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## Standard Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of water in the range from 0 % to 25 % by volume in petroleum products, tars, and other bituminous materials by the distillation method.

NOTE 1—Volatile water-soluble material, if present, may be measured as water.

1.2 The specific products considered during the development of this test method are listed in Table 1. For bituminous emulsions refer to Test Method D244. For crude oils, refer to Test Method D4006 (API MPMS Chapter 10.2).

NOTE 2—With some types of oil, satisfactory results may be obtained from Test Method D1796 (API MPMS Chapter 10.6).

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses after SI units are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific hazard statements, see Section 6.

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

<sup>1</sup> This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants and the API Committee on Petroleum Measurement, and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D02.02/COMQ the joint ASTM-API Committee on Hydrocarbon Measurement for Custody Transfer (Joint ASTM-API). This practice has been approved by the sponsoring committees and accepted by the Cooperating Societies in accordance with established procedures.

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### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

D235 Specification for Mineral Spirits (Petroleum Spirits) (Hydrocarbon Dry Cleaning Solvent)

D244 Test Methods and Practices for Emulsified Asphalts

D1796 Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method (Laboratory Procedure) (API MPMS Chapter 10.6)

D4006 Test Method for Water in Crude Oil by Distillation (API MPMS Chapter 10.2)

D4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API MPMS Chapter 8.1)

D4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants

D4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API MPMS Chapter 8.2)

D5854 Practice for Mixing and Handling of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API MPMS Chapter 8.3)

E123 Specification for Apparatus for Determination of Water by Distillation

#### 2.2 API Standards:<sup>3</sup>

MPMS Chapter 1 Terms and Definitions Database

MPMS Chapter 8.1 Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (ASTM Practice D4057)

MPMS Chapter 8.2 Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (ASTM Practice D4177)

MPMS Chapter 8.3 Mixing and Handling of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (ASTM Practice D5854)

MPMS Chapter 10.2 Determination of Water in Crude Oil by the Distillation Method (ASTM Test Method D4006)

<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Published as Manual of Petroleum Measurement Standards. Available from American Petroleum Institute (API), 1220 L. St., NW, Washington, DC 20005-4070, <http://www.api.org>.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

**MPMS Chapter 10.6 Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method (Laboratory Procedure) (ASTM Test Method D1796)**

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology **D4175** and API *MPMS* Chapter 1.

3.1.2 *bituminous material, n—in petroleum technology*, a black or dark-colored very viscous liquid or semi-solid composed principally of high molecular weight condensed aromatic, or naphthenic compounds, or both.

### 4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The material to be tested is heated under reflux with a water-immiscible solvent, which co-distills with the water in the sample. Condensed solvent and water are continuously separated in a trap, the water settling in the graduated section of the trap and the solvent returning to the still.

### 5. Significance and Use

5.1 A knowledge of the water content of petroleum products is important in the refining, purchase, sale, and transfer of products.

5.2 The amount of water as determined by this test method (to the nearest 0.05 % or 0.1 % by volume, depending on the trap size used) may be used to correct the volume involved in the custody transfer of petroleum products and bituminous materials.

5.3 The allowable amount of water may be specified in contracts.

### 6. Solvent-Carrier Liquid

6.1 A water-immiscible solvent-carrier liquid that is miscible in the material being tested (see **Table 1**) shall be used.

6.1.1 *Aromatic Solvent*—The following aromatic solvents are acceptable:

6.1.1.1 *Industrial Grade Xylene*—(**Warning**—Flammable. Vapor harmful.)

6.1.1.2 A blend of 20 % by volume industrial grade toluene and 80 % by volume industrial grade xylene. (**Warning**—Flammable. Vapor harmful.)

6.1.1.3 *Petroleum Naphtha or Coal Tar Naphtha*, free of water, yielding not more than 5 % distillates at 125 °C (257 °F) and not less than 20 % at 160 °C (320 °F) and with a relative density (specific gravity) not lower than 0.8545 at 15.56 °C/15.56 °C (60 °F/60 °F). (**Warning**—Extremely flammable. Harmful if inhaled. Vapors may cause fire.)

**TABLE 1 Type of Solvent-Carrier Liquid to Use Versus Material to Be Tested**

| Type of Solvent-Carrier Liquid | Material to be Tested                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Aromatic                       | asphalt, bitumen, tar, and related products          |
| Petroleum distillate           | fuel oil, lubricating oil, lubricating oil additives |
| Volatile spirits               | greases                                              |

6.1.2 *Petroleum Distillate Solvent*—A petroleum distillate solvent containing at least 2 % (V/V) aromatics and with an initial boiling point (IBP) greater than 80 °C (176 °F); and a final boiling point (FBP) below 250 °C (482 °F) shall be used.

NOTE 3—Examples of suitable solvents include Types I and IV and Classes A and B of Specification **D235**.

NOTE 4—It is recommended to use a wide boiling range solvent with 10 % boiling below 100 °C to help to ensure an even distillation rate.

6.1.3 *Volatile Spirits Solvent*—The following volatile spirits solvents are acceptable:

6.1.3.1 *Petroleum Spirit*, with a boiling range from 100 °C to 120 °C (212 °F to 248 °F). (**Warning**—Flammable. Vapor harmful.)

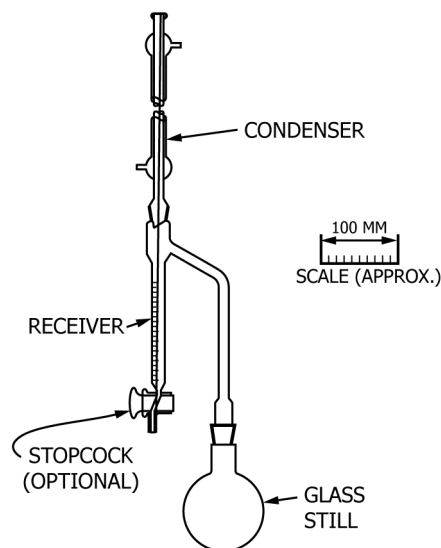
6.1.3.2 *Iso-octane*, of 95 % purity or better. (**Warning**—Extremely flammable. Harmful if inhaled. Vapors may cause fire.)

6.2 *Solvent Blank*—The water content of the solvent shall be determined by distilling an equivalent amount of the same solvent used for the test sample in the distillation apparatus and testing as outlined in Section 10. The blank shall be determined to the nearest scale division and used to correct the volume of water in the trap in Section 11.

### 7. Apparatus

7.1 *General*—The apparatus comprises a glass or metal still, a heater, a reflux condenser, and a graduated glass trap. The still, trap, and condenser may be connected by any suitable method that produces a leakproof joint. Preferred connections are ground joints for glass and O-rings for metal to glass. Typical assemblies are illustrated in **Fig. 1**, **Fig. 2**, and **Fig. 3**. The stills and traps should be chosen to cover the range of materials and water contents expected. On assembly, care shall be taken to prevent the joints from freezing or sticking. Always apply a very thin film of stopcock grease to prevent the glassware joints from seizing.

7.2 *Still*—A glass or metal vessel with a short neck and suitable joint for accommodating the reflux tube of the trap



**FIG. 1 Typical Assembly with Glass Still**