
**Road vehicles — Dimethyl Ether
(DME) refuelling connector**

*Véhicules routiers — Connecteur de remplissage en Dimethyl Ether
(DME)*

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Foreword

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Introduction

This document was developed to use for the newly produced Dimethyl Ether vehicle fuelling nozzles and receptacles only. As such, it applies to nozzles and receptacles used in the Dimethyl Ether fuelling system and not to the system.

A nozzle meeting the requirements of this document will be functionally compatible from a safety and performance perspective with all listed receptacles of compatible profile and system pressure. Similarly, a receptacle meeting the requirements of this document will be functionally compatible from a safety and performance perspective with all listed nozzles of compatible profile and system pressure.

As there may eventually be many different kinds of nozzles and receptacles available from a variety of manufacturers which, for safety reasons, should all be compatible with each other, this document specifies one standardized receptacle profile. This standard profile incorporates the design specifications (mating materials, geometry and tolerances) which may be considered when evaluating if a submitted nozzle or receptacle meets the requirement of this document.

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1 Scope

This document applies only to Dimethyl Ether refuelling connectors hereinafter referred to as devices, constructed entirely of new, unused parts and materials. Dimethyl Ether refuelling connectors consist of the following components, as applicable:

- a) Nozzle (mounted on dispenser side).
- b) Receptacle (mounted on vehicle).

This document applies to devices which use Dimethyl Ether as fuel, hereinafter referred to in this document as D15 [see 9.1 c)].

This document applies to devices with standardised mating components.

This document applies to connectors which prevent Dimethyl Ether vehicles from being fuelled by fuel station dispensers for other gaseous fuels.

This document is applicable to: Dimethyl Ether in accordance with ISO 16861.

NOTE All references to pressures (kPa) throughout this document are considered gauge pressures unless otherwise specified.

2 Normative References

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 188, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Accelerated ageing and heat resistance tests*

ISO 1431-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Resistance to ozone cracking — Part 1: Static and dynamic strain testing*

ISO 1817, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of the effect of liquids*

ISO 9227, *Corrosion tests in artificial atmospheres — Salt spray tests*

ISO 16861, *Petroleum products — Fuels (class F) — Specifications of dimethyl ether (DME)*

ASTM D4814, *Standard Specification for Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

dry air

air with moisture content such that the dew point of the air at the required test pressure is at least 11 °C below the ambient test temperature

3.2

working pressure

maximum pressure that a connector can be expected to withstand in actual service

3.3

Dimethyl Ether

DME

methoxymethane

organic compound with the formula CH_3OCH_3 , simplified to $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}$

Note 1 to entry: Dimethyl Ether is liquid below $-25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

3.4

Dimethyl Ether refuelling nozzle

device which permits quick connection and disconnection of fuel supply hose to the *Dimethyl Ether receptacle* (3.5) in a safe manner

Note 1 to entry: This term is hereafter referred to as nozzle.

3.5

Dimethyl Ether refuelling receptacle

device connected to a vehicle or storage system which receives the *Dimethyl Ether nozzle* (3.4) and permits safe transfer of fuel

Note 1 to entry: This term is hereafter referred to as receptacle.

3.6

Dimethyl Ether refuelling connector

joined assembly of Dimethyl Ether nozzle and receptacle

Note 1 to entry: This term is hereafter referred to as connector.

3.7

non-sparking materials

materials that do not contain, by mass, more than 7,5 % in total of magnesium, titanium and zirconium

[SOURCE: IEC EN 60079-0:2011, 8.3]

3.8

service gasket

replaceable gasket ensuring tightness of the connection between the nozzle outlet and the receptacle inlet

3.9

cycle life

number of connections and disconnections between the *nozzle* (3.4) and the *receptacle* (3.5) required for testing purposes

3.10

service life

number of operations of the check valve in the receptacle for testing purposes

4 General construction requirements

4.1 Nozzles and receptacles shall be designed in accordance with reasonable concepts of safety, durability and maintainability.

- 1) Working pressure. All nozzles and receptacles are designed to have a working pressure defined by the manufacturer and clearly marked on the device [see 9.1 d)].
- 2) Design life. All nozzles will be tested at 100 000 connect/disconnect cycles and all receptacles at 20 000 connect/disconnect cycles for conformity with this document. The service gasket may be changed after minimum of 20 000 cycles.

4.2 Nozzles and receptacles shall be well fitted and manufactured in accordance with good engineering practice. All construction requirements may be met by either the construction specified in this document or another construction that gives at least equivalent performance.

4.3 Nozzles and receptacles shall be:

- designed to minimise the possibility of incorrect assembly;
- designed to be secure against displacement, distortion, warping or other damage under normal and anticipated abnormal conditions of handling and use;
- designed to release less than 1 cm³ of liquid DME during disconnection;
- constructed to maintain operational integrity under normal and reasonable conditions of handling and usage;
- manufactured and produced according to the test plan in [Annex B](#).

4.4 Nozzles and receptacles shall be manufactured of materials suitable and compatible for use with Dimethyl Ether, in accordance with ISO 16861, at the pressure and the temperature ranges to which it will be subjected.

4.4.1 The temperature range shall be for:

For the receptacle:

- Moderate operating conditions: -20 °C to +85 °C
- Cold operating conditions: -40 °C to +85 °C

For the nozzle:

- Moderate operating conditions: -20 °C to +65 °C
- Cold operating conditions: -40 °C to +65 °C

For specific regions, the temperature range specified may not be sufficient. In such a case, a wider temperature range, representative of that specific region, shall be considered.

4.5 Nozzles and receptacles shall be operated either to connect or disconnect without the use of tools and with one hand operation.

4.6 Jointing components shall provide gas-tight sealing performance.

5 Nozzles

The design of the nozzle shall ensure that:

- a) it is compatible with the receptacle as specified in [Clause 6](#);
- b) entrapment of fingers and/or cold burns are not possible;
- c) the maximum push-on force during connection is 100 N at any pressure up to 1 500 kPa in the nozzle;
- d) the maximum pull-off force during disconnection is 50 N at 1 500 kPa;
- e) the force to operate the lever, if any, applied at the centre of the grip area of the lever, is 100 N maximum at any pressure up to 1 500 kPa in the nozzle;
- f) if a latch is provided and in use, it shall be capable of being normally disarmed by the user;
- g) provision is made to enable the lever or the whole nozzle to freely rotate over an angle of 360° around the longitudinal axis of the nozzle or the filling hose;
- h) it is not possible to open the valve in the nozzle if the nozzle is not properly locked and sealed on the receptacle;
- i) a locking mechanism is incorporated that locks in the connected position;
- j) it is not possible to unlock the nozzle from the receptacle unless the nozzle valve is closed;
- k) internal blocking due to freezing does not occur under intended operating conditions;
- l) it will withstand a torque of 150 % of the mounting torque specified by the manufacturer without damage;
- m) the external surfaces of the filling nozzle are corrosion resistant or protected against corrosion and are made of materials (non-sparking materials) that do not cause sparks when dropped on a surface;
- n) changing the service gasket shall not result in any Dimethyl Ether release;
- o) the minimum cycle life of the service gasket is 20 000 cycles;
- p) the nozzle is provided with a means to securely attach it to the delivery hose;
- q) the nozzle shall comply with the performance requirements of [Clause 10](#) to ensure interchangeability.

6 Standard receptacle dimensions

A receptacle shall comply with the design specifications detailed in [Figure 1](#).

Dimensions in millimetres

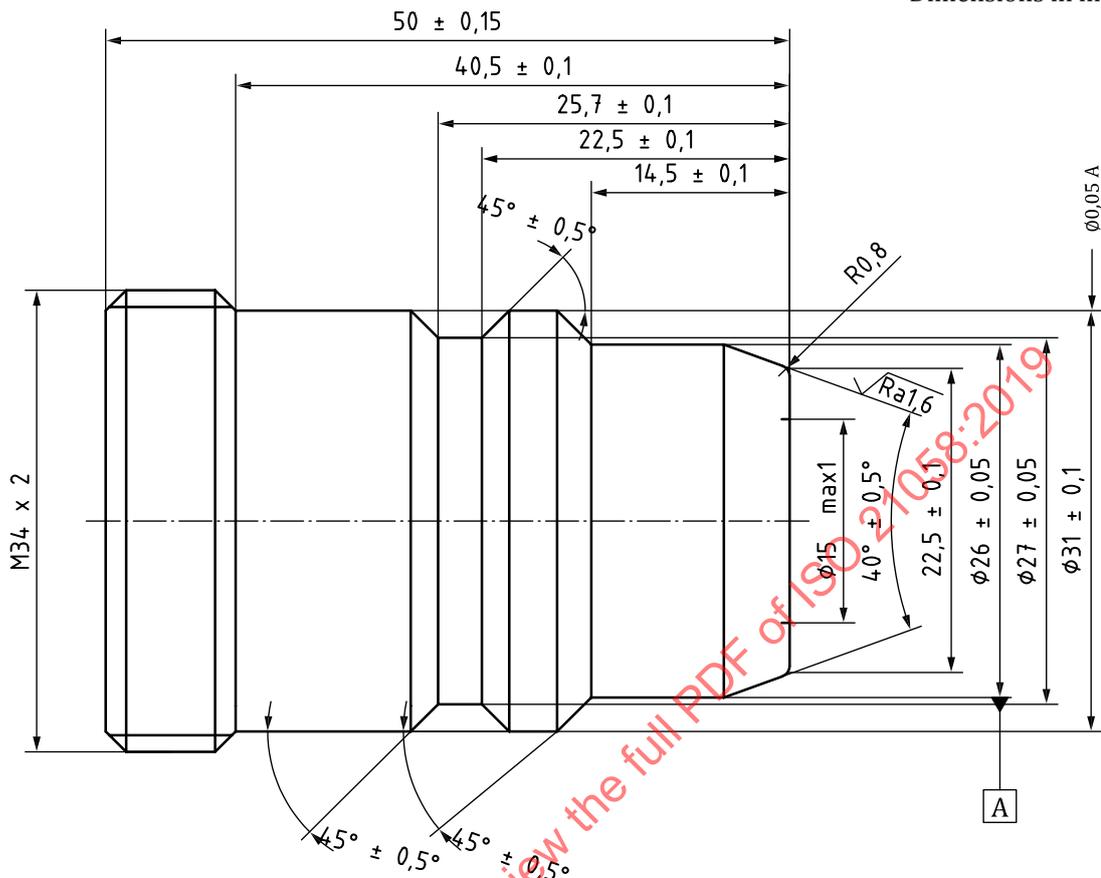


Figure 1 — D15 receptacle

7 Receptacles

7.1 Receptacles shall comply with [Clauses 4](#) and [6](#) to [10](#) and shall be evaluated with a test nozzle meeting the requirements of this document.

The failure of any test conducted with the receptacle and nozzle test samples shall constitute a failure of the submitted receptacle, unless the manufacturer can prove the problem was caused by the test nozzle.

7.2 The receptacle shall be equipped with an internal check valve to prevent the escape of gas. Regardless of whether the check valve is opened mechanically or by differential pressure, the flow through the receptacle, when tested with water, at a differential pressure of 30 kPa, shall be at least 3 l/min.

The check valve shall be dimensioned to be leak-tight for the complete temperature range, also when the tank pressure is lower than the ambient pressure.

The dead volume between the front sealing surface and the front of the internal check valve shall not exceed $0,1 \text{ cm}^3$.

7.3 The method for attaching the receptacle to the vehicle fuel system shall not rely on the joint between the male and female threads for sealing, such as conical threads.

7.4 The interfacing surface of the receptacle shall be constructed of material that does not cause spark (non-sparking) and ensures electrical continuity (see [10.8.8](#)).

7.5 The receptacle shall have provisions to be firmly attached to the vehicle and shall comply with applicable abnormal load tests (see [10.4](#)).

7.6 The receptacle shall be mounted on the vehicle in compliance with [Annex A](#).

7.7 The receptacle shall not be installed in an area that exceeds a temperature of 85 °C.

7.8 Receptacles shall have a cycle life of more than 20 000 cycles and a service life of more than 100 000 cycles.

8 Instructions

Information required for instructions and provisions shall be in an easily understood form.

Special tools required for connection of receptacles to tubing shall be clearly identified in the instructions.

Manufacturers of receptacles and nozzles shall provide clear and concise printed instruction and diagrams in a form that can be easily understood and adequate for:

- proper field assembly,
- installation,
- maintenance,
- replacement of components as appropriate,
- for safe operation by all users,
- suitability and use, and
- storage and handling.

9 Marking

Information required for marking and provisions shall be in an easily understood form. Marking should be embossed, cast, stamped or otherwise formed in the part. This includes markings baked into an enamelled surface.

9.1 Nozzles and receptacles shall bear the following information:

- a) the manufacturer's or dealer's name, trademark or symbol,
- b) the model designation,
- c) D15,
- d) the working pressure,
- e) the minimum design temperature,
- f) manufacturer code to ensure traceability, and
- g) a certification mark (if required).

9.2 A marking to identify this document shall be provided for each system. This marking may be located on the package or on a notice placed inside the package in which the device is shipped.

10 Tests

10.1 General requirements

A nozzle and receptacle shall be tested with receptacle and nozzle designs specified in [Clauses 4 to 9](#).

Unless otherwise stated:

- tests shall be conducted at room temperature (20 ± 5 °C);
- all pressure or leak tests shall be conducted with dry air or any other suitable gas; and
- devices shall be conditioned to attain equilibrium conditions.

The tolerances for test temperatures and pressures shall be:

- for low temperatures: (+0 °C / -5 °C);
- for high temperatures: (+5 °C / -0 °C);
- test pressures: ± 10 % of the stated value with a maximum of 100 kPa.

10.2 Impact resistance

10.2.1 Nozzle test

A nozzle conditioned for 4 h at -20 °C for moderate operating conditions or -40 °C for cold operating conditions shall be connected within 2 min to a 5 m length of 19 mm internal diameter refuelling hose at room temperature, and then dropped 1,3 m onto a concrete floor as shown in [Figure 2](#). The nozzle shall be dropped ten times at room temperature, then pressurised at the working pressure and subjected to ten additional drops. Following the above drops, the nozzle shall be capable of normal connection and disconnection to the receptacle. In addition, the nozzle shall comply with leakage tests specified in [10.3](#).

Dimensions in metres

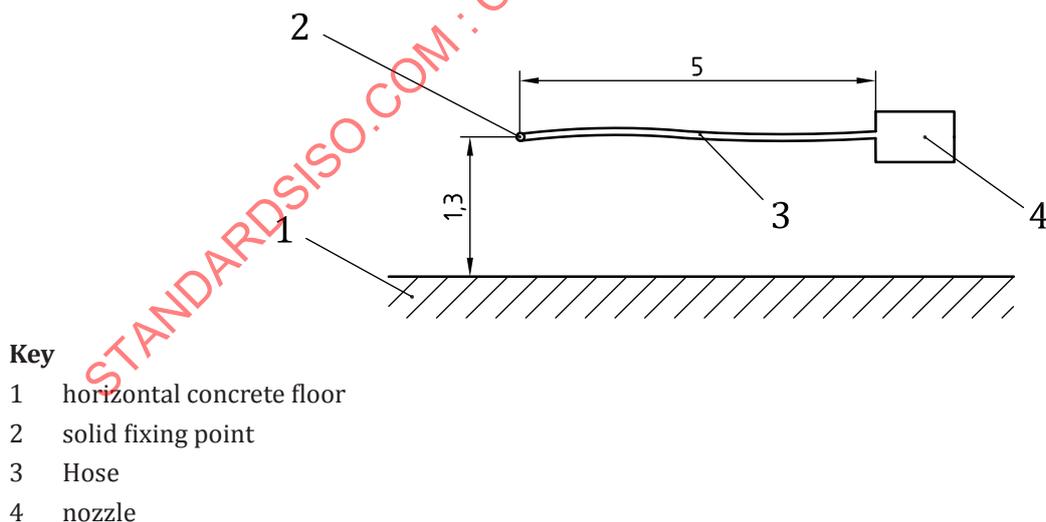


Figure 2 — Impact resistance test arrangement

10.2.2 Receptacle test

The receptacle shall be subjected to an impact test of 10 J. A hardened steel mass of 1 kg shall be dropped from a height of 1 m so as to deliver the impact velocity 4,4 m/s. This shall be achieved by mounting the mass in a pendulum. The receptacle shall be installed horizontally on a solid object. The impact of

the mass shall be on the centre of the protruding part of the receptacle (see [Figure A.1](#)). Following the above impact test, the receptacle shall comply with leakage tests specified in [10.3](#).

10.3 Leakage at room temperature

Tests shall be conducted at two different pressures: 20 kPa and 1,5 times working pressure.

Pressurised air or nitrogen shall be applied to the coupled (and uncoupled) device. The external body shall then be checked for bubble leakage using immersion in room temperature water.

Nozzles and receptacles, coupled and uncoupled, shall be either bubble free on the leak test for 2 min or have a leak rate less than 15 cm³/h at a room temperature of 20 °C ± 5 °C. The leak rate shall be determined according to the following method or any other equivalent method.

A graduated cylinder that is calibrated in cubic centimetres, filled with the test liquid, shall be placed inverted above the component.

At the end of the test period, the liquid displacement in the graduated cylinder is recorded.

The leakage rate is then calculated using Formula (1):

$$V_l = V_t \frac{60}{t} \left[\frac{273P}{101,3T} \right] \quad (1)$$

where

V_l is the leakage rate, cm³/h of air or nitrogen;

V_t is the liquid displacement during the test in cm³;

t is the time of test, minutes;

P is the atmospheric pressure during test in kPa;

T is the ambient temperature during test in K.

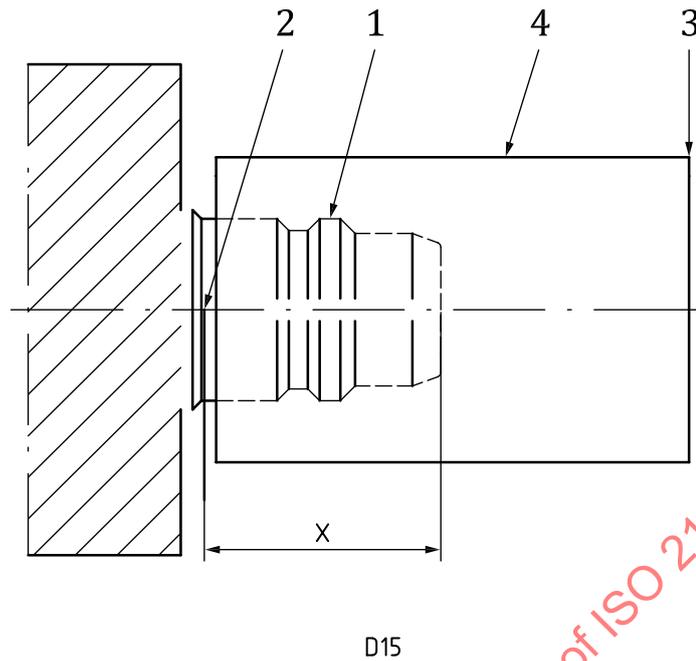
10.4 Abnormal loads

The connected nozzle and receptacle shall be subjected to the following abnormal loads for a period of 5 min in service. These tests shall be conducted separately:

- a) Pulls a along the nozzle or receptacle longitudinal axis;
- b) Moments b applied in a worst case manner.

The nozzle and receptacle shall be able to withstand abnormal loads of ($a = 1\,350$ N; $b = 120$ Nm) without distortion or damage and ($a = 2\,000$ N; $b = 240$ Nm) without becoming so damaged as to leak. The load and moment arm shall be measured about a point X = 40 mm (from the front of the receptacle to the hose inlet of the nozzle (see [Figure 3](#)).

After completing these tests, the receptacle shall comply with [10.3](#).

**Key**

- 1 receptacle
- 2 abnormal load reference
- 3 moment
- 4 nozzle
- x Distance as described.

Figure 3 — Abnormal load test**10.4.1 Test in unpressurised condition**

The receptacle and nozzle shall not be pressurised during the abnormal load tests.

The receptacle shall be mounted as a cantilever to a supporting member in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. For the purposes of this test, the supporting member shall be capable of withstanding the specified loads without displacement or deflection.

The loads applied and the device's ability to resist damage shall be as specified in [10.4](#). After completing the tests, the receptacle shall comply with [10.3](#).

10.4.2 Test in pressurised condition

The receptacle and nozzle shall be pressurised with air, nitrogen, water or any adequate liquid to working pressure during the abnormal load tests.

The receptacle shall be mounted as a cantilever to a supporting member in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. For the purposes of this test, the supporting member shall be capable of withstanding the specified loads without displacement or deflection. The nozzle shall be properly connected to the receptacle.

The loads applied and the device's ability to resist damage shall be as specified in [10.4](#). After completing the tests, the receptacle shall comply with [10.3](#).

10.5 Mounting hardware torque

The receptacle and mounting hardware shall withstand, without damage, a turning force equal to 150 % of the manufacturer's recommended mounting hardware fastening torque.

10.6 Leakage at low and high temperatures

All tests shall be conducted while the nozzles and receptacles are continuing to be exposed to the following test temperatures: $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for moderate operating conditions or $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for cold operating conditions and $85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

At each test condition the nozzles and receptacles shall be maintained at the specified temperature for at least 4 h.

Tests shall be conducted at two different pressures for each temperature: 100 kPa and 1,5 times working pressure.

Pressurised air or nitrogen shall be applied to the coupled (or uncoupled) device. The external body shall then be checked for bubble leakage using:

- a) at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for moderate operating conditions or $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for cold operating conditions, immersion in alcohol or another adequate liquid;
- b) at $65\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (nozzles) or $85\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ (receptacles), immersion in water or another adequate liquid.

Nozzles and receptacles, coupled and uncoupled, shall be either bubble free on the leak test for 2 min or have a leak rate less than $15\text{ cm}^3/\text{h}$. The leak rate shall be determined according to [10.3](#).

10.7 Nozzle freezing

The test shall be carried out as follows:

- a) connect the nozzle to a receptacle for which it is designed;
- b) plug the outlet of the receptacle;
- c) fill the nozzle with pentane to which 200 mg/kg of water is added and plug the inlet of the nozzle;
- d) condition the assembly to $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for moderate operating conditions or $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for cold operating conditions, for 4 h;
- e) hold the nozzle and the receptacle in the upright position with the receptacle at the bottom;
- f) remove the pentane from the nozzle by disconnecting the receptacle from the nozzle and remove the plug from the inlet of the nozzle;
- g) carry out an external leak test, according to [10.6](#), of the unconnected nozzle at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for moderate operating conditions or $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for cold operating conditions, without warming up the nozzle during the procedure.

The nozzle shall pass the test if it passes the external leak test at $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for moderate operating conditions or $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for cold operating conditions.

10.8 Durability

10.8.1 Endurance

A durability cycle test shall be carried out at the working pressure and at $20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ with air, nitrogen, water or any adequate liquid.

10.8.1.1 Nozzle test

All nozzles shall be capable of withstanding 100 000 cycles as described hereunder.

For the purposes of this test, one cycle of operation shall be:

- 1) properly connecting the pressurized nozzle to a receptacle for which the nozzle has been designed,
- 2) idling a minimum of 3 s between connecting and disconnecting, and
- 3) disconnecting the nozzle.

Precautions shall be taken to avoid large temperature variations of the nozzle.

The service gasket replacement after 20 000 cycles shall be acceptable.

Before and after changing the service gasket and at the end of the test, an external leak test of the coupled nozzle shall be performed according to [10.3](#).

At the end of the test, an external leak test of the uncoupled nozzle shall also be performed according to [10.3](#).

NOTE Replacement of the receptacle is permitted every 10 000 cycles.

The release volume at disconnection shall be measured at the end of the test.

After the test, a visual examination of all components of the nozzle shall be carried out.

The nozzle shall pass the test if:

- a) it shows no deformation or excessive wear likely to indicate an early failure of any component of the nozzle,
- b) it complies with requirements of [10.3](#), and
- c) it does not have a release volume greater than 1 cm³ liquid.

10.8.1.2 Receptacle test

A receptacle shall be capable of withstanding 20 000 cycles of operation as described hereunder.

For the purposes of this test, one cycle of operation shall be:

- 1) properly connecting a pressurized nozzle, for which the receptacle has been designed, to the receptacle,
- 2) idling a minimum of 3 s between connecting and disconnecting, and
- 3) disconnecting the receptacle from the nozzle.

The receptacle shall pass the test if:

- a) it shows no deformation or excessive wear likely to indicate an early failure of any component of the receptacle, and
- b) it complies with requirements of [10.3](#).

10.8.1.3 Receptacle check valve test

The receptacle check valve shall be bubble free on the leak test for 1 min and be capable of withstanding 100 000 cycles of operation and 24 h of the flow conditions that cause the most severe chatter.

The receptacle shall be connected to a nozzle test fixture. The working pressure shall be applied to the nozzle and receptacle. Pressure shall then be vented from the upstream side of the receptacle check

valve. Pressure on the downstream side of the receptacle check valve shall be lowered to between zero and a maximum of half of the working pressure prior to the next cycle.

Following 100 000 cycles of operation, the receptacle check valve shall be subjected to 24 h of flow at the inlet/outlet flow conditions that cause the most severe chatter. The receptacle shall then be tested for compliance with requirements of [10.3](#).

10.8.2 Corrosion resistance

10.8.2.1 Nozzle test

Any metallic part of a nozzle, subject to Dimethyl Ether pressure and exposed to corrosive conditions during its normal life, shall be submitted to 144 h salt spray test in accordance with ISO 9227.

As an option to the salt spray test described in this document, the metal DME component shall comply with the following. Before the test, the part shall be degreased. Subsequently the part shall be sprayed for 2 h with a salt solution containing 5 % NaCl (by mass) with less than 0,3 % contamination and 95 % distilled or demineralised water, at a temperature of 20 °C. After spraying, the part shall be stored at a temperature of 40 °C and 90 % to 95 % relative humidity for 168 h.

This sequence shall be repeated 4 times.

Following this, the part shall be cleaned and dried for 1 h at 55 °C.

The part shall be conditioned to 20 °C for 4 h.

The tested part shall be reinstalled in the device and the device shall be subjected to the test of [10.3](#).

The part shall pass the test if the device complies with requirements of [10.3](#).

10.8.2.2 Receptacle Test

10.8.2.2.1 Receptacles shall perform safely and in compliance with [10.3](#) and [10.6](#) following exposure to salt spray according to the following test method. AISI series 300 Austenitic stainless steels are exempt from corrosion resistance testing.

With the receptacle supported in its normal installed position, expose it for 144 h to a salt spray (fog) test as specified in ISO 9227. If the component is expected to operate in vehicle underbody service conditions, and not protected, then it shall be exposed for 500 h to the salt spray (fog) test.

Maintain the temperature within the fog chamber at between 33 °C and 36 °C.

The saline solution shall consist of 5 % sodium chloride and 95 % distilled water, by weight.

Immediately following the corrosion test, rinse the sample and gently clean it of salt deposits; then subject it to the test according to [10.3](#) and [10.6](#).

Immediately following the corrosion resistance test and leakage test, subject the sample to the hydrostatic strength test according to [10.9](#).

10.8.2.2.2 As an option to the test described in the above [10.8.2.2.1](#) the metal DME component shall comply with the salt spray test according to IEC 68-2-52 Kb: Salt Spray Fog Test.

Test procedure:

Before the test, the component shall be cleaned according to the instructions of the manufacturer. All the connections shall be closed off. The component shall not be operated during the test.

Subsequently, the component shall be submitted during 2 h to spraying with a solution of salt, containing 5 % NaCl (mass %) with less than 0,3 % contamination and 95 % distilled or demineralised water, at a

temperature of 20 °C. After the spraying, the component is stored at temperature of 40 °C and 90 % to 95 % relative humidity for 168 h. This sequence shall be repeated 4 times.

After the test, the component shall be cleaned and dried during 1 h at 55 °C. The component shall now be conditioned to reference conditions during 4 h, before submitting it to further testing.

Immediately following the corrosion resistance test, rinse the sample and gently clean it of salt deposits; then subject it to the leakage test according to [10.6](#).

Immediately following the corrosion resistance test and leakage test, subject the sample to the hydrostatic strength test according to [10.9](#).

10.8.3 Brass material compatibility

Any brass part subject to Dimethyl Ether pressure for which a satisfactory declaration of properties is not submitted by the applicant shall be tested according to the following procedure (part manufacturers able to provide documentation attesting to the field-worthiness of their products are exempted from this requirement).

- a) Subject each test sample to the physical stresses normally imposed on, or within, a part as a result of assembly with other parts. Apply these stresses to the sample prior to the test and maintain them during it. Samples with thread, intended to be used for installing the product in the field, shall have the threads engaged and tightened to the torque specified in the instruction manual of the sample. PolyTetraFluorEthylene (PTFE) tape or pipe compounds shall not be used on the threads.
- b) Degrease three samples and continuously expose them for 10 days at a set position to a moist, ammonia-air mixture maintained in a glass chamber of approximately 30 l capacity and with a glass cover. Aqueous ammonia having a specific gravity of 0,94 shall be maintained at the bottom of the glass chamber below the samples at a concentration of 21,2 ml per litre of chamber volume. Maintain approximately 600 cm³ of aqueous ammonia, with a relative density (specific gravity) of 0,94, at the bottom of the glass chamber, below the samples. Position the samples 40 mm above the aqueous ammonia solution, supported by an inert tray. Maintain the moist ammonia-air mixture in the chamber at atmospheric pressure and at a temperature of 34 °C ± 2 °C.

After being subjected to the conditions of this procedure, samples shall show no evidence of cracking when examined at 25 X magnification.

10.8.4 Resistance to dry heat

Any non-metallic part subject to Dimethyl Ether pressure and to atmospheric conditions, shall be submitted to the resistance to dry heat test.

The test shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 188. The test piece shall be exposed to air at 65 °C for 168 h.

The part shall pass the test if the loss of tensile strength does not exceed 25 % and the change in ultimate elongation does not exceed the following values:

- maximum increase: 10 %;
- maximum decrease: 30 %.

10.8.5 Ozone ageing

Any non-metallic part subject to Dimethyl Ether pressure and to atmospheric conditions, shall be listed and rated by the manufacturer as being resistant to ozone ageing. Otherwise, they shall not crack or show visible evidence of deterioration subsequent to ozone ageing as specified herein.

The test shall be in compliance with ISO 1431-1.

The test piece stretched by 20 % in elongation shall be exposed to air at 40 °C with an ozone concentration of 50 parts per hundred million during 72 h.

The part shall pass the test if no cracks are visible in the elongated position.

10.8.6 Temperature cycle

Any non-metallic part subject to Dimethyl Ether pressure shall be submitted to a 120 min temperature cycle test, from the minimum design temperature up to the maximum design temperature, at the working pressure, for 96 h.

After this test, the part shall be fitted in the device, which shall be subjected to [10.3](#).

The part shall pass the test when the device, with the tested part, passes the external leak tests.

10.8.7 Compatibility to Dimethyl Ether

Sealing materials subject to Dimethyl Ether pressure shall be submitted to an immersion test carried out with DME in accordance with ISO 1817.

The material shall pass the test if the maximum increase in volume measured immediately after the immersion test in accordance with ISO 1817 does not exceed 20 % and the loss of weight after drying does not exceed 5 %.

NOTE As DME is a good solvent, the maximum increase in volume can be adjusted to a higher level in a later phase, based on ISO 1817 measurement results of sealing materials used with positive experience.

10.8.8 Electrical continuity

The tests shall be conducted prior to and after endurance cycling of the nozzle (see [10.8.1.1](#)).

The electrical continuity through the body of the nozzle shall be measured as follows:

- a) connect the nozzle to a receptacle for which it has been designed;
- b) connect one probe of an ohm meter with a range of at least 100 Ω to 10 k Ω , to the nozzle inlet;
- c) connect the other probe to a point of the receptacle;
- d) measure and record the resistance in ohms;
- e) repeat for four other points on the nozzle inlet.

The nozzle shall pass the test if all five electrical resistance measurements do not exceed 1 k Ω .

10.9 Hydrostatic strength

The tests shall be conducted after endurance cycling test (see [10.8.1](#)).

The test pressure shall be 2,25 times the working pressure.

The test shall be performed at 20 °C.

The outlet of the nozzle shall be connected to the receptacle, for which the devices are designed. The outlet of the receptacle shall be plugged.

The test medium shall be water or any other suitable liquid.

The pressure shall be raised at a maximum rate of 1 000 kPa per minute until the test pressure is reached.

The test pressure shall then be maintained for at least 1 min.

The device shall withstand the hydrostatic strength test without any visible evidence of rupture or permanent distortion.

10.10 Oxygen ageing

No synthetic or non-metallic parts of components that provide a fuel-containing seal shall crack or show visible evidence of deterioration after oxygen ageing when tested in accordance with the following procedure.

Expose representative samples to oxygen for a minimum of 96 h at a temperature of $70\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$ and a pressure of at least 2 MPa, in accordance with ISO 188.

10.11 Non-metallic material immersion

10.11.1 Non-metallic material used in a component shall be subjected by the test agency to the tests described in [10.11.2](#) and [10.11.3](#), except where the applicant submits a test result declaration for tests carried out on the material provided by the manufacturer.

10.11.2 A part made of non-metallic material in contact with Dimethyl Ether shall not show excessive change in volume or weight when tested with Dimethyl Ether according to ISO 1817 with the following conditions:

- a) Temperature: $23\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ for temperate countries or $27\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$ for tropical and subtropical countries.
- b) Immersion period: 72 h.
- c) Medium is DME.
- d) After taking out the material, measure within 20 min, preferably as fast as possible.
 - Prepare, measure, and weigh a representative sample or samples of each non-metallic synthetic material used in a component. Immerse the sample or samples according to the conditions above.
 - Maximum change in volume 20 %.
 - After storage in air with a temperature of 40 °C for a period of 48 h the mass compared to the original value may not decrease more than 5 %.

10.11.3 A part made of non-metallic material in contact with DME shall not show excessive change in volume or weight when tested in accordance with the following procedure.

- a) Prepare, measure and weigh one or more representative samples of each non-metallic material used in a component, then immerse the sample or samples at room temperature in DME, at a pressure equal to its working pressure, but not less than 100 kPa, for a minimum of 70 h.
- b) Immediately following this period of immersion, rapidly reduce the test pressure to atmospheric pressure without causing shredding or disintegration.

No tested sample shall exhibit swelling greater than 25 % or shrinkage greater than 1 %. The weight change shall not exceed 10 %.

It is recommended to read section 6.7 of the DME Handbook as generic background for using sealing material compatible with DME.

10.11.4 Non-metallic material used in a component that is likely to be exposed to ester-based or alpha-olefin- based synthetic compressor oils, including non-synthetic compressor oils, shall not

show excessive change in volume or weight when tested in accordance with ISO 1817 or the following procedure.

- a) Prepare, measure and weigh one or more representative samples of each non-metallic material used in a component, then immerse the sample or samples at room temperature in holders, each containing one of the test fluids, for a minimum of 70 h.
- b) Following this period of immersion, remove and measure the test samples, within 1 h.

No sample shall exhibit swelling greater than 25 % or shrinkage greater than 1 %. The weight change shall not exceed 10 %.

10.12 Vibration resistance

This test is applicable to the receptacle only.

Components with moving parts shall remain undamaged and shall continue to operate and meet the requirements of their leakage tests and hydrostatic strength test after the vibration test has been carried out in accordance with the following test procedure.

Vibrate the component for 30 min, pressurized to its working pressure with dry air, nitrogen or Dimethyl Ether, and sealed at both ends, along each of the three orthogonal axes at the most severe resonant frequency determined as follows:

- by an acceleration of 1,5 G;
- within a sinusoidal frequency range of 5 Hz to 200 Hz;
- with a sweep time of 10 min.

If the resonance frequency is not found in this range, the test shall be conducted at 500 Hz.

On completion of the test, the component shall not show any indication of fatigue or component damage and shall comply with the leakage test specified in [10.3](#) and the hydrostatic strength test specified in [10.9](#).

10.13 Creep

This test is applicable to the receptacle only.

A non-metallic part containing liquid DME shall comply with the leakage tests mentioned in [10.3](#) and [10.6](#) after having been submitted to a hydraulic pressure of 2,25 times the working pressure at a temperature of $120\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$ for a minimum of 96 h. Water or any other suitable hydraulic fluid may be used as a test medium.

10.14 Automotive fluid exposure

This test is applicable to the receptacle only.

10.14.1 General

External portions of components shall be able to withstand exposure to the following fluids without mechanical degradation. Resistance shall be determined by the test in [10.14.2](#) except when the manufacturer can demonstrate by other means that the material is resistant to these fluids.

10.14.2 Test method

The external surfaces of the component shall be exposed to the following test. The inlet and outlet connections of the component shall be connected or capped in accordance with the component manufacturers installation instructions. The test shall be performed at ambient temperature. The component shall be exposed by spraying the exterior of the component 24 times at one-hour intervals.