Hydrogen Vehicle and Infrastructure Codes and Standards Citations

This document lists codes and standards typically used for U.S. hydrogen vehicle and infrastructure projects. To determine which codes and standards apply to a specific project, identify the codes and standards currently in effect within the jurisdiction where the project will be located. Some jurisdictions also have unique ordinances or regulations that could apply.

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CGA G-5.4, Standard for Hydrogen Piping Systems at Consumer Locations (Compressed Gas Association, 2005)
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**Balance of Plant**

**Piping & Tubing**

*ASME B31.3, Process Piping (American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2006)*
• F323.4(5) Specific Material Considerations-Metals
• IX K305 Pipe
• ASME B31.12, Hydrogen Piping and Pipelines

*CGA G-5.4, Standard for Hydrogen Piping Systems at Consumer Locations (Compressed Gas Association, 2005)*
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*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
• 9.8 Installation of Piping and Hoses
• 9.9 System Testing
- 11.2.3 Piping, Tubing, and Fittings

CGA H-3 *Cryogenic Hydrogen Storage* (Compressed Gas Association, 2006)
- 10.0 External piping

**Pressure Relief**

CGA S-1.3, *PRD Standards Part 3 - Stationary Storage Containers for Compressed Gases* (Compressed Gas Association, 2005)
- 5.3.2 Nonliquid Compressed Gases

- 2209.2.1 Approved Equipment
- 2209.5.4.2 Pressure Relief Devices
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- 3203.2 Pressure Relief Devices
- 3203.3 Pressure Relief Vent Piping
- 3203.5.4 Physical Protection
- 3203.8 Service and Repair
- 3205.1.2.3.2 Shutoff Valves on Piping

- 703.3 Pressure Relief Devices

- 5.4 Pressure Relief Devices
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- 5.7 Pressure Regulators
- 9.6 Installation of Pressure Regulators
- 9.7 Installation of Pressure Gauges
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- 7.1.2.5 Pressure-Relief Devices
- 10.2.1 Pressure-Relief Devices
Valving & Fittings

- IX K306 Fittings, Bends, and Branch Connections
- IX K307 Valves and Specialty Components

**CGA G-5.4, Standard for Hydrogen Piping Systems at Consumer Locations (Compressed Gas Association, 2005)**
- 3.3.2 Isolation Valves
- 3.3.3 Emergency Isolation Valves
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- 2703.10.1 Valve Protection
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- 3205.1.2 Piping Systems
- 3205.3.2 Emergency Shutoff Valves
- 3503.1.3 Emergency Shutoff

- 5.9 Valves

Venting and Other Equipment

**CGA G-5.5, Hydrogen Vent Systems (Compressed Gas Association, 2004)**
- 6.0 Vent System
• 6.2 Sizing
• 6.3 Design
• 6.4 Materials
• 6.5 Components
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• 2209.5.4 Venting of Hydrogen Systems
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• 703.4 Venting

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
• 5.5 Vent Pipe Termination
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*NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
• 10.2.2 Pressure-Relief Devices

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• 406.5.2.1 Canopies use to support gaseous hydrogen systems

• 2209.3.2.6 Canopy Tops
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*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
• 9.3.2.3 Outdoors
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- 2209.3 Location on Property
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*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 9.3 System Siting

*NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 10.3.2 Specific Requirements

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- 2209.5 Safety Precautions
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- 2211.8 Defueling of Hydrogen from Motor Vehicle Fuel Storage Containers
- 3003 General Requirements
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*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 9.2.3 Equipment Security and Vehicle Protection
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- 9.2.6 Cargo Transport Unloading
- 9.2.7 Control Device Icing
- 9.2.8 Vehicle Ignition Classification
- 9.2.9 Fueling Connection Leak Prevention
- 9.2.10 Compression and Processing Equipment
- 9.2.11 Reference to NFPA 37 for Compressor Installations
- 9.2.12 Electrical Classification for Compressors
- 9.2.13 Liquid Carryover Prevention
- 9.2.14 Detection for Dispensing Equipment
- 9.2.15 General System Requirements
• 9.2.16 General System Requirements


• 7.1.4 Security

**Storage Containers**

CGA PS-20, *Direct Burial of Gaseous Hydrogen Storage Tanks (Compressed Gas Association, 2006)*

CGA PS-21, *Adjacent Storage of Compressed Hydrogen and Other Flammable Gases (Compressed Gas Association, 2005)*


• 2703.2.1 Design and Construction of Containers, Cylinders, and Tanks

• 3003.2 Design and Construction

• 3503.1.2 Storage Containers


• 5.3 Design and Construction of Containers

**Compression Systems and Equipment**


• 2209.2 Equipment

• 2209.3 Location on Property

• 2209.5.3.1 System Requirements

• 2209.5.4.2.1 Minimum Rate of Discharge

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*

• 9.2.7 Control Device Icing

• 9.2.8 Vehicle Ignition Classification

• 9.2.9 Fueling Connection Leak Prevention

• 9.2.10 Compression and Processing Equipment

• 9.2.11 Reference to NFPA 37 for Compressor Installations

• 9.2.12 Electrical Classification for Compressors

• 9.2.13 Liquid Carryover Prevention

• 9.2.14 Detection for Dispensing Equipment

• 9.3.1 General

• 14.8 Stationary Pumps and Compressors
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Barrier Walls

- 2209.3.1.1 Barrier Wall Construction – Gaseous Hydrogen

Equipment

- 2209.2 Equipment

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 9.2 General System Requirements

Fuel Stations

- 35 Flammable Gases
- 2209.1 General

- 7.3 Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 9.3 System Siting
- 14.2 Facility Design

*NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 7.1.6 Separation from Hazardous Conditions

Weather Protection

- 2209.3.2.2 Weather Protection
- 2704.13 Weather Protection

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- 2201.5 Electrical
- 2205.4 Sources of Ignition
- 2209.2.3 Electrical Equipment
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• 2703.9.4 Electrical Wiring and Equipment
• 3003.8 Wiring and Equipment
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• 3203.7 Electrical Wiring and Equipment
• 3503.1.5.1 Bonding of Electrically Conductive Materials and Equipment

- 6.7 Emergency Electrical Disconnects
- 8 Electrical Installations

- 9.11 Installation of Electrical Equipment
- 9.12 Stray or Impressed Currents and Bonding

**Fuel Lines**

**CGA G-5.4, Standard for Hydrogen Piping Systems at Consumer Locations (Compressed Gas Association, 2005)**
- 3.0 Piping System Criteria

- 2201 Scope
- 2209.3.2.3 Indoors
- 2209.3.2.6 Canopy Tops
- 3501.1 Scope

- 101.2.1 Gaseous Hydrogen Systems
- 704 Piping, Use, and Handling
- 705 Testing of Hydrogen Piping Systems

- 5.8 Fuel Lines

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• 2209.4 Dispensing into Motor Vehicles at Self-Service Hydrogen Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities

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- 2209.2 Equipment

- 5.10 Hose and Hose Connections

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- 2206.7.4 Dispenser Emergency Valve
- 2206.7.5 Dispenser Hose
- 2206.7.6 Fuel Delivery Nozzles
- 2209.2 Equipment
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- 2209.4 Dispensing into Motor Vehicles at Self-Service Hydrogen Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities

- 6.3 Requirements for Dispensing Devices

- 14 Liquid Hydrogen Fueling Facilities

Vehicle Connectors
- 5.11 Vehicle Fueling Connection

SAE J2600, Compressed Hydrogen Surface Vehicle Refueling Connection Devices (Society of Automotive Engineers, 2002)
Dispensing, Operations, and Maintenance Safety

Gaseous Hydrogen

*CGA G-5.5, Hydrogen Vent Systems (Compressed Gas Association, 2004)*
- 9 Maintenance

- 2204 Dispensing Operations
- 2209.4 Dispensing into Motor Vehicles at Self-Service Hydrogen Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities

- 9.2.2 Tank Filling and Bulk Delivery
- 9.4 Operating Requirements for Attended Self-Service Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities
- 9.5 Operating Requirements for Unattended Self-Service Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 9.13 System Operation
- 9.14 Fire Protection
- 9.15 Maintenance System

Liquid Hydrogen

*CGA G-5.5, Hydrogen Vent Systems (Compressed Gas Association, 2004)*
- 9 Maintenance

- 2204 Dispensing Operations
- 2209.4 Dispensing into Motor Vehicles at Self-Service Hydrogen Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities

- 9.2.2 Tank Filling and Bulk Delivery
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- 9.5 Operating Requirements for Unattended Self-Service Motor Fuel Dispensing Facilities

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 14.4.6 Liquid Hydrogen Vehicle Dispensing Systems
• 14.4.9 Liquid Hydrogen Vehicle Dispensing Systems
• 14.4.10 Liquid Hydrogen Vehicle Dispensing Systems
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• 14.13 Maintenance

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Construction

• 911 Explosion Control
• 2209.5 Safety Precautions

• 706.3 Outdoor Gaseous Hydrogen Systems

• 9.12 Stray or Impressed Currents and Bonding

• 7.1.6 Separation from Hazardous Conditions

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• 404 Fire Safety and Evacuation Plan
• 406 Employee Training and Response Procedures
• 407 Hazard Communication
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• 907 Fire Alarm and Detection Systems
• 2209.4 Dispensing into Motor Vehicles at Self-Service Hydrogen Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities
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• 2204.3.5 Emergency Procedures
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*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*

• 9.3.3.12 Warning Signs

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• 2209.3 Location on Property
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• 3504 Storage

*NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*

• 11.3.1 General
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General Safety Requirements


• 2209.5 Safety Precautions
• 2211.7 Repair Garages for Vehicles Fueled by Lighter-than-Air Fuels
• 2211.8 Defueling of Hydrogen from Motor Vehicle Fuel Storage Containers
- 3003 General Requirements
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*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 14.2 Facility Design

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- 3204.3.1 Stationary Containers
- 3204.4 Underground Tanks

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 5.3 Design and Construction of Containers

*NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 11.3.2 Specific Requirements
- 11.4.2 Underground Tanks

*CGA H-3 Cryogenic Hydrogen Storage (Compressed Gas Association, 2006)*
- 6.0 Tank design and manufacturing criteria
- 7.0 Inner vessel
- 8.0 Outer jacket

**On-Site Hydrogen Production**

- 2209.3.1 Separation from Outdoor Exposure Hazards

- 703.1 General Requirements

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 5.2 System Approvals
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- 2204.2 Attended Self-Service Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities
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- 2209.4 Dispensing into Motor Vehicles at Self-Service Hydrogen Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities

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*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
- 14.4.1 Liquid Hydrogen Vehicle Dispensing Systems
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- 14.4.11 Liquid Hydrogen Vehicle Dispensing Systems

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- 406 Employee Training and Response Procedures
- 407 Hazard Communication
- 906 Portable Fire Extinguishers
- 907 Fire Alarm and Detection Systems
- 2209.3.2.6.2 Fire-Extinguishing Systems
- 2209.4 Dispensing into Motor Vehicles at Self-Service Hydrogen Motor Fuel-Dispensing Facilities
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- 7.3.5 Fixed Fire Protection
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- 105.6.8 Compressed Gases
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- 6.3.7 Requirements for Dispensing Devices


- 9.2.3 Equipment Security and Vehicle Protection
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• 10.3 Location of Gaseous Hydrogen Systems

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• 2209.3.1 Separation from Outdoor Exposure Hazards

*NFPA 52, Vehicular Gaseous Fuel Systems Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
• 14.2.2 Siting

*NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
• 11.3.2.1 Specific Requirements
• 11.3.2.2 Specific Requirements

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### Outdoor Gaseous Systems

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• 9.3.1.3 General

*NFPA 55, Compressed Gases and Cryogenic Fluids Code (National Fire Protection Association, 2010)*
• 10.3.2.1 Specific Requirements
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*Compressed Hydrogen Gas*

*CGA P-1, Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Containers (Compressed Gas Association, 2006)*
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• 2705 Use, Dispensing, and Handling
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• 7.3.1.10 Use and Handling

**Liquid Hydrogen**

**CGA P-12, Safe Handling of Cryogenic Liquids (Compressed Gas Association, 2005)**

• 5.5.4 Additional Safety Practices for Liquid Hydrogen
• 6.4 Hydrogen Fires
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• 2705 Use Dispensing and Handling
• 3201.1 Scope
• 3203.6.1.1 Point-of-Fill Connections
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**Natural Gas**

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- 2209.2 Equipment
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- 708 Design of Liquefied Hydrogen Systems Associated with Hydrogen Vaporization Operations

- 11.2.5 Liquefied Hydrogen Vaporizers