



Buying a Co2 Cylinder

Points to consider when purchasing a Co2 cylinder

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Does the person offering the cylinder actually own it? Has it a label on saying 'Rent Free' with suppliers name and phone number. Many cylinders offered for sale on places like eBay are actually stolen property they have been 'borrowed' (stolen) from pubs clubs etc. These cylinder are not the property of the landlord but are supplied and owned by their gas supplier.

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Size & weight. Can you accommodate this size cylinder? Most pub size cylinders are about 700mm to 800mm high and weigh about 12kg to 20kg when full.

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Buy from a reputable supplier, they are not available from shops but from specialist suppliers stored in warehouses or transit units at private addresses. There are plenty on eBay all over the country. Don't buy the beat up old bottles from the private auctions, NOBODY WILL RISK FILLING THEM. Check the labels, does it say for Co2? and 'Rent Free'

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Can the cylinder be re-filled? All pressure cylinder have to have periodic testing to prevent explosions and other serious accidents occurring. They can only be tested by government approved testing station, Co2 cylinders are tested to: BS EN1968:2002 If the cylinder does not have a collar that is 'in date' the cylinder cannot be re-filled. All cylinders have plastic collars between the valve and the cylinder



As you see from this picture hexagonal green collar expires (2022) and the round black collar expires (2017)

Besides the shape and colour of the collar there is a stamped re-test date on the collar

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A number of the national gas suppliers are now insisting the independent filling stations refuse to fill their cylinders. Only buy a bottle labeled 'Rent Free' and with the name of the seller on. Try and obtain a receipt for your purchase, we supply email invoices marked Paid Proving to any filling station you have legitimately purchased the cylinder from a legal supplier of tested Co2 Cylinders. Our labels also state:

"Purchased from Yorkshire Co2 Gas" and "RENT FREE"

If you are buying a cylinder please take time to read this safety guide

[Safe Handling of Pressurised Cylinders](#)

When looking for a pressurised cylinder only buy from a reputable seller providing cylinders refurbished and tested. Remember the warning

'Caveat emptor' Latin for

"Let the buyer beware" in other words
you bought it, you keep it.