Compressed Gas Cylinder Markings

Cylinders have several stamped markings. The top mark indicates pertinent regulations for that cylinder. The second mark is the serial number. Under the serial number could be a symbol of the manufacturer, user, or purchaser. Of the remaining marks, the month and year numbers represent the date of manufacture, and retest date. A (+) sign indicates the cylinder may be 10% overcharged, and a star indicates a ten year test interval.

Test date (month and year) of hydrostatic pressure tests. Depending on the gas, they are tested at intervals between 3 or 10 years at which time new test dates are stamped into the shoulder of the cylinder. Do not keep cylinders beyond their test date.