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- correction of [Figure 1](#).

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1 Scope

This document is applicable to pin-index yoke-type valve connections for medical gas cylinders, with a working pressure up to a maximum of 200 bar or test pressure up to a maximum of 300 bar, or both.

NOTE 1 This type of connection is primarily used for small cylinders (5 l or below).

NOTE 2 In this document the unit bar is used, due to its universal use in the field of technical gases. It should, however, be noted that bar is not an SI unit, and that the corresponding SI unit for pressure is Pa (1 bar = 10^5 Pa = 10^5 N/m²).

This document specifies:

- basic dimensions;
- requirements for alternative designs of the yoke-type valve connections;
- dimensions and positions for the holes and pins for the outlet connections.

It also specifies the dimensions and positions for the holes and pins for the outlet connections for gases and gas mixtures.

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 32, *Gas cylinders for medical use — Marking for identification of content*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Valve

Each small medical gas cylinder can be fitted with a yoke valve (see [Clause 6](#)). The yoke valve shall have location holes of the dimensions and in the positions indicated in [Clause 8](#) for the appropriate gas or gas mixture (see [Table 1](#)).

The name or chemical symbol of the gas or gas mixture shall be clearly and indelibly stamped on the valve.

Table 1 — Allocated gases and gas mixtures

Gas or gas mixture	Chemical symbol
oxygen	O ₂
oxygen/carbon dioxide (CO ₂ ≤ 7 %)	O ₂ + CO ₂
oxygen/helium (He ≤ 80 %)	O ₂ + He
ethylene	C ₂ H ₄
nitrous oxide (with or without liquid draw-off)	N ₂ O
cyclopropane	C ₃ H ₆
helium	He
helium/oxygen (O ₂ < 20 %)	
carbon dioxide (with or without liquid draw-off)	CO ₂
carbon dioxide/oxygen CO ₂ > 7 %	
medical air	Air
nominal mixture 50 % oxygen/50 % nitrous oxide (47,5 % < N ₂ O < 52,5 %)	O ₂ + N ₂ O
nitrogen	N ₂
mixture of air, helium and carbon monoxide (CO < 1 %)	Air + He + CO

5 Yoke

The connecting yoke shall conform to the requirements and dimensions given in [Clauses 6](#) and [7](#). The yoke shall be fitted with pins, the dimensions and the positions of which correspond to the holes in the valve as indicated in [Clause 8](#) for the appropriate gas or gas mixture.

The name or chemical symbol of the gas or gas mixture shall be clearly and indelibly stamped on the yoke. If an identification colour is used, it shall be in conformity with ISO 32.

Examples of the alternative designs for the connecting yoke are given in [7.2](#).

In [Figures 3](#) and [4](#), the circled numbers and letters are the pin-hole positions.

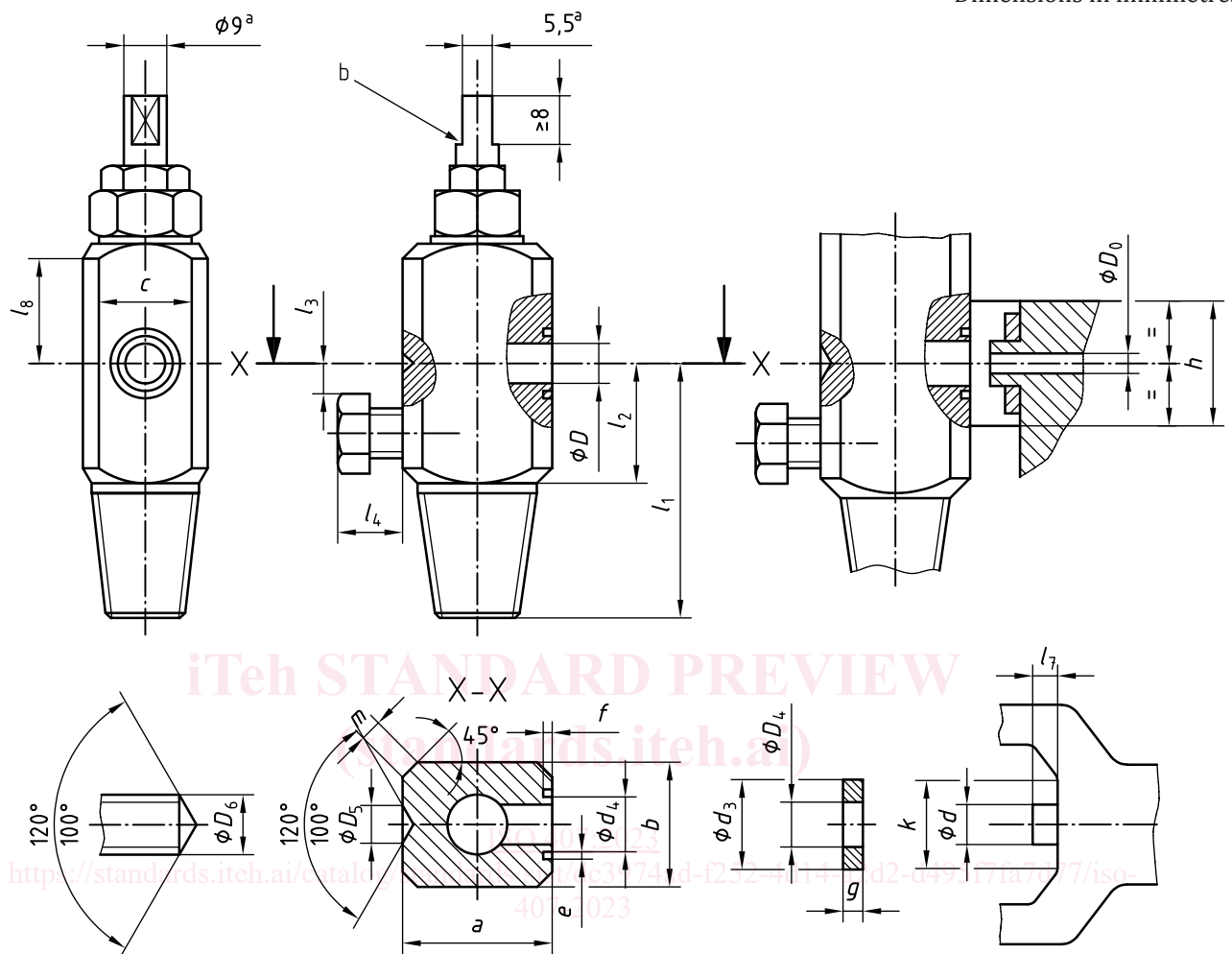
6 Basic dimensions

6.1 General

The basic dimensions for pin-index yoke-type valve connections are shown in [Figures 1](#) to [4](#) and are listed in [Table 2](#).

6.2 Pin-index yoke-type valve body

Dimensions in millimetres



- a Applicable only to single-key valves.
- b Consider introduction of radius of 0,5 mm to avoid stress concentration.
- m Radius permitted, provided dimension c is maintained.

Figure 1 — Pin-index yoke-type valve body

6.3 Single-pin yoke-type valve connection system

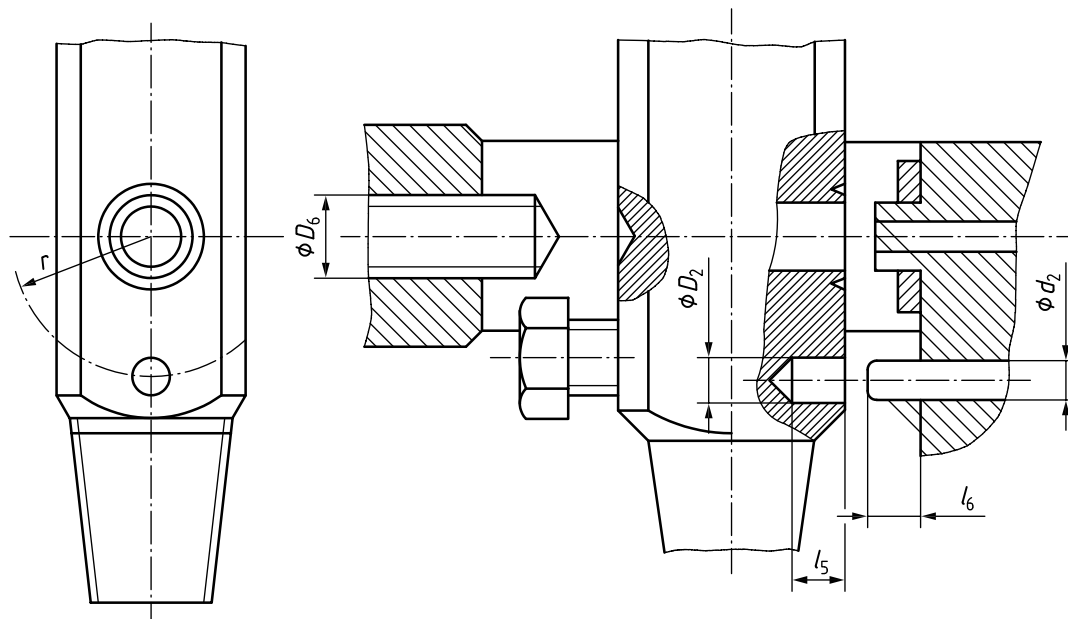


Figure 2 — Single-pin yoke-type valve connection system

6.4 Two-pin yoke-type valve connection system with the pins in a single row

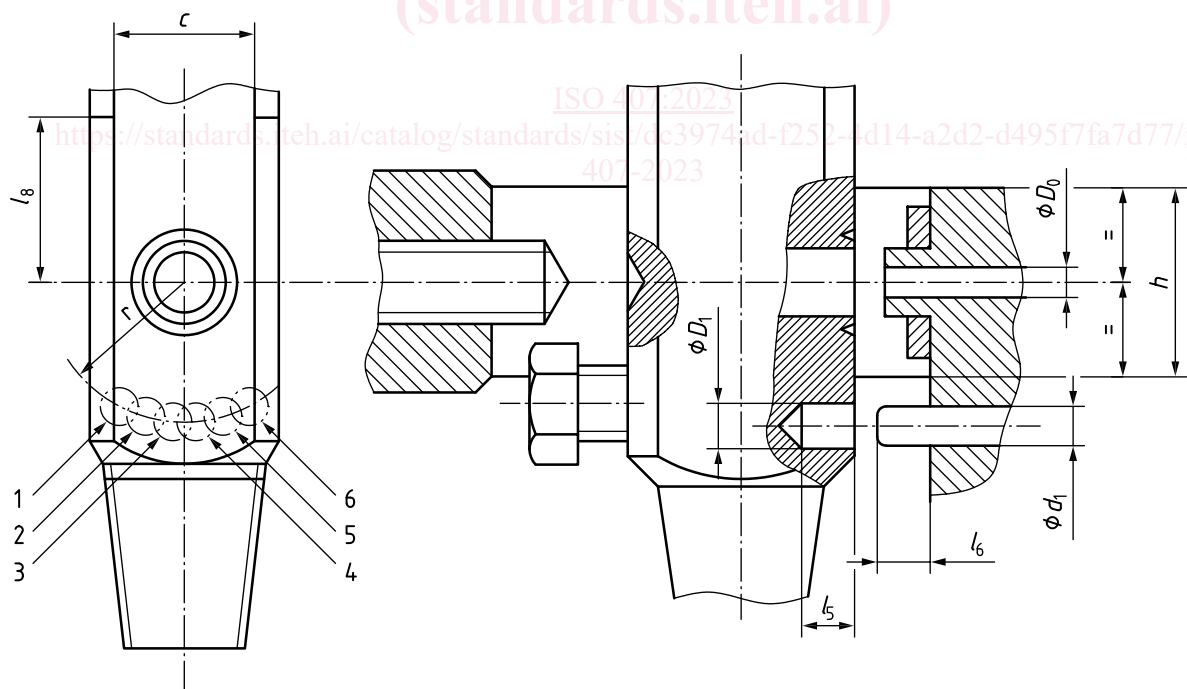


Figure 3 — Two-pin yoke-type valve connection system with the pins in a single row

6.5 Two-pin yoke-type valve connection system with the pins in a double row

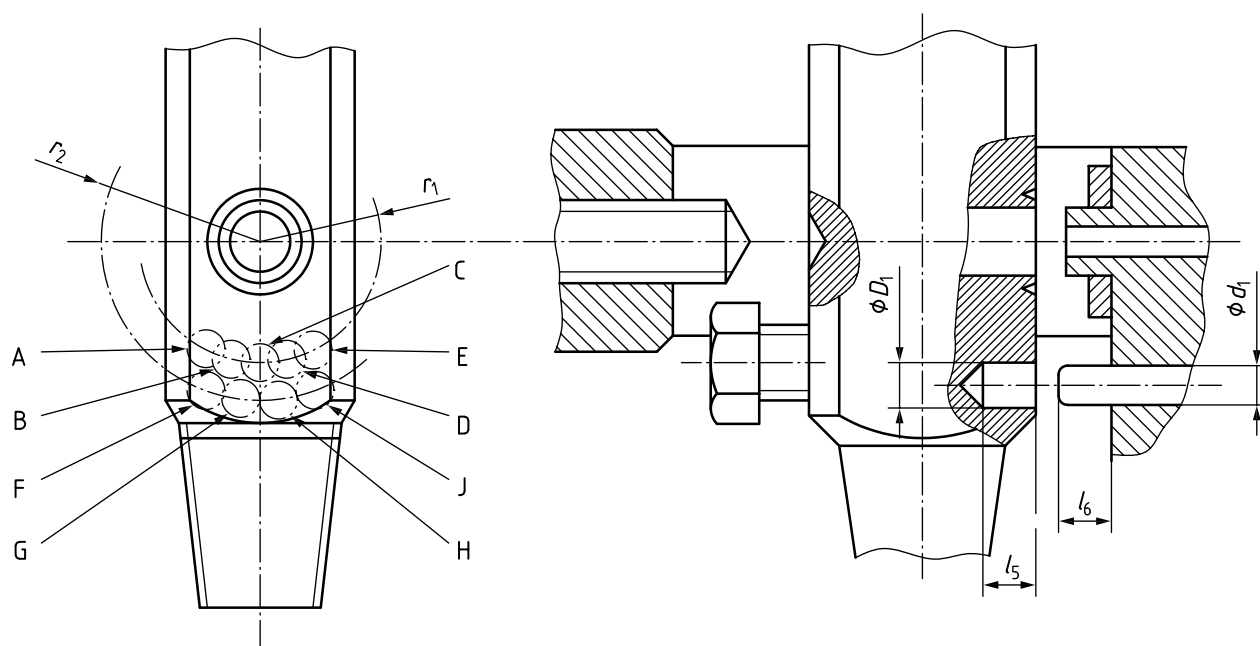


Figure 4 — Two-pin yoke-type valve connection system with the pins in a double row

6.6 Basic dimensions

Table 2 — Basic dimensions for pin-index yoke-type valve connections

Dimension	mm	Dimension	mm
a	$25^{+0,8}_{-0,2}$	f	0,8 max.
b	21,8 – 22,6	g	$1,6 \pm 0,4$
c	16 min.	h^a	$20 \pm 0,5$
D	$7^{+0,2}_{-0}$	k	16,5 min.
D_0	$2,4 \pm 0,8$	l_1	44,5 min.
D_1	$4,75^{+0,1}_{-0}$	l_2	22 min.
D_2	5,8 to 5,9	l_3^b	8 min.
D_4	$6,3^{+0}_{-0,2}$	l_4^b	9,6 max.
D_5	$6^{+0}_{-0,5}$	l_5	$5,5^{+0,5}_{-0}$
D_6^c	7 min.	l_6	$5,5^{+0}_{-0,5}$
d	$6,5^{+0}_{-0,2}$	l_7	3 to 3,6
d_1	3,9 to 4,0	l_8^d	15 min.

^a Dimensions h and a as alternatives q , q_1 (see 7.2). These dimensions may be chosen in order to satisfy the requirements of 7.1 g).

^b Applicable only if a projecting-type safety plug is used.

^c Dimension D_6 is the dimension at the top of the cone.

^d This dimension is very important.

^e A radius is permitted instead of a chamfer, provided dimension c is maintained.

Table 2 (continued)

Dimension	mm	Dimension	mm
d_2	$5,4^{+0}_{-0,1}$	m	1,4 min. maximum allowed: any length provided dimension c is maintained ^e
d_3	$16 \pm 0,5$	r	14,3 nom.
d_4	$9 \pm 0,2$	r_1	12 nom.
e	0,8 max.	r_2	17,5 nom.
^a Dimensions h and as alternatives q , q_1 (see 7.2). These dimensions may be chosen in order to satisfy the requirements of 7.1 g). ^b Applicable only if a projecting-type safety plug is used. ^c Dimension D_6 is the dimension at the top of the cone. ^d This dimension is very important. ^e A radius is permitted instead of a chamfer, provided dimension c is maintained.			

7 Requirements for alternative designs of yoke-type valve connections

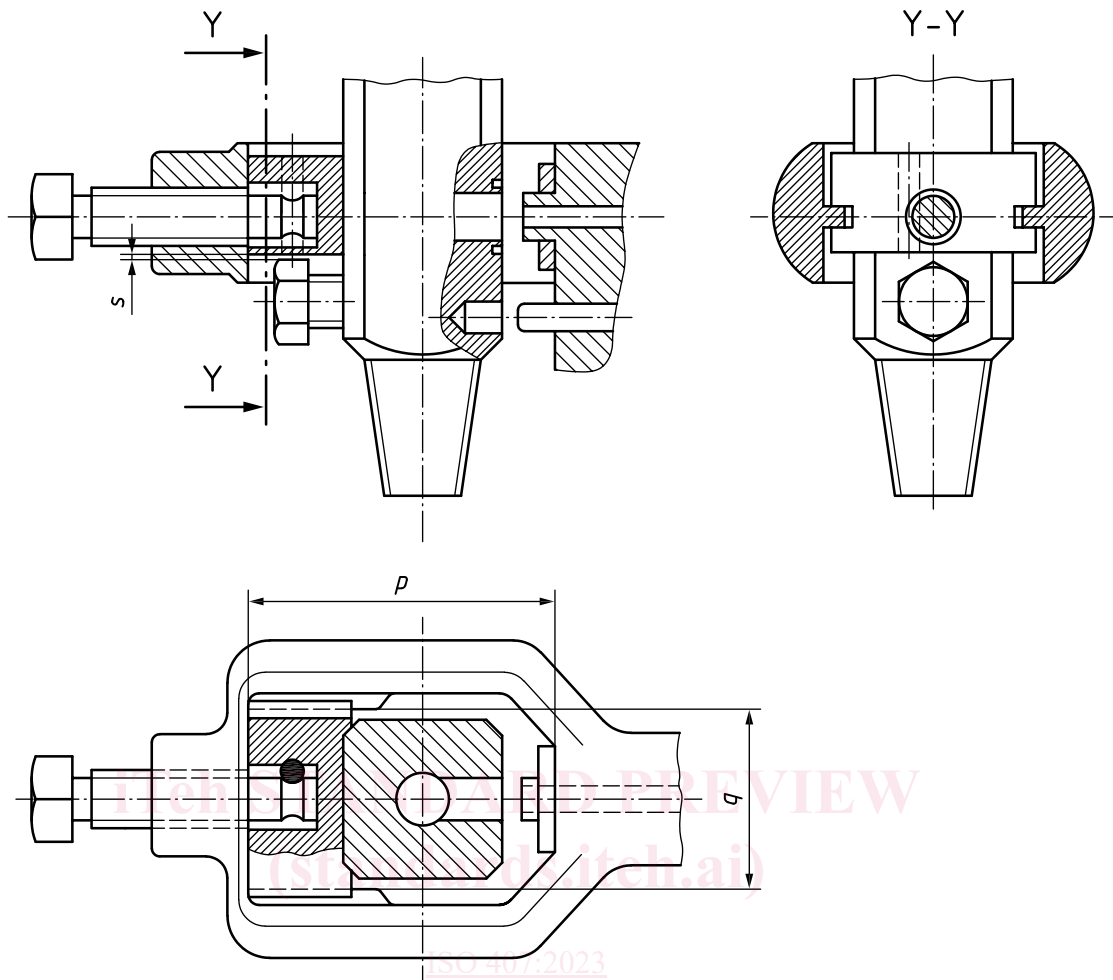
7.1 Requirements for the design of the connecting yoke

The design of the connecting yoke shall meet the following requirements:

- a gas-tight seal shall only be possible when the pins in the yoke correspond to the holes in the valve;
- when the pins in the yoke do not correspond to the holes in the valve, a gas-tight seal shall not be possible and damage to the yoke or the valve shall be prevented;
- pins shall be fixed or assembled in such a manner that they cannot be removed by the user or become loose in service;
- the sealing washer shall be a retained fit on the yoke spigot;
- the use of more than one sealing washer is not permitted;
- the yoke shall be able to resist, without permanent deformation, the load resulting from a torque of 50 N·m applied to the valve clamping screw or locking device;
- the dimensions of the yoke shall limit the movement of the valve in the yoke to a maximum of 6° about the long axis prior to pin engagement;
- the dimension of the yoke shall not cause any physical interference with the valve and its operation or prevent an effective seat at the outlet connection.

7.2 Examples of alternative construction for the connecting yoke

Three alternative designs of pin-index yoke-type connections are shown in [Figures 5 to 7](#).



Dimension	mm
p^a	$44,5 \pm 2$
q^b	$24^{+0,5}_{-0}$
s^c	0,8 min.

^a May be reduced to 35 mm if clearance is provided for projecting-type safety plug.
^b See the note for dimension h in [Table 2](#).
^c Applicable only if a projecting-type safety plug is used.

Figure 5 — First alternative