



## LEAFLET 17

### INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS COLLECTING GAS CYLINDERS

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Understand the hazards and properties of the gases you are collecting



Ask the Gas Supplier for advice.

Ask for a Safety Data Sheet.

Take time to know what actions are required if there is an incident.

Do not smoke or use naked flames near gas cylinders.

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Check you have the correct gas



Read the product label.

Correct gas? Correct grade? Correct pressure?

Reference: BCGA TIS 6, *Gas cylinder identification. Label and colour code requirements*

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Check the valve is closed



Always check the valve is closed.

Check for leaks.

An unused cylinder will usually have a tamper proof cover over the valve outlet.

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Check the cylinder is in a good condition



Check for obvious damage.

Check for cleanliness - no contamination from oil, grease, etc.

Check the cylinder is in-date for its inspection and test.

Reference: BCGA TIS 6, *Gas cylinder identification. Label and colour code requirements*

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Handle cylinders with care



Cylinders can be awkward to handle.

Where appropriate, use a trolley with a restraining chain to move a cylinder

Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

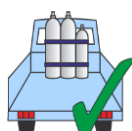
Do not roll or drop cylinders.

Do not try to catch a falling cylinder.

Reference: BCGA GN 3, *Safe cylinder handling and the application of the manual handling operations regulations to gas cylinders*

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Transport safely



Use an open vehicle where possible. Closed vehicles shall have suitable ventilation.

Secure, preferably in an upright position (valve at the top).

Do not allow to protrude over the sides of the vehicle.

Reference: BCGA GN 27, *Guidance for the carriage of gas cylinders on vehicles*

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Place into a cylinder store



At your destination, always keep cylinders in a dedicated, safe store, in compliance with BCGA CP 44.

The store shall be well ventilated, secure, with no ignition sources.

Reference: BCGA CP 44, *The storage of gas cylinders*

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#### For more information:

British Compressed Gases Association (BCGA)

[www.bcgga.co.uk](http://www.bcgga.co.uk)

