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Standard Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the laboratory determination using a glass hydrometer, of the density, relative density (specific gravity), or API gravity of crude petroleum, petroleum products, or mixtures of petroleum and nonpetroleum products normally handled as liquids, and having a Reid vapor pressure of 101.325 kPa (14.696 psi) or less.

1.2 Values are measured on a hydrometer at either the reference temperature or at another convenient temperature, and readings corrected to the reference temperature by means of the Petroleum Measurement Tables; values obtained at other than the reference temperature being hydrometer readings and not density measurements.

1.3 Values determined as density, relative density, or API gravity can be converted to equivalent values in the other units at alternate reference temperatures by means of the Petroleum Measurement Tables.

1.4 Annex A1 contains a procedure for verifying or certifying the equipment for this test method.

1.5 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products and Lubricants and the API Committee on Petroleum Measurement, and is the direct responsibility of D02.02/COMQ, the joint ASTM-API Committee on Static Petroleum Measurement.

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- D 97 Test Method for Pour Point of Petroleum Products²
- D 323 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Reid Method)²
- D 1250 Guide for Petroleum Measurement Tables²
- D 2500 Test Method for Cloud Point of Petroleum Oils²
- D 3117 Test Method for Wax Appearance Point of Distillate Fuels³
- D 4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API MPMS Chapter 8.1)³
- D 4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API MPMS Chapter 8.2)³
- D 5854 Practice for Mixing and Handling of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (API MPMS Chapter 8.3)⁴
- E 1 Specification for ASTM Thermometers⁵
- E 100 Specification for ASTM Hydrometers⁵
- 2.2 *API Standards:*⁶
 - 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)
- 2.3 *Institute of Petroleum Standards:*⁷

² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.01.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.02.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.03.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.03.

⁶ Published as Manual of Petroleum Measurement Standards. Available from the American Petroleum Institute (API), 1220 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20005.

⁷ Available from Institute of Petroleum, 61 New Cavendish St., London, W1M 8AR, UK.