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équivalent du point d'aniline*



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Foreword

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Introduction

This document is intended to be a complement, not a replacement, to [ISO 2977\[1\]](#) for the determination of aniline point and mixed aniline point.

The same apparatus is used for [ISO 2977\[1\]](#), wherein method 5 is used to determine the turbidity point. It is also possible to convert the turbidity point to the aniline point equivalent and vice versa. The aniline point equivalent is useful when comparing results from using the method described in this document to the aniline point according to [ISO 2977\[1\]](#), method 5.

The turbidity point and the aniline point equivalent are useful as an aid in the analysis of hydrocarbon mixtures. Aromatic hydrocarbons exhibit the lowest values and paraffins the highest, with cycloparaffins and olefins exhibiting intermediate values. In a homologous series, the turbidity point and the aniline point equivalent increase with increasing molecular mass.

Although the turbidity point and the aniline point equivalent can be used in combination with other physical properties in correlative methods for hydrocarbon analysis, the most frequent usage is to provide an estimate of the aromatic content (or "aromaticity") of hydrocarbon mixtures.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method to determine the turbidity point of petroleum products based on distillates from crude oil.

This document also specifies how to convert the turbidity point to an aniline point equivalent.

This document describes a procedure using automated or automatic apparatus suitable for transparent samples with an initial boiling point above ambient temperature.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 648, Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes

ISO 3170, Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling

ISO 3171, Petroleum liquids — Automatic pipeline sampling

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 turbidity point

τ

minimum equilibrium solution temperature, in degrees Celsius, of a mixture of equal volumes of *p*-anisaldehyde and the product under test

3.2 aniline point equivalent

\hat{A}_{eq}

calculated temperature based on the *turbidity point* (3.1)

Reduce the viscosity of viscous or waxy samples by warming to a temperature below that which would cause the loss of light ends or the dehydration of the drying agent.

If suspended water is visibly present, centrifuge the sample to remove the water before carrying out the final drying with drying agent.

Remove any suspended drying agent by centrifuge or filtration.

Heat samples containing separated wax until they are homogenous and keep heated during the centrifuging or filtration operations.

9 Procedure

9.1 Clean and dry the apparatus.

9.2 Pipette $10 \text{ ml} \pm 0,02 \text{ ml}$ of *p*-anisaldehyde (5.1) and $10 \text{ ml} \pm 0,02 \text{ ml}$ of the sample into the test tube.

If the material is too viscous for pipetting, weigh to the nearest 0,01 g, a quantity of the sample corresponding to $10 \text{ ml} \pm 0,02 \text{ ml}$ at room temperature.

9.3 Prepare the apparatus in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Use the expected temperature for the sample as guidance for setting up the apparatus. If the sample is unknown, perform an exploratory scan on the sample to determine the approximate turbidity point, and use that temperature for the immediate repeat analysis of the same material.

9.4 Stir the *p*-anisaldehyde-sample mixture rapidly, avoiding the inclusion of air bubbles and, if necessary, heating at a rate of $1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ to $3 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ until complete miscibility is obtained by applying heat directly to the jacket tube.

If the *p*-anisaldehyde-sample mixture is completely miscible at room temperature, substitute a non-aqueous cooling bath for the heat source.

9.5 Allow the mixture to cool slowly at a rate of between $0,5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ to $1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$, during continuous stirring, to a temperature $1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to $2 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ below the temperature at which turbidity first appears according to 9.6.

9.6 Record as the turbidity point the temperature, to the nearest $0,1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, at which the mixture suddenly becomes cloudy throughout.

NOTE 1 This temperature, and not the temperature of the separation of small amounts of material, is the minimum equilibrium solution temperature.

NOTE 2 The true turbidity point is characterized by a turbidity which increases sharply as the temperature is lowered.

9.7 Repeat the observation of the turbidity point three times by heating and cooling of the same sample.

10 Evaluation and expression of results

If the range of the three successive determinations does not exceed $0,5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, compute and report the average of the three determinations as the turbidity point, to the nearest $0,1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

If the range of the three successive determinations do exceed $0,5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, investigate the equipment, reagent, and overall execution of the test method. Repeat the test after investigations.

If after several attempts the maximum range of the three determinations still exceeds 0,5 °C, the test method and equipment is deemed to have failed the qualification requirement.

11 Precision

11.1 General

The precision, as determined by statistical examination in accordance with [ISO 4259-1\[2\]](#) of interlaboratory test results on petroleum products based on distillates from crude oil with test results in the range (59 °C to 124 °C), is given in [11.2](#) and [11.3](#).

The results of the interlaboratory test are given in [Annex A](#), for information.

11.2 Repeatability, r

The difference between two independent results obtained in the normal and correct operation of the same method, for test material considered to be the same, within a short interval of time, under the same test conditions, that is expected to be exceeded with a probability of 5 % due to random variation, conforms to the value given in [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$r = f_r(X) = 0,50 \text{ °C} \quad (1)$$

where X is the average of the two test results being compared.

11.3 Reproducibility, R

The difference between two independent results obtained in the normal and correct operation of the same method, for test material considered to be the same, under different test conditions, that is expected to be exceeded with a probability of 5 % due to random variation, conforms to the value given in [Formula \(2\)](#):

$$R = f_R(X) = 1,64 \text{ °C} \quad (2)$$

where X is the average of the two test results being compared.

12 Conversion from turbidity point to aniline point equivalent

To obtain a predicted aniline point equivalent for a measured turbidity point in the range of 66 °C to 124 °C, [Formula \(3\)](#) shall be used:

$$\hat{A}_{\text{eq}} = 0,926\tau + 5,63 \quad (3)$$

EXAMPLE

τ measured using the method in this document = 115,5 °C

$$\hat{A}_{\text{eq}} = 0,926 \times 115,5 + 5,63 = 112,6 \text{ °C}$$

NOTE This functional relationship between the \hat{A}_{eq} and the τ has been determined using a weighted regression approach where the errors from test method [ISO 2977\[1\]](#), method 5, and the method in this document were taken into consideration.

13 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a) reference to this document, i.e. ISO 21943:2019;
- b) type and complete identification of the product tested;
- c) result of the test ([Clause 10](#));
- d) date of the test.

Annex A (informative)

Summary description of the precision study

A.1 Pilot study

Prior to the interlaboratory study (ILS), a pilot study with four participants and five samples was performed to estimate the number of labs and samples required to satisfy [ISO 4259-1](#)[2] for the precision statement for the turbidity point. The requirements for ASTM D6708[3] for the conversion of the turbidity point to the aniline point equivalent were also considered.

Based on the results in the pilot study, it was decided that a minimum of sixteen labs and ten samples were required to fulfil the requirements in both [ISO 4259-1](#) and ASTM D6708.

A.2 Interlaboratory study

For the main ILS, twelve samples with two repeats were selected in the turbidity range from 59 °C to 124 °C. The number of samples was increased to twelve to provide some margin of error for possible outliers. A total of seventeen labs participated in the ILS.

All samples in the ILS were petroleum products based on distillates from crude oil and a summary of the sample types can be found in [Table A.1](#).

Table A.1 — Summary of the sample types used in the ILS

Sample	Turbidity point	Aniline point ^a	Density ^b	Viscosity ^c	ASTM color ^d	Sample type
	°C	°C	@ 15 °C kg/m ³	@ 40 °C mm ² /s		
1	59,2	70,8	949	404,9	8,0	Treated distillate aromatic extract (TDAE)
2	66,3	66,9	861	2,9	<0,5	Naphthenic
3	71,4	71,4	820	2,0	<0,5	Diesel
4	76,1	77,9	923	62,2	>8	Vacuum gas oil (VGO)
5	80,2	79,8	880	8,7	<0,5	Naphthenic
6	87,6	87,2	881	15,0	>8	Vacuum gas oil (VGO)
7	91,7	90,5	868	10,8	<0,5	Group II paraffinic
8	97,5	97,4	923	374,2	3,0	Naphthenic
9	104,6	102,2	893	95,5	<0,5	Naphthenic
10	115,5	113,2	884	111,2	2,0	Group I paraffinic
11	122,4	118,0	840	24,8	<0,5	Group III paraffinic
12	124,0	120,0	889	227,3	4,0	Group I paraffinic

^a According to [ISO 2977:1997](#)[1], method 5.

^b According to [ISO 12185:1996](#)[4].

^c According to [ISO 3104:1994](#)[5].

^d According to [ISO 2049:1996](#)[6].

The turbidity points and the aniline points in the table are the average of three consecutive determinations, but the ILS was set up to include the three determinations for all samples. The three determinations were used to determine the permissible tolerance for the determinations, and as a diagnostic tool for the data.

During the statistical analysis for the repeatability and reproducibility, sample 4 was identified as an outlier due to excessive variability by [ISO 4259-1](#) and excluded from the analysis. This resulted in eleven samples with two repeats from seventeen labs being used in the analysis which fulfilled the requirements in [ISO 4259-1](#).

During the statistical analysis of the correlation between the turbidity point and the aniline point according to ASTM D6708, sample 1 was identified as an outlier and excluded from the analysis. This resulted in ten samples being used to determine the conversion factor to convert turbidity point to aniline point equivalent. This satisfies the ASTM D6708^[3] requirements.

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