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Standard Test Method for Low-Temperature Torque of Grease-Lubricated Wheel Bearings[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the extent to which a test grease retards the rotation of a specially-manufactured, spring-loaded, automotive-type wheel bearing assembly when subjected to low temperatures. Torque values, calculated from restraining-force determinations, are a measure of the viscous resistance of the grease. This test method was developed with greases giving torques of less than 35 N·m at –40°C.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 **WARNING**—Mercury has been designated by many regulatory agencies as a hazardous material that can cause central nervous system, kidney and liver damage. Mercury, or its vapor, may be hazardous to health and corrosive to materials. Caution should be taken when handling mercury and mercury containing products. See the applicable product Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for details and EPA's website—http://www.epa.gov/mercury/faq.htm—for additional information. Users should be aware that selling mercury and/or mercury containing products into your state or country may be prohibited by law.

1.4 *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:*[2]

D217 Test Methods for Cone Penetration of Lubricating Grease

D1403 Test Methods for Cone Penetration of Lubricating Grease Using One-Quarter and One-Half Scale Cone Equipment

D3527 Test Method for Life Performance of Automotive Wheel Bearing Grease

D4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum, Petroleum Products, and Lubricants

E1 Specification for ASTM Liquid-in-Glass Thermometers

E77 Test Method for Inspection and Verification of Thermometers

E220 Test Method for Calibration of Thermocouples By Comparison Techniques

E230 Specification and Temperature-Electromotive Force (EMF) Tables for Standardized Thermocouples

E563 Practice for Preparation and Use of an Ice-Point Bath as a Reference Temperature

E585/E585M Specification for Compacted Mineral-Insulated, Metal-Sheathed, Base Metal Thermocouple Cable

E608/E608M Specification for Mineral-Insulated, Metal-Sheathed Base Metal Thermocouples

2.2 *Military Standard:*[3]

MIL-G-10924F Specification for Automotive and Artillery

2.3 *ABMA Standard:*[4]

Anti-Friction Bearing Manufacturer Assoc. (AFBMA) Standard 19, 1974 (ANSI B.3.19-1975)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *automotive wheel bearing grease, n*—a lubricating grease specifically formulated to lubricate automotive wheel bearings at relatively high grease temperatures and bearing speeds. **D3527**

3.1.2 *lubricant, n*—any material interposed between two surfaces that reduces the friction or wear between them. **D4175**

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

[3] Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

[4] Available from American Bearing Manufacturers Association (ABMA), 2025 M St., NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036. www.americanbearings.org

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