Thread Specifications

Cylinder Valve Threads

Because of the many thread forms available on equipment used in the LP-Gas industry today, the maze of letters, numbers and symbols which make up various thread specifications becomes confusing. To help eliminate some of this confusion, a brief explanation of some of the more widely used thread specifications is shown below.

Inlet Connections

NGT and NPT Threads
The NGT (National Gas Taper) thread is the commonly used valve-to-cylinder connection. The male thread on the valve has about two more threads at the large end than the NPT in order to provide additional fresh threads if further tightening is necessary. Additionally, the standard ¾" NGT valve inlet provides the greater tightness at the bottom of the valve by making the valve threads slightly straighter than the standard taper of ¾" per foot in NPT connections. In all other respects NPT and NGT threads are similar.

Outlet Connections

CGA Outlets
The CGA (Compressed Gas Association) outlets are standard for use with various compressed gases. The relation of one of these outlets to another is fixed so as to minimize undesirable connections. They have been so designed to prevent the interchange of connections which may result in a hazard.

3/8"-18 NPT Thread Connection
This connection also is used for vapor or liquid withdrawal. It has a ¾" diameter thread, and 18 threads per inch, National Pipe Taper Outlet form.

CGA 555
CGA 555 is the standard cylinder valve outlet connection for liquid withdrawal of butane and/or propane. Thread specification is .903" – 14 NGO – LH – EXT, which means .903" diameter thread, 14 threads per inch, National Gas Outlet form, left-hand external thread.

Type I Outlet
This connection is designed to mate with either a 1½" Female ACME or a Male POL (CGA510). It complies with the ANSI Z21.58 Standard for Outdoor Cooking Appliances and the Can/CGA-1.6 Standard for Container Connections. A back check assembly in the outlet is designed to prevent gas flow until a leak free connection is made with an inlet adapter. These standards apply to barbecue grill cylinders manufactured after October 1994.

Type II Outlet
This connection is designed to mate with the Quick Connect Male plug that complies with the ANSI Z21.58 Standard for Outdoor Cooking Appliances and the Can/CGA-1.6 Standard for Container connections. A back check assembly in the outlet is designed to prevent gas flow until a leak free connection is made with an inlet adapter. These standards apply to barbecue grill cylinders manufactured after October 1994.