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**Standard Practice for Manual Piston Cylinder  
Sampling for Volatile Crude Oils, Condensates,  
and Liquid Petroleum Products**

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## Standard Practice for Manual Piston Cylinder Sampling for Volatile Crude Oils, Condensates, and Liquid Petroleum Products<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This practice includes the equipment and procedures for obtaining a representative sample of “live” or high vapor pressure crude oils, condensates, and/or liquid petroleum products from low pressure sample points, where there is insufficient sample point pressure to use a Floating Piston Cylinder (FPC) as described in Practice [D3700](#).

1.2 This practice is intended for use with sample types, such as UN Class 3 Flammable Liquids, that might have been collected and transported using open containers. The use of a manual piston cylinder in place of open containers is intended to prevent the loss of volatile (light end) components, which can impact subsequent test results.

1.3 This practice is suitable for sampling crude oils, condensates, and/or liquid petroleum products having true vapor pressures less than 300 kPa (43 psia nominal) at 50 °C. This practice applies to samples that will typically fall between Practices [D4057](#) (API MPMS Chapter 8.1) and [D3700](#). This practice shall not be used for materials classified as UN Class 2 Gases<sup>2</sup> (“...having a vapor pressure greater than 100 kPa at 50 °C or is completely gaseous at 20 °C at 10<sup>1.3</sup> Pa.”).

1.4 This practice allows for sampling of crude oils that flow freely at the conditions of sampling.

1.5 It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the sampling point is located so as to obtain a representative sample.

1.6 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard.

<sup>1</sup> This practice 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. This practice was issued as a joint ASTM-API standard in 2015.

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<sup>2</sup> UN Recommendations of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods, Chapter 2.2.1.1.

1.6.1 *Exception*—The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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1.8 *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:<sup>3</sup>

- [D3700 Practice for Obtaining LPG Samples Using a Floating Piston Cylinder](#)
- [D4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products](#)
- [D4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants](#)
- [D4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products](#)
- [D6377 Test Method for Determination of Vapor Pressure of Crude Oil: VPCR<sub>x</sub> \(Expansion Method\)](#)
- [D6378 Test Method for Determination of Vapor Pressure \(VP<sub>x</sub>\) of Petroleum Products, Hydrocarbons, and Hydrocarbon-Oxygenate Mixtures \(Triple Expansion Method\)](#)
- [D7975 Test Method for Determination of Vapor Pressure of Crude Oil: VPCR<sub>x</sub>-F\(Tm°C\) \(Manual Expansion Field Method\)](#)

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