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of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

DOT-SP 20571  
(FOURTH REVISION)

**EXPIRATION DATE: 2027-03-31**

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Uttam Composites LLC  
Garden Grove, CA
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
  - a. This special permit authorizes the manufacture, mark, sale, and use of non-DOT specification fully wrapped carbon fiber composite cylinders with a seamless aluminum liner that meets the requirements of the ISO 11119-2 Standards, except as specified herein. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein. The most recent revision supersedes all previous revisions.
  - b. The safety analyses performed in the development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with the transportation in commerce.
  - c. In accordance with 49 CFR 107.107(a) party status may not be granted to a manufacturing permit. These packagings may be used in accordance with 49 CFR 173.22a.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 173.302(a), 173.304(a), and 178.71(l)(1)(ii) in that cylinders that do not meet the UN composite cylinder requirements are not authorized except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Catalina Cylinders, Inc. dated April 20, 2023, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Air, compressed	2.2	UN1002	N/A
Argon, <i>compressed</i>	2.2	UN1006	N/A
Carbon dioxide	2.2	UN1013	N/A
Carbon monoxide, compressed	2.3	UN1016	N/A
Compressed gas, flammable, n.o.s.	2.1	UN1954	N/A
Compressed gas, n.o.s	2.2	UN1956	N/A
Compressed gas, oxidizing, n.o.s.	2.2	UN3156	N/A
Helium, compressed	2.2	UN1046	N/A
Hydrogen, compressed	2.1	UN1049	N/A
Krypton, compressed	2.2	UN1056	N/A
Liquefied gas, n.o.s.	2.2	UN3163	N/A
Methane, compressed <i>or</i> Natural gas, compressed (with high methane content)	2.1	UN1971	N/A
Neon, compressed	2.2	UN1065	N/A

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A
Nitrous oxide	2.2	UN1070	N/A
Oxygen, compressed	2.2	UN1072	N/A
Sulfur hexafluoride	2.2	UN1080	N/A
Xenon, compressed	2.2	UN2036	N/A
Hydrocarbon gas mixture, compressed, n.o.s.	2.1	UN1964	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING: Packaging prescribed is a non-DOT specification fully wrapped fiber reinforced composite gas cylinder with aluminum alloy 6061-T6 liner as described in Catalina's application on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHMS). Each cylinder must meet the design and construction requirements for UN composite cylinders specified in § 178.71(l)(ii) and of ISO Standard 11119-2:2012 (Gas Cylinders of Composite Construction-Specification and Test Methods – Part 2: (Fully wrapped reinforced composite gas cylinders with load-sharing metal liners), except as follows:

- (1) Cylinders made under this special permit are limited to a maximum service pressure of 248 bar (3600 psig), with a maximum water volume of 450 liters.
- (2) All design qualification and batch inspection and testing must be performed in accordance with the ISO 11119-2:2012 Standard, except that the ambient hydraulic cycle testing per ISO 11119-2:2012 Section 8.5.5, must be 12,000 pressure reversal cycles between 5% of service pressure and 120% of service pressure for unspecified gas or maximum developed service pressure for dedicated gas service.
- (3) The fire resistance test, per ISO 11119-2:2012 Section 8.5.10, may be performed in the horizontal position only. Cylinders tested horizontally only must be permanently marked or labelled "Horizontal Mounting Only".

b. MARKING:

(1) Each cylinder must be permanently marked (other than by stamping) in the composite on the sidewall. The marking must be easily visible and must be protected from external damage due to the environment and handling.

(2) The marking must contain the following:

(i) DOT special permit number (DOT-SP 20571) followed by service pressure expressed in bar (psi).

(ii) A serial number and the manufacturer's identification number or a symbol as obtained from the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, located just below or immediately following the DOT marking above.

(iii) The DOT inspector's official mark must be placed near the serial number. The marking must contain date the (month and year) of the initial hydraulic proof pressure test for that cylinder.

(iv) The size of the letters and numbers used must be at least 0.64 cm (1/4 inch) high if space permits.

(v) The following are examples of an authorized format for marking:

DOT-SP 20571-248 bar(3600psi)

1234-MMII (or symbol)

II—MM/YY

(vi) Additional markings are permitted in the composite, provided the additional markings do not obscure the required marking and are not detrimental to the integrity of the cylinder.

(vii) Provisions for marking of the required requalification dates and RIN information must be made near the cylinder markings.

c. REQUALIFICATION:

(1) Each cylinder must be requalified once every 5 years by a qualified person holding a valid DOT RIN using a hydraulic proof pressure test equal to 1.5 times the marked service pressure. The pressure must be held for a minimum of 3 minutes without a loss of pressure. The test equipment must conform to the accuracy requirement of § 180.205(g). The hydraulic proof pressure test may be substituted by a pneumatic proof pressure test subject to the following conditions:

(i) Prior to pneumatic proof pressure testing, a complete visual examination as described in this special permit must be completed and all cylinders of the frame must pass the visual examination;

(ii) The testing facility is equipped with a burst chamber, concrete or equivalent barrier wall, or is located with sufficient standoff distance to prevent personnel injury in case of cylinder rupture during the requalification testing;

(iii) Each cylinder is pressurized to 1.25 times the marked service pressure. The pressure must be held for 10 consecutive minutes. The loss of pressure during the hold time must not exceed 5% of the original test pressure;

(iv) In case of equipment failure during the test which results in loss of pressure prior to the completion of the 10-minute hold time, the test may only be repeated one time, at a pressure of 1.27 times the marked service pressure; and

(v) A cylinder that fails to maintain the test pressure must be evaluated to determine the cause. A cylinder that shows evidence of damage (surface distortion, unraveled fibers or other evidence of weakness) must be evaluated in accordance with the visual inspection procedure described in this special permit.

(2) Visual Inspection: Each cylinder must be visually inspected in accordance with CGA Pamphlet C-6.2, Guidelines for Visual Inspection and Re-qualification of Fiber Reinforced High Pressure Cylinders, except as specifically noted herein:

(i) Cylinders with fiber damage (cuts, abrasions, etc.) that exceeds Level 1 type damage as defined in CGA Pamphlet C-6.2 and meet the following depth and length criteria are considered to have Level 2 damage:

(A) Depth: Damage that upon visual inspection is seen to penetrate the outer fiberglass layer but does not expose the carbon layer beneath, or that has a measured depth of greater than 0.005 inch and less than 0.045 inch for cylinders with an outside diameter greater than 7.5 inches or less than 0.035 inch for cylinders 7.5 inches or less in outside diameter;

(B) Length: Damage that has a maximum allowable length of:

	Direction of fiber damage	Maximum length of damage
Cylinder sidewall and domes	Transverse to fiber direction (longitudinal direction)	20% of the straight sidewall section length
Cylinder sidewall and domes	In fiber direction (circumferential direction)	20% of the straight sidewall section length

(ii) Cylinders with damage that meet the Level 2 criteria must be rejected. Requalifiers must contact the cylinder manufacturer if the damage cannot be clearly interpreted based on these criteria. Repair of rejected cylinders is authorized for Level 2 type damage. Repairs must be made in accordance with CGA Pamphlet C-6.2, prior to the hydrostatic pressure test. Repairs must be evaluated after the hydrostatic test.

(iii) Cylinders that have direct fiber damage that penetrates through the outer fiberglass layer and into the carbon layer, or that have a measured

damage depth of greater than the Level 2 maximum are considered to have Level 3 type damage. Cylinders that have damage with depth meeting Level 2, but length exceeding the Level 2 maximum are considered to have Level 3 type damage. Cylinders with Level 3 type damage are not authorized to be repaired and must be condemned.

(3) Persons who perform inspection and testing of cylinders subject to this special permit must comply with § 180.205(b) and with all the terms and conditions of this special permit.

(4) Requalification date (month/year) must be permanently marked on the cylinder as specified in paragraph § 180.213. The marking of the RIN symbol on the cylinder certifies compliance with all the terms conditions of this special permit.

d. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) Cylinders manufactured under this special permit are authorized for a maximum service use of 15 years from the date of manufacture.

(2) Cylinders may not be used for underwater breathing purposes.

(3) Cylinders used in oxygen service must conform with § 173.302(b).

(4) Cylinders used in nitrous oxide service must conform with § 173.304a(a).

(5) A cylinder that has been subjected to fire may not be returned to service.

(6) Manifolding of cylinders must be in accordance with the requirements of § 173.301(g).

(7) Transportation of Division 2.1 (flammable gas) materials is not authorized aboard cargo vessel and aircraft unless specifically authorized in the Hazardous Materials Table (§ 172.101).

(8) Transportation of oxygen is only authorized aboard aircraft when in accordance with § 175.501.

(9) Cylinders authorized under this special permit must be transported in frames that meet the requirements of § 178.71(e). Cylinders that had the fire resistance test, per ISO 11119-2:2012 Section 8.5.10, performed in the horizontal position only must be transported horizontally in the frames.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. A person who is not a holder of this special permit who receives a package covered by this special permit may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package or its contents and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

b. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, and cargo aircraft only.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel, aircraft, or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit. The shipper must furnish a copy of this special permit to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.:

- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
- o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
- o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) — "The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005" (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term "exemption" to "special permit" and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.



12. **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§ 171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for William Schoonover  
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-13, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/approvals-and-permits/hazmat/special-permits-search>. Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.

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