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Preface

This is the third edition of CSA Standard B620, *Highway Tanks and Portable Tanks for the Transportation of Dangerous Goods*. It supersedes the previous editions published in 1998 and 1987.

This Standard specifies requirements for highway tanks, portable tanks, fibre-reinforced plastic (FRP) highway tanks, and pressure/vacuum liquid waste highway tanks for the transportation of dangerous goods.

It is the intent of the CSA Technical Committee to further develop this Standard in the future in co-operation with industry representation and regulatory authorities in Canada and the USA to meet the needs of Canada and to achieve a maximum degree of uniformity with the USA.

It should be noted that this Standard, by itself, does not have the force of law unless it is officially adopted by a regulatory authority. Since the Standard may be adopted into regulations with certain exceptions or additional requirements, it is recommended that the regulations of the relevant jurisdiction be consulted in order to establish the extent to which this Standard has been adopted. Where an industry practice differs from the requirements of this Standard, an application for a permit for equivalent level of safety may be requested from the regulatory authority.

This Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Highway Tanks and Portable Tanks for Transportation of Dangerous Goods, under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Steering Committee on Mechanical Industrial Equipment Safety, and has been formally approved by the Technical Committee. It will be submitted to the Standards Council of Canada for approval as a National Standard of Canada.

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Highway Tanks and Portable Tanks for the Transportation of Dangerous Goods

1. Scope

1.1
This Standard applies to tanks, other than intermediate bulk containers and tubes, used for the transportation of dangerous goods primarily by road. It considers the design, construction, certification, assembly, modification, repair, testing, inspection and periodic retesting, maintenance, and identification of such tanks. Additional design and construction requirements for tanks intended to carry specific products are provided in CSA B621, CSA B622, and CAN/CGSB 43.151 (see Clause 2).

1.2
The Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Act and the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations can set out requirements that are additional to or different from those in this Standard due to particular characteristics or properties of individual dangerous goods. Where there is an inconsistency between the requirements of this Standard and those of the Act or Regulations, the Act or Regulations prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

1.3
The use of this Standard does not reduce the necessity for competent engineering judgment or complete design calculations that take into account the intended use of the tank. The values of the various parameters in this Standard are the limiting values to which the tank is restricted. It is the responsibility of the tank manufacturer to ensure that the tank will safely carry out its intended function within these constraints.

1.4
In CSA standards, “shall” is used to express a requirement, i.e., a provision that the user is obliged to satisfy in order to comply with the standard; “should” is used to express a recommendation or that which is advised but not required; and “may” is used to express an option or that which is permissible within the limits of the standard. Notes accompanying clauses do not include requirements or alternative requirements; the purpose of a note accompanying a clause is to separate from the text explanatory or informative material. Notes to tables and figures are considered part of the table or figure and may be written as requirements. Legends to equations and figures are considered requirements.

1.5
The values given in SI (metric) units are the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.