



Standard Test Method for Measurement of Fuel System Icing Inhibitors (Ether Type) in Aviation Fuels¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a technique for measuring the concentration of Diethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether (DiEGME) in aviation fuels. The HB and Brix scale refractometers are specified to determine the concentration of this fuel system icing inhibitor (FSII) by measuring the refractive index of a water extract. Precision estimates have been determined for the DiEGME additive using specific extraction ratios with a wide variety of fuel types. The extraction ratios are high enough that portable handheld refractometers can be used, but not so high as to sacrifice accuracy or linearity, or both, in the 0.01 to 0.25 vol % range of interest.

1.2 DiEGME is fully described in Specification D 4171 and in other specifications.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

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

D 4171 Specification for Fuel System Icing Inhibitors

E 1 Specification for ASTM Thermometers

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

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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.

3.1.1 *Brix scale*—a refractometer with a refractive index scale calibrated to weight percent cane sugar (sucrose).

3.1.2 *HB*—a refractometer that can be used in a temperature range from 18 to 35°C without incorporating a temperature correction factor.

3.2 Acronyms:

3.2.1 *DiEGME*—Diethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether

3.2.2 *FSII*—fuel system icing inhibitor

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 In order to determine the concentration of DiEGME in aviation fuel, a measured volume of fuel is extracted with a fixed ratio of water. The extraction procedure includes sufficient agitation and contacting time to ensure that equilibrium distributions are attained. With the HB refractometer,^{3,4} several drops of the water extract are placed on the prism face and the volume percent DiEGME is read directly from a custom graduated scale printed on the reticule. If the Brix refractometer is used, a temperature correction factor is first applied to the reading, multiplied by 2 and divided by 100 to calculate volume percent DiEGME. (**Warning**—Diethylene glycol monomethyl ether (DiEGME), Slightly toxic material. This material caused slight embryo-fetal toxicity (delayed development) but no increase in birth defects in laboratory animals. Consult the suppliers' material safety data sheet.)

NOTE 1—Isopropanol is not detected because of the similarity of isopropanol/water refractive indices, and the presence of isopropanol in fuel containing other additives results in lower than true values.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 DiEGME is miscible with water and can be readily extracted from the fuel by contact with water during shipping

³ The sole source of supply of the HB refractometer known to the committee at this time is Gammon Technical Products, Inc., 2300 Hwy 34, P.O. Box 400, Manasquan, NJ 08736. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee¹, which you may attend.

⁴ After July 1, 2003, all HB refractometers provided by Gammon Technical Products will contain only the DiEGME scale on the instrument reticle.