

Gas Pressure Gauges

Safety Concern

ANZIGA is the peak industry group for the manufacture and distribution of gases in Australia and New Zealand.

It has come to the attention of ANZIGA that pressure gauges supplied with medical gas regulators to the healthcare market may in very rare circumstances have a detached pointer, which may not always be obvious to end users.

Gas pressure gauges are found on standalone medical pressure regulators as well as incorporated with integrated regulator/cylinder packages. They may look like the example in the picture below. Typically these gauges have a pointer soldered to a bourdon tube coil, which moves in response to gas cylinder pressure to indicate remaining gas content. A small number of gauge failures have been observed where the pointer moves independently of the cylinder pressure, and so may therefore give a false indication of cylinder contents.



The purpose of this advisory notice is to raise awareness of the remote possibility of this issue across all bourdon tube type pressures gauges fitted to medical gas regulators, and to encourage those who handle/use medical gas cylinders to check that the gauge pointer does not move independently of pressure change. When relocating cylinders, or handling pressure regulator, if the gauge pointer also moves, then the pressure gauge is likely to be faulty. In this situation, ANZIGA recommends removing the item from service and sourcing a replacement medical gas regulator.

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ANZIGA aims to:

- consult with government authorities and organisations that make policy or prepare regulations and standards which govern the production, transportation, storage, handling and use of gases.
- collaborate with other industry and trade organisations on safety and technical matters, including public programs that relate to the gases industry.
- produce information that promotes the safe storage, handling and use of gases.

The members of ANZIGA produce and distribute gases for the health and medical, manufacturing, food, scientific and hospitality industries.

Notice of Safety Advice

In general a notice of Safety Advice is intended to provide information and relevant recommendations on a safety concern relating to the production, transportation, storage, handling and use of gases.

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