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#### **OXYGEN - INTRODUCTION**

#### Purpose

The oxygen systems supply oxygen to the flight crew, cabin attendants, and passengers. Oxygen can be used for these reasons:

- Life sustaining oxygen if the plane depressurizes
- Emergencies
- First aid.

#### **General Description**

The flight crew oxygen system operates independently of the other systems. It is a high pressure gaseous system. High pressure gaseous oxygen is in a cylinder in the EE compartment. The manifold supplies oxygen to the flight crew oxygen masks.

The passenger oxygen system uses chemical oxygen generators. The generators are in the passenger service units (PSUs). Each chemical generator is separate, and supplies only its masks. The masks connect to the chemical generators by flexible tubes.

#### **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

- C Celsius
- EE electronic equipment
- F fahrenheit
- F/O first officer
- oxy oxygen
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- ASU Aft attendant station
- LSU lavatory attendant station
- pnl panel
- FCU flow control unit
- VAU voltage averaging unit
- PSI Pounds Square Inch
- PSIG Pounds Square Inch Gage
- PSU passenger service unit
- press pressure
- rly relay
- SCF standard cubic feet.



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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

#### Purpose

The flight crew oxygen system supplies the flight crew with low pressure gaseous oxygen.

#### **General Description**

High pressure gaseous oxygen is stored in a cylinder.

Over pressure devices protect the cylinder. A green plastic discharge indication disk on the fuselage skin shows cylinder discharge from overpressure (when the disk is missing).

A cylinder head assembly connects the cylinder to the airplane distribution system.

The oxygen supply lines are made of seamless stainless steel tubing and use flareless fittings.

The flight crew masks supply the oxygen to the crew. The masks have diluter-demand regulators and controls. The masks are modular, independently adjustable, and easy to put on.

When cylinder pressure is too low for operational requirements, you replace it.

#### Location

These system components are in the EE compartment:

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- High pressure oxygen cylinder
- Cylinder head assembly
- Overpressure discharge tubing.

#### **Training Information Point**

Oxygen system maintenance requires special care and cleanliness. Oxygen system maintenance personnel should know the special materials and procedures used in system servicing. Refer to chapter 12 of the maintenance manual for these materials and procedures.

Keep oxygen systems clean and dry. Use approved cleaning materials.

WARNING: DO NOT ALLOW OIL, GREASE, DIRT OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIALS TO TOUCH OXYGEN SYSTEM COMPONENTS. THESE MATERIALS WHEN EXPOSED TO PRESSURIZED OXYGEN CAN IGNITE AND CAUSE AN EXPLOSION. A FIRE OR EXPLOSION CAN CAUSE INJURY TO PERSONS AND DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT.



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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - INTERFACE**

#### Purpose

The flight crew oxygen system has these interfaces:

- System supply tubing
- Pressure indication
- Overpressure discharge and indication
- Flight crew communications system
- Shutoff valve.

#### System Plumbing

The system plumbing has these components:

- Corrosion resistant, seamless, stainless steel tubing
- Flareless fittings
- Bayonet-type quick-disconnect connectors
- Flexible silicon rubber hoses with braided sheathing.

#### **Shutoff Valves**

A shutoff valve on the cylinder head opens or closes the cylinder to the supply system.

#### **Pressure Indication**

A mechanical pressure gage on the oxygen cylinder shows the cylinder pressure. The gage shows pressure regardless of the cylinder shutoff valve position.

A pressure transducer on the cylinder coupling supplies a signal to the pressure gage in the flight compartment.

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## **Overpressure Discharge and Indication**

A frangible (breakable) disk on the oxygen cylinder protects the cylinder from overpressure. If an overpressure condition breaks this disk, the oxygen will flow overboard. This flow will blow out a green indication disk on the airplane fuselage. The cylinder discharge works with the cylinder shutoff valve open or closed.



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# **OXYGEN - CREW - OXYGEN CYLINDER**

Purpose	Training Information Point
The oxygen cylinder stores the oxygen for the flight crew system.	Servicing the oxygen cylinder is by cylinder replacement.
Physical Description	Access to the cylinder is from the forward cargo compartment.
The oxygen cylinder is green.	There are different cylinder sizes. Make sure you use the same size cylinder for replacement. The cylinder must fit its support
The cylinder has a head assembly with these features:	rack.
<ul> <li>A slow opening shutoff valve</li> <li>A cylinder pressure gage</li> <li>An overpressure safety relief device.</li> </ul>	Keep oxygen cylinder and components clean and free from any grease, oil, or other contamination. Use only approved cleaning, installation, and test materials.
Location	Bleed pressure out of the supply lines at the crew masks before
The crew oxygen cylinder is in the EE compartment, in the lower right area of the transverse rack.	you uncouple bottle connections. Do not torque line fittings when they are pressurized.
Functional Description	Do not overtorque the cylinder shutoff valve or cylinder coupling
The crew oxygen cylinder is a pressure vessel. A frangible disk in the cylinder assembly protects the bottle from overpressure.	fittings.
A mechanical pressure indicator on the bottle shows bottle pressure. The bottle is filled to 1850 psig at a temperature of 70F.	
The cylinder is on a roller rack. Clamps hold the cylinder in position.	
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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - CYLINDER COMPONENTS**

#### Purpose

The cylinder head assembly contains the components required for crew oxygen supply.

#### Location

The cylinder head assembly is on the top of the cylinder.

#### **Functional Description**

These components are on the cylinder head:

- Slow-opening shutoff valve
- Mechanical pressure gage
- Thermal compensator protects against high temperature in cylinder head
- Pressure reducing regulator protects downstream components from high pressure
- Pressure transducer provides indication in the flight compartment
- Overboard discharge line
- Supply line to flight compartment.

The diaphragm in the pressure reducing regulator controls a metering valve that decreases the oxygen pressure from bottle pressure to 60 - 85 psig.

The regulator has a fail safe relief valve. This relief valve opens when downstream line pressure is more than 100 psig. The relief valve bleeds into the surrounding area.

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## **Training Information Point**

There are no line adjustments for the pressure reducing regulator. Remove the regulator and send it to overhaul for adjustment.



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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - OXYGEN PANEL**

#### Purpose

The oxygen panel shows the crew oxygen cylinder pressure.

#### **Physical Description**

The CREW/PASS OXYGEN indicator is round, lighted, and measures from 0 - 2000 psi.

#### Location

The oxygen panel is on the P5 aft overhead panel.

#### **Operational Displays**

The indicator shows crew oxygen cylinder pressure. Nominal cylinder pressure is 1850 psi at an ambient temperature of 70F (21C).

#### Training Information Point

The crew oxygen cylinder shutoff valve must be open to pressurize the cylinder coupling and show on the indicator.

The battery switch must be ON to supply power to the indicator.

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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - PRESSURE INDICATION - FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

#### Purpose

The pressure transducer supplies oxygen cylinder pressure signal to the flight crew oxygen pressure indicator.

#### **Functional Description**

The pressure transducer is a solid state electronic device. It uses a piezoelectric crystal to change the force of the gas pressure to an electrical signal.

The output signal from the transducer goes to the flight crew oxygen pressure indicator.

#### **Operational Displays**

The indicator has internal lights and gets power from 28v dc from the battery bus. The indicator reads from 0-2000 psi.





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**OXYGEN - CREW - PRESSURE INDICATION - FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION** 

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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - DISCHARGE INDICATION DISK**

#### Purpose

If the discharge indication disk is missing, this shows the oxygen cylinder has discharged due to over pressure.

#### **Physical Description**

The discharge indication disk is a green plastic disk. It is held in place by a snap-ring.

#### Location

The discharge indication disk is flush-mounted to the fuselage skin, just aft of the electronic equipment compartment external access door.

#### **Functional Description**

A frangible disk in the crew oxygen cylinder assembly protects the cylinder from overpressure. If cylinder pressure gets to 2600 psig the frangible disk breaks. This vents the bottle contents overboard through a high pressure line. The discharge indication disk covers the line outlet. The released oxygen blows the disk out of its seat.

A missing disk shows that the bottle had an over pressure discharge.

#### **Operation Displays**

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Preflight visual checks make sure the green flight crew oxygen discharge indication disk is in place.



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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - ORONASAL MASK**

#### Purpose

The flight crew oxygen masks supply each crew member with an independently adjustable source of oxygen.

#### **Physical Description**

The flight crew oxygen masks are identical modular units. The masks have these components:

- A hard-shell oronasal (mouth and nose) cup
- An inflatable harness
- An armored flexible oxygen supply hose with a bayonet connection
- Goggles
- A microphone lead with a radio jack connection.

The pilot oxygen masks are held in stowage boxes. The boxes have these features:

- An automatic shutoff valve
- An oxygen flow indication blinker (yellow cross)
- A RESET/TEST lever.

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The observer oxygen masks are held in stowage cups. The stowage cups do not have the features of the stowage boxes.

#### Location

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The flight crew oxygen masks are outboard of the crew seats.

#### **Operational Controls**

The flight crew oxygen masks have these control features:

- Dilution or 100% oxygen supply
- Test knob
- Demand or constant flow oxygen supply
- A goggle vent valve (smoke clearance)
- Mask harness inflation.

The mask stowage boxes have these control features:

- Box shutoff valve test
- Box reset for mask stowage operations.

#### **Operational Displays**

A flow indication blinker on the stowage box shows oxygen flow to the mask. A yellow cross indicates oxygen flow.

A white OXY ON flag on the box door shows when the stowage box shutoff valve is open when the box is closed.



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#### **OXYGEN - CREW - ORONASAL MASK - FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

#### **Functional Description and Operation**

To remove the masks from their stowage boxes, grasp and pull on the red donning/inflation plates (ears). The elastic mask harness inflates when the left plate is pushed in. The mask can be put on with one hand. The harness deflates when the plates are released. The deflated harness holds the mask securely on the face.

As the mask is pulled from the stowage box, the box shutoff valve opens. When you close the door, the OXY-ON flag pivots into view.

The flight crew oxygen mask now supplies oxygen to the user.

The crew oxygen masks are diluter/demand masks. Controls on each mask determine the mode of oxygen delivery.

In the demand mode, a mask regulator supplies oxygen to the crew member only when the crew member inhales. To select continuous flow mode, turn the EMERGENCY knob to EMERGENCY.

In the diluter mode, ambient cabin air mixes with oxygen. An aneroid metering valve in the mask controls this function. The mix of air and oxygen is proportional to the cabin pressure altitude. To select pure oxygen, push the red N/100% dilution control to the 100% position.

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The pilot masks stow in panel-mounted boxes. The boxes have these features:

- Shutoff valve
- RESET/TEST selector (red)
- OXY-ON flag (white)
- Oxygen flow indication blinker (yellow cross).

The blinker is an indication of oxygen flow to the mask.

The RESET/TEST selector is used to do a test of the system and reset the shutoff valve when the mask is stowed.

The observer mask stowage cups do not have the box features.

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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - INTRODUCTION**

#### Purpose

The passenger oxygen system supplies emergency oxygen to the passengers and cabin attendants.

#### Location

Passenger oxygen generators, masks, firing pin mechanisms, and deployment door latch actuators are in these units:

- Passenger service units (PSUs)
- Lavatory service units (LSUs)
- Attendant service units (ASUs).

A guarded toggle switch for manual release of the passenger oxygen masks is on the P5 aft overhead panel.

A pressure switch for automatic release of the passenger oxygen mask is in the J23 junction box in the EE compartment.

#### **General Description**

The passenger oxygen system uses chemical generators to make oxygen. Oxygen from the generators flows through flexible supply hoses to the passenger oxygen masks.

- Manually by the crew with a guarded toggle switch on the oxygen system control panel (P5)
- Automatically by operation of a pressure switch (14000 feet cabin altitude).

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#### **Operational Displays**

The PASS OXY ON light on the P5 aft overhead panel comes on when the passenger oxygen masks deploy.



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## **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - DOOR LATCH ACTUATOR**

#### Purpose

The door latch actuator causes the oxygen mask door to open and let the oxygen mask fall free.

#### **Physical Description**

The door latch actuator has these components:

- Solenoid
- Spring-loaded latch actuator
- Spring-loaded striker
- Spring-loaded door latch.

#### Location

There door latch actuators are in these units:

- Passenger service units (PSUs)
- Attendant service units (ASUs)
- Lavatory service units (LSUs).

#### **Functional Description**

The door latch actuator has an electrically controlled solenoid, which removes a pin from the striker. When the spring loaded striker releases the latch, it causes the oxygen mask box door to open.

## **Training Information Point**

The test stop assembly stops the door for system checks.

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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - DOOR TEST/RESET**

#### Purpose

The passenger oxygen mask deployment doors have test/reset buttons. These buttons are for these reasons:

- To make door deployment tests easier
- To reset the door latch actuator.

#### **Physical Description**

The test/reset button is a rectangular piece on the passenger oxygen mask door.

#### **Functional Description**

In the normal position, the stop is faired with the door panel. In the normal position, the stop will allow the door to fully open when the latch actuator is energized.

In the test position, the stop is pulled out of and turned crosswise to its recess in the door panel. In this position it will block the doors from opening far enough to drop the masks. This position is used when testing the mask deployment system.

Do these steps to reset the door latch actuator:

- Hold the oxygen mask door panel closed
- Align the test/reset button to the normal position
- Push on the test stop and reset button.

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You hear a click when the spring loaded latch actuator resets.

#### **Training Information Point**

The PSU oxygen door panels can be opened manually. To do this, insert a 0.125 in (3.0 mm) pin punch into the door panel release hole. Then push up against the latch release to open the door.

The attendant service oxygen panel doors and lavatory service oxygen panel doors can be opened manually. To do this, insert a flat tool (6.0 in. pocket scale) in the door edge gap. Then push up against the latch release to open the door.



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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - OXYGEN GENERATOR**

#### Purpose

The oxygen generators supply emergency oxygen to the passengers and flight attendants.

#### **Physical Description**

The oxygen generators are metal-cased cylindrical devices. A spring-loaded firing mechanism is at one end of the generator. An output manifold and a relief valve are at the other end.

#### Location

The oxygen generators are in these units:

- Passenger service units (PSUs)
- Lavatory service units
- Attendant service units.

#### **Functional Description**

The oxygen generators make oxygen by a chemical reaction. In the reaction sodium chlorate and iron react to make salt and gaseous oxygen. After the reaction starts, you cannot stop it. The reaction continues until all the sodium chlorate is used. The reaction produces heat and generator surface temperature can get to 450F/232C.

The gaseous oxygen goes through a filter medium and then flows out of the output manifold. The output manifold ports connect to the passenger oxygen masks by flexible tubing.

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A pressure relief valve prevents over pressurization of the generator.

#### **Operational Controls**

The oxygen generator operates mechanically. When a passenger pulls on an oxygen mask, a mask lanyard pulls on the firing pin release cable. The release cable pulls the release pin from the spring-loaded firing pin. The firing pin then strikes the percussion cap.

The percussion cap supplies the energy necessary to start the generator.

#### **Operational Displays**

A heat sensitive indicator on the generator shows the generator condition. The indicator is a piece of tape and is usually orange. The heat caused during the operation changes the indicator to black.

You can not recharge used generators. Replace the generator if the indicator is black.



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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - OXYGEN GENERATOR**

#### **Training Information Point**

A safety pin in the oxygen generator prevents accidental firing during maintenance activities. The firing pins are cross-drilled to accept a safety pin. You can use safety pin pliers to pull the firing pin back to expose the safety pin hole. The safety pin should have a ribbon to prevent a safety-pinned generator from service.

- WARNING: MAKE SURE TO REMOVE THE SAFETY PIN FROM THE FIRING PIN ON THE OXYGEN GENERATOR. THE OXYGEN GENERATOR WILL NOT FIRE IN AN EMERGENCY IF THE SAFETY PIN IS INSTALLED.
- **CAUTION:** YOU MUST BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN YOU INSTALL AND REMOVE AN OXYGEN GENERATOR. DO NOT DAMAGE THE OXYGEN GENERATOR OR LET IT FALL. IF THE OXYGEN GENERATOR IS DAMAGED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE OXYGEN GENERATOR WILL NOT FIRE.
- **CAUTION:** DO NOT TRY TO REMOVE THE FIRING MECHANISM FROM THE OXYGEN GENERATOR. IT CANNOT BE ASSEMBLED AGAIN.

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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - PASSENGER OXYGEN MASK**

#### Purpose

The passenger oxygen masks supply breathing oxygen to aircraft passengers and flight attendants during emergency decompression of the aircraft.

#### **Physical Description**

The passenger oxygen masks have these parts:

- A bright yellow silicon rubber facepiece with breathing valves, elastic headstrap, and generator release lanyard
- Flexible supply tube and reservoir bag.

#### Location

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The passenger oxygen masks are in the passenger service units (PSUs), the flight attendant service units, and the lavatory service units. An extra mask is in each station for an infant.

#### **Functional Description**

When stowed, the masks are in the service unit.

When released, the masks hang by a mask lanyard. When you pull the mask to your face, the mask lanyard pulls on the release cable. This starts the oxygen flow.

Oxygen from the manifold flows through the mask tubing to the reservoir bag. The reservoir bag stores oxygen from the constant outflow of the generator when the user is not inhaling.

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When you breathe in, the oxygen flows through the reservoir bag and the mask inhalation valve. When there is no more oxygen in the bag, the mask ambient air valve opens to let ambient air enter the face piece.

When you breathe out, the inhalation and ambient air valves close, and the exhalation valve opens. The exhalation valve lets the used air flow out of the mask.

#### **Operational Controls**

Place the yellow face piece over your mouth and nose. The soft silicon rubber of the mask contours to the facial features to give a good seal. Hold the mask in place with your hand or with the elastic headstrap over your head. To adjust the headstrap, pull on one of its ends.

#### **Operational Displays**

Instructions for mask use are on the reservoir bag.

In some models the reservoir bag has a built-in flow indicator which inflates when oxygen flows into the bag. The indicator area is shaded green for easy recognition. Other configurations include an in-line flow indicator which changes color to green in the presence of oxygen.



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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - PASSENGER OXYGEN MASK**

#### **Training Information Point**

The length of the oxygen tube is different for the various bag and tube assemblies. Be sure to use the correct length.

When you repitch PSUs for class configuration changes, make sure the gasper hose brackets near the PSUs do not interfere with the passenger oxygen supply tubing. If improperly spaced, the brackets can pinch or cut the supply tubing when the PSU is closed.

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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - PRESSURE SWITCH AND RELAYS**

#### Purpose

The altitude pressure switch releases the passenger oxygen mask automatically when cabin altitude is at or above 14000 feet.

The automatic or manual release of oxygen masks is done electrically.

#### Location

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The oxygen release components are in the J23 box in the EE compartment. The J23 box is on the left side of the EE compartment access door.

#### **Physical Description**

The J23 contains these components:

- Manual oxygen deployment relay, R323
- Automatic oxygen deployment relay, R322
- Oxygen indication relay, R324
- Altitude pressure switch S813.

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#### **OXYGEN - PASSENGER - DOOR LATCH ACTUATOR - FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION**

#### **Functional Description**

The oxygen mask doors are held closed by a spring-loaded door latch.

The passenger oxygen masks deploy electrically by 28v dc. This energizes the door latch actuator solenoid and releases a spring-loaded latch actuator. The striker pushes the oxygen mask door open.

#### Location

These components are in the J23 junction box in the EE compartment:

- R323 passenger oxygen manual deployment relay
- R322 passenger oxygen auto deployment relay
- R324 passenger oxygen indicator relay
- 14,000 ft. altitude pressure switch.

The PASS OXYGEN switch and PASS OXY ON amber light are on the P5 aft overhead panel.

The passenger oxygen door latch actuators are in these units:

- Passenger service units (PSUs)
- Lavatory service units

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• Flight attendant service units.

#### **Operational Controls**

The door latch actuators receive power through the energized contacts of the oxygen deployment relays energized by either of these:

- PASS OXYGEN switch to ON (R323)
- Operation of the 14,000 ft. switch (R322).

#### **Operational Displays**

The oxygen indicator relay is energized through the energized contacts of either of the two oxygen deployment relays. The energized contacts of the oxygen indicator relay cause these things to happen:

- PASS OXY ON amber light comes on
- MASTER CAUTION and OVERHEAD annunciator lights come
   on
- Relay holding circuit energizes.

The holding circuit keeps the indication relay energized until power is removed from the 28v dc battery bus.

#### **Training Information Point**

See the Communications chapter for more information on cabin announcements during decompression. (CHAPTER 23).

See the Lights chapter for more information on cabin lights during decompression. (CHAPTER 33).

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#### **OXYGEN - PORTABLE - INTRODUCTION**

#### Purpose

Portable oxygen cylinders are used for walk around first aid and sustaining purposes.

Protective breathing equipment (PBE) supplies a crew member with a smoke hood and an air system for protection against smoke or toxic fumes. The PBEs protect the user during fire fighting operations.

#### Location

These are the locations where there is portable oxygen equipment:

- Exterior walls of windscreens, lavatories, and galleys
- Placarded overhead stowage bins

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• Placarded storage units.

#### **General Description**

Each portable oxygen cylinder is a separate system. The cylinder stores a supply of oxygen under high pressure (1800 psig at 70F (21C)). An indicator on the cylinder shows cylinder pressure (quantity of oxygen available). A shutoff valve on the cylinder head controls the flow of the high pressure oxygen to the cylinder head assembly. Cylinder head components regulate oxygen pressure and flow to the attached mask(s).

The portable oxygen cylinders have these features:

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- Identifying and instructional placards
- High pressure cylinder
- Cylinder pressure gage
- Shutoff valve
- Cylinder head assembly
- Mask
- Carrying strap.

Each PBE is a separate system. The PBE has these features:

- Vacuum sealed storage container with identifying and instructional placards
- Loose fitting universal sized smoke hood with oronasal mask and breathing air system.

#### **Interface**

The portable oxygen equipment is independent (separate) of the other aircraft systems.

Standard outlet fittings (bayonet type) are used on the portable oxygen cylinders.



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#### **OXYGEN - PORTABLE - PORTABLE OXYGEN CYLINDER**

#### Purpose

Portable oxygen cylinders supply oxygen for walk around First Aid, emergency, and sustaining purposes.

#### **Physical Description**

The portable oxygen cylinders have these features:

- Identifying placards
- A high pressure oxygen cylinder
- A cylinder pressure gage
- An ON/OFF shutoff valve
- A pressure regulator
- Constant flow mask outlets
- A charging valve
- Safety relief devices
- An oxygen mask and hose
- A carrying strap.

#### Location

The portable oxygen cylinders are installed at easily reached locations throughout the airplane.

#### **Functional Description**

The portable oxygen cylinders are charged with dry aviation grade oxygen. They are charged to a nominal pressure of 1,800 psig at 70F (21C).

A gage shows the bottle pressure. Nominal bottle pressure is 1,800 psig at 70F (21C).

The cylinder head components control and regulate oxygen flow to the attached mask(s).

The cylinder head fixture has these fail safe devices:

- A thermal/frangible overpressure relief plug. This device vents the contents of the bottle before a dangerous pressure can build up.
- A relief valve. This valve is installed in the low pressure portion of the regulator and prevents excessive pressure downstream of the regulator.

When the shutoff valve is ON (open), the cylinder supplies oxygen to two constant flow outlets. The outlet fittings have glass cord metering devices and check valves. The check valves are unseated by the mask connector to allow flow when a mask is connected. The outlets use standard bayonet type fittings.

#### **Operational Controls**

The cylinder shutoff valve requires user action. The shutoff valve is turned clockwise to OFF during storage. It is turned counterclockwise to ON during use and filling operations.

The mask hose must be plugged in to allow flow to the mask.

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#### **OXYGEN - PORTABLE - PROTECTIVE BREATHING EQUIPMENT**

#### Purpose

Protective breathing equipment (PBE) supplies a smokeless head envelope (smoke hood) and a source of air for fire fighting operations.

#### **Physical Description**

The protective breathing equipment has:

- A loose fitting, universal sized smoke hood with a transparent panel
- An oronasal mask with demand valves and a speaking diaphragm
- Pull straps
- An air supply system.

The PBE is sealed in a protective container for long storage life.

#### Location

The PBE is stowed in storage boxes. The storage boxes are installed near the fire extinguishers in:

- The galley areas
- The flight compartment (optional).

#### **Functional Description**

Each PBE is self-contained and independent (separate).

The PBE supplies you with a smokeless head envelope and a source of air.

The PBE is made of fireproof materials. It can easily be pulled over your head. You can use the PBE with eye glasses.

The PBE has a transparent panel to give the user a wide field of view.

An oronasal (mouth and nose) mask in the PBE supplies the user with air. The mask has a speaking diaphragm. The diaphragm allows the user to communicate verbally and to use the airplane communication systems.

The PBE air supply systems use chemical oxygen generators, chemical air regenerators, or compressed gaseous oxygen as a source of sustaining air. Follow the PBE instructions for:

- Inspection checks
- Use of the PBE
- Servicing or replacement procedures.

Pull straps on the PBE secure the oronasal mask your face and start the air supply system.

#### **Training Information Point**

Instructions for the PBE are on its protective container.

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