

## **SGS Becomes the First Authorized Inspection Company for Compressed Natural Gas Cylinders in Spain**

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On January 18, 2010, SGS became the first authorized company in Spain to conduct Visual Inspections of cylinders for compressed natural gas in road vehicles.

Due to rising gasoline prices and environmental concerns, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is increasingly used in public and private cars. To meet increasing market demand, SGS provides cost- and time-effective Visual Inspections of compressed natural gas cylinders. On January 18, 2010, SGS Spain received authorization to conduct Visual Inspections of cylinders for compressed natural gas in road vehicles from the Departamento de Innovación, Universidades y Empresas de la Generalitat de Cataluña.

Visual Inspections of compressed natural gas cylinders performed by SGS Industrial Services are in accordance with European Union directives UN-ECE 110R and UNE-26525, which regulate the approval of special engine components for compressed natural gas vehicles as well as inspection of the cylinder installation and verification of high pressure cylinders for the on-board storage of natural gas as fuel for road vehicles.

As a result of SGS's multidisciplinary competences and innovative technology, the Visual Inspection of compressed natural gas cylinders allows significant cost and time savings in comparison to other inspection methods such as hydrostatic tests.

### **SGS Visual Inspection**

SGS has the expertise, experience, equipment and accreditations necessary to carry out Visual Inspection, which is one of the most widely used Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) methods. SGS ensures that the quality and performance of products or installations meets appropriate requirements, whether they are regulatory, voluntary or client specific.

### **About SGS Industrial Services**

SGS Industrial Services, one of the core business lines of the world's leading inspection, testing, verification and certification company, offers Visual Inspection Services which can be combined with other advanced or standard NDT methods. In every field, be it the evaluation of a material, product, system or an asset lifecycle, SGS contributes added value NDT services and helps to save overall costs and improve quality.

The SGS Group is the global leader and innovator in inspection, verification, testing and certification services. Founded in 1878, SGS is recognized as the global benchmark in quality and integrity. With more than 59,000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 1,000 offices and laboratories around the world.

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