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The aim of the new standard (EN 1089-3) which has replaced the old cylinder colour scheme (BS349) is to help improve safety standards within the gases industry.

NEW CYLINDER SHOULDER COLOURS		
Flammable		RED
Inert		BRIGHT GREEN
Argon		DARK GREEN
Oxygen		WHITE
Nitrogen		BLACK
Carbon Dioxide		GREY
Helium		BROWN
Acetylene		MAROON

In an emergency and when cylinder label is not clearly visible, this will quickly help to identify the main chemical hazard of the gas.

Colour codes are a guide only. Labels or collars should be used as the primary means of identification.

