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Standard Test Method for Oxidation Induction Time of Lubricating Greases by Pressure Differential Scanning Calorimetry¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of oxidation induction time of lubricating greases subjected to oxygen at 3.5 MPa (500 psig) and temperatures between 155 °C and 210 °C.

1.2 *Warning*—The original data published in Research Report RR:D02-1314, was not analyzed in accordance with the current D2PP. It also used instruments which are no longer manufactured and in a check of currently used instruments, none of the original instruments were still in use. The new precision of this test method is still to be established.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D4057 [Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products](#)

D4175 [Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants](#)

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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.

E697 [Practice for Use of Electron-Capture Detectors in Gas Chromatography](#)

E1858 [Test Methods for Determining Oxidation Induction Time of Hydrocarbons by Differential Scanning Calorimetry](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *extrapolated onset time, n* —a time determined on a thermal curve, as the intersection of the extrapolated baseline and a line tangent to the oxidation exotherm constructed at its maximum rate.

3.1.2 *oxidation induction time (OIT), n* —the period of time from the first exposure to an oxidizing atmosphere until the extrapolated onset time.

3.1.3 *thermal curve, n* —a graph of sample heat flow versus time.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A small quantity of grease is weighed into a sample pan and placed in a test cell. The cell is heated to a specified temperature and then pressurized with oxygen. The cell is held at a regulated temperature and pressure until an exothermic reaction occurs. The extrapolated onset time is measured and reported as the oxidation induction time for the grease under the specified test temperature.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Oxidation induction time, as determined under the conditions of this test method, can be used as an indication of oxidation stability.³ This test method can be used for research and development, quality control and specification purposes. However, no correlation has been determined between the results of this test method and service performance.

³ Rhee, In-Sik, "Development of a New Oxidation Stability Test Method for Greases Using a Pressure Differential Scanning Calorimeter (PDSC)," *NLGI Spokesman*, Vol 55, No. 4, July 1991, pp. 123–132.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard