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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining water in crude oil by distillation. The precision data have only been determined for water contents up to 1 % (V/V).

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 383:1976, *Laboratory glassware — Interchangeable conical ground joints*.

ISO 3170:1988, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*.

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

ISO 4259:1979, *Petroleum products — Determination and application of precision data in relation to methods of test*.

ISO 5280:1979, *Xylene for industrial use — Specification*.

3 Significance

A knowledge of the water content of crude oil is important in the refining, purchase, sale and transfer of products.

The amount of water as determined by this method is used to correct the volume involved in the custody transfer of oil.

4 Principle

A test portion 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.

5 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus, together with the following:

5.1 General

The recommended apparatus, shown in figure 1, consists of a glass distillation flask, a condenser, a graduated glass trap and a heater. Other types of apparatus may be used for this International Standard, provided it can be demonstrated that they operate within the precision established, in accordance with ISO 4259, with the preferred apparatus.

5.2 Distillation flask.

A 1000 ml round-bottom glass distillation flask with a 24/39 conical ground-glass socket shall be used.

5.3 Trap.

A 5 ml graduated glass trap with 0,05 ml graduations and 24/39 ground-glass cone and socket shall be used.

5.4 Condenser.

The trap (5.3) shall be fitted with a 400 mm Liebig condenser.

5.5 Drying tube.

A drying tube filled with a self-indicating desiccant shall be placed at the top of the condenser (5.4).

NOTE 1 This tube is to prevent entry of atmospheric moisture.

5.6 Heater.

Any suitable gas or electric heater that can uniformly distribute heat to the entire lower half of the flask may be used. An electric heating mantle is preferred for safety reasons.

5.7 Jet-spray tube, for washing down the condenser inner tube, as shown in figure 2.

5.8 Pick, made of brass or bronze, or **scraper**, made of steel, with a PTFE tip, as shown in figure 2.

5.9 Calibration of the apparatus.

The assembled apparatus shall be calibrated and tested as described in clause 7 and the readings obtained shall be within the tolerances specified.

6 Solvent

Use xylene meeting the requirements of ISO 5280. The water content of the xylene is determined by carrying out a blank test (see 9.6).

7 Calibration and recovery test

7.1 General

Before initial use, calibrate the trap in accordance with 7.2. Before a series of tests, check the entire apparatus in accordance with 7.3.

7.2 Calibration

Before initial use, verify the accuracy of the graduation marks on the trap by adding 0,05 ml increments of distilled water, from a 5 ml microburette or a precision micro-pipette readable to the nearest 0,01 ml. If there is a deviation of more than 0,05 ml between the water added and water observed, reject the trap or recalibrate.

7.3 Recovery test

Test the overall recovery of water in the entire apparatus by introducing 400 ml of dry (0,02 % water maximum) xylene into the apparatus and proceeding as described in clause 9. When this initial run is complete, discard the contents of the trap and add 1,00 ml $\pm$ 0,01 ml of distilled water, from a burette or micro-pipette, directly to the distillation flask and proceed again in accordance with clause 9. Repeat this procedure again, but adding 4,50 ml $\pm$ 0,01 ml of distilled water to the xylene in the distillation flask.

The assembly of the apparatus is satisfactory only if trap readings are within the tolerances specified in table 1.

7.4 Malfunctions

A reading outside the limits suggests malfunctioning due to vapour leaks, too rapid boiling, inaccuracies in the graduations of the trap, or ingress of extraneous moisture. If such a malfunction can be identified, eliminate the malfunction and repeat the recovery test described in 7.3.

Table 1 — Tolerances on water recovery

Maximum capacity of trap at 20 °C	Volume of water added at 20 °C	Permissible limits for recovered water at 20 °C
ml	ml	ml
5,00	1,00	1,00 $\pm$ 0,025
5,00	4,50	4,50 $\pm$ 0,025