

# Refrigerant cylinder test dates

## Finding the test date on BOC refrigerant cylinders.

Refrigerant gases are supplied in low pressure welded aluminium cylinders with a valve protection ring at the top. You will find the most recent cylinder test date stamped on the valve protection ring in a month-year format underneath the certified BOC testing station number, for example:

007 - Certified BOC test station number  
07 20 - Month Year of most recent test



In this example, the cylinder was tested at BOC Test Station Number 7 in July 2020. All refrigerant cylinders require re-testing every ten years. In this example, the next test for this cylinder will be due in July 2030.

**Note:** The cylinder test station stampings should not be confused with the manufacturer's date stamping which is also on the cylinder and indicates the date the cylinder was manufactured and approved for use. The manufacturer's date will be the initial date on the cylinder. Cylinder test station stampings will not appear on the cylinder until the cylinder becomes due for test and must undergo the cylinder test process prior to its next fill.

BOC adheres to Australian Standard AS 2337.1 Gas Cylinder Test Stations and is frequently audited by an independent third party to ensure compliance.

## What happens when a cylinder is due for a test?

When a cylinder becomes due for a test, this means it cannot be legally refilled until it has undertaken cylinder testing in accordance with AS2337.1. Once due, ensuring that the cylinder is tested before refilling is the responsibility of the cylinder owner.

The gas in a cylinder that is due for test can still be consumed by customers, provided the cylinder was filled prior to the cylinder becoming due for test. The cylinder test date does not have any connection to the shelf life of the product contained within the cylinder, it only applies to the cylinder itself.

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