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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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use. For specific warning statements, see 6.1 and A1.1.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D95 Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and Bituminous Materials by Distillation (API MPMS Chapter 10.5)
- D473 Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method (API MPMS Chapter 10.1)
- D665 Test Method for Rust-Preventing Characteristics of 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)

- 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)
- E123 Specification for Apparatus for Determination of Water by Distillation

2.2 API Standards:

- 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. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The sample is heated under reflux conditions 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 settles in the graduated section of the trap, and the solvent returns to the distillation flask.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 A knowledge of the water content of crude oil is important in the refining, purchase, sale, or transfer of crude oils.

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products and Lubricants and the API Committee on Petroleum Measurement and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D02.02/COMQ on Hydrocarbon Measurement for Custody Transfer (Joint ASTM-API).

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