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Standard Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oil by Membrane Filtration¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of sediment in crude oils by membrane filtration. This test method has been validated for crude oils with sediments up to approximately 0.15 mass %.

1.2 The accepted unit of measure for this test method is mass %, but an equation to convert to volume % is provided (see Note 6).

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D 473 Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method (API *MPMS* Chapter 10.1)
- D 4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.1)

D 4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.2)

D 4865 Guide for Generation and Dissipation of Static Electricity in Petroleum Fuel Systems

D 5854 Practice for Mixing and Handling of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.3)

2.2 API Standards:³

MPMS Chapter 8.1 Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (ASTM Practice D 4057)

MPMS Chapter 8.2 Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (ASTM Practice D 4177)

MPMS Chapter 8.3 Mixing and Handling of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (ASTM Practice D 5854)

MPMS Chapter 10.1 Test Method for Sediment in Crude Oils and Fuel Oils by the Extraction Method (ASTM Test Method D 473)

2.3 ISO Standard:⁴

ISO 5272:1979 Toluene for Industrial Use—Specifications

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 A portion of a representative crude oil sample is dissolved in hot toluene and filtered under vacuum through a 0.45- μ m porosity membrane filter. The filter with residue is washed, dried, and weighed to give the final result.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 A knowledge of the sediment content of crude oil is important both in refinery operations and in crude oil commerce.

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