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Standard Test Method for Cloud Point of Petroleum Products and Liquid Fuels (Constant Cooling Rate Method)¹

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INTRODUCTION

This test method describes an alternative procedure for the determination of cloud point of petroleum products Test Method **D2500**/IP 219 using an automatic apparatus. The temperature results from this test method have been found to be equivalent to Test Method **D2500**/IP 219. When specification requires Test Method **D2500**/IP 219, do not substitute this test method or any other method without obtaining comparative data and agreement from the specifier.

1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the cloud point of petroleum products and biodiesel fuels that are transparent in layers 40 mm in thickness by an automatic instrument using a constant cooling rate.

1.2 This test method covers the range of temperatures from -60°C to $+49^{\circ}\text{C}$ with temperature resolution of 0.1°C , however, the range of temperatures included in the 1997 interlaboratory cooperative test program only covered the temperature range of -56°C to $+34^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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

D2500 Test Method for Cloud Point of Petroleum Products and Liquid Fuels

D4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products

D4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products

D6751 Specification for Biodiesel Fuel Blend Stock (B100) for Middle Distillate Fuels

2.2 Energy Institute Standard:³

IP 219 Test Method for Cloud Point of Petroleum Products
IP 446 Determination of the Cloud Point of Petroleum Products—Automatic Constant Cooling Rate Method

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *biodiesel, n*—fuel comprised of mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, designated B100.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—Biodiesel is typically produced by a reaction of a vegetable oil or animal fat with an alcohol such as methanol or ethanol in the presence of a catalyst to yield mono-alkyl esters and glycerin, which is removed. The finished biodiesel derives approximately 10 % of its mass from the

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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 Energy Institute, 61 New Cavendish St., London, WIG 7AR, U.K., <http://www.energyinst.org.uk>.

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