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Standard Classification for Various Types of Petroleum Oils for Rubber Compounding Use¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This classification is intended to establish classification and test methods for certain types of oil used in extending and processing styrene-butadiene rubbers (SBR) and butadiene rubbers (BR). Its purpose is for classification only and not for specification.

1.2 *This standard may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. 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:

- D 88 Test Method for Saybolt Viscosity²
- D 92 Test Method for Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup³
- D 97 Test Method for Pour Point of Petroleum Products³
- D 445 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and the Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)³
- D 611 Test Methods for Aniline Point and Mixed Aniline Point of Petroleum Products and Hydrocarbon Solvents³
- D 972 Test Method for Evaporation Loss of Lubricating Greases and Oils³
- D 974 Test Method for Acid and Base Number By Color-Indicator Titration³
- D 1298 Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method³
- D 1500 Test Method for ASTM Color of Petroleum Products (ASTM Color Scale)³
- D 2007 Test Method for Characteristic Groups in Rubber Extender and Processing Oils and Other Petroleum Derived

Oils by the Clay-Gel Absorption Chromatographic Method³

D 2008 Test Method for Ultraviolet Absorbance and Absorptivity of Petroleum Products³

D 2501 Test Method for Calculation of Viscosity-Gravity Constant (VGC) of Petroleum Oils³

D 2887 Test Method for Boiling Range Distribution of Petroleum Fractions By Gas Chromatography⁴

2.2 *International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers: The Synthetic Rubber Manual, 12th Ed., 1992⁵*

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The composition of the oil in rubber compounds has a large effect on the characteristics and use of the compounds. This classification divides the oils into broad categories for descriptive purposes.

4. Numbering System

4.1 The description and numbers of polymers and latices including oil extended polymers outlined are in a brochure issued and updated by the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc. Notes of explanation to cover differences in nomenclature or variations in classifications from ASTM practices are incorporated as necessary.

5. Basis of Classification

5.1 Classification of petroleum oils as used for extending and processing styrene-butadiene rubbers (SBR) and butadiene rubbers (BR) is given in Table 1. Classification is based on results obtained in accordance with Test Method D 2007 and Method D 2501.

6. Test Methods

6.1 The types of petroleum oils listed in Table 1 may be further characterized by testing in accordance with Test Methods D 88, D 92, D 97, D 445, D 611, D 972, D 974, D 1298, D 1500, D 2008, and D 2887.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.04.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.02.

⁵ Available from International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc., 2077 S. Gessner Rd., Suite 133, Houston, TX 77063.