances Compliance Line on 0800 376234.

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