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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of water in crude oil by distillation.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *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 warning statements, see 7.1 and A1.1.

1.4 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D95 Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation \(ASTM MPMS Chapter 10.5\)](#)

[D473 Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method \(ASTM MPMS Chapter 10.1\)](#)

[D665 Test Method for Rust-Preventing Characteristics of](#)

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[Inhibited Mineral Oil in the Presence of Water](#)
[D1796 Test Method for Water and Sediment in Fuel Oils by the Centrifuge Method \(Laboratory Procedure\) \(API MPMS Chapter 10.6\)](#)

[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 \(API MPMS Chapter 8.2\)](#)

[D4928 Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration \(API MPMS Chapter 10.9\)](#)

[E 23 Specification for Apparatus for Determination of Water by Distillation](#)

2.2 API Standards:

[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 10.1 Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method \(ASTM Test Method D473\)](#)

[MPMS Chapter 10.4 Determination of Water and/or Sediment in Crude Oil by the Centrifuge Method \(Field Procedure\)](#)

[MPMS Chapter 10.5 Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation \(ASTM Test Method D95\)](#)

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

[MPMS Chapter 10.9 Test Method for Water in Crude Oils by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration \(ASTM Test Method D4928\)](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology [D4175](#) and the API MPMS Chapter 1 Terms and Definitions Database.

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