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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Joint Australian/New Zealand Standards Committee CH-009, Safe Handling of Chemicals, to supersede AS/NZS 2106.6:1999, *Methods for the determination of the flash point of flammable liquids (closed cup)*, Part 6: *Determination of flash point—Closed cup equilibrium method*. It is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO 1523:2002, *Determination of flash point—Closed cup equilibrium method*.

The objective of this Standard is to describe the determination of flash point using a closed cup equilibrium method such as that using the Abel apparatus.

The main changes between this edition and that published in 1999 include information on sampling and calibration of apparatus.

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3679	Determination of flash point—Rapid equilibrium closed cup method	2106.4	Part 4: Determination of flash point—Rapid equilibrium closed cup method
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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard describes one of two closed cup equilibrium methods for the determination of the flash point of paints, varnishes, petroleum and related products, and it should be read in conjunction with the second equilibrium method, ISO 3679 ([5] in the bibliography), when selecting a method.

The determination of the flash/no flash temperature using the same equipment is described in ISO 1516 ([4] in the bibliography).

By the procedure specified, differences between test apparatus of various standard designs are minimized by ensuring that the test is carried out only when the product under test and the air/vapour mixture above it in the test vessel are considered to be in temperature equilibrium.

## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

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**WARNING** — The use of this International Standard may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This International Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this International Standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

**1 Scope**

This International Standard specifies a method to determine the flash point of paints, varnishes, paint binders, solvents, petroleum or related products.

This International Standard is not applicable to water-borne paints which may, however, be tested using ISO 3679 ([5] in the bibliography).

The method is suitable for use over the temperature range  $-30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $110\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , depending on the use of different apparatus listed in Table 1.

The interpretation of results obtained from solvent mixtures containing halogenated hydrocarbons should be considered with caution, as these mixtures can give anomalous results.

**2 Normative references**

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1513:1992, *Paints and varnishes — Examination and preparation of samples for testing*

ISO 2719:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Petroleum products and lubricants — Determination of flash point — Pensky-Martens closed cup method*

ISO 3170:1983, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 3171:1988, *Petroleum liquids — Automatic pipeline sampling*

ISO 15736:1997, *Petroleum products and other liquids — Determination of flash point — Abel closed cup method*

ISO 15728:2000, *Paints, varnishes and raw materials for paints and varnishes — Sampling*

ASTM D56-00, *Standard Test Method for Flash Point by Tag Closed Tester*

DIN 51755:1974, *Testing of mineral oils and other combustible liquids; determination of flash point by the closed tester according to Abel-Pensky*

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1) To be published. (Revision of ISO 2719:1988)