



Standard Test Method for Determining Filterability of Aviation Turbine Fuel¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a procedure for determining the filterability of aviation turbine fuels.

NOTE 1—ASTM specification fuels falling within the scope of this test method are Specifications D 1655 and D 6615 and the military fuels covered in the military specifications listed in 2.2.

1.2 This test method is not applicable to fuels that contain undissolved water.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 1655 Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuels²
- D 4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products³
- D 4176 Test Method for Free Water and Particulate Contamination in Distillate Fuels (Visual Inspection Procedures)³
- D 4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products³
- D 4860 Test Method for Free Water and Particulate Contamination in Mid-Distillate Fuels (Clear and Bright Numerical Rating)³
- D 5452 Test Method for Particulate Contamination in Aviation Fuels by Laboratory Filtration⁴
- D 6426 Test Method for Determining Filterability of Distillate Fuel Oils⁵

D 6615 Specification for Jet B Wide-Cut Aviation Turbine Fuel⁵

E 1 Specification for ASTM Thermometers⁶

2.2 Military Standards:⁷

MIL-DTL-5624 Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Grades JP-4, JP-5, and JP-5/JP-8 ST

MIL-DTL-25524 Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Thermally Stable

MIL-DTL-38219 Turbine Fuels, Low Volatility, JP-7

MIL-DTL-83133 Turbine Fuels, Aviation, Kerosine Types, NATO F-34 (JP-8), NATO F-35, and JP-8+100

2.3 ASTM Adjuncts:

ADJD6300 D2PP, Version 4.43, Determination of Precision and Bias Data for Use in Test Methods for Petroleum Products⁸

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *filterability*—a measure of the rapidity with which a standard filter medium is plugged by insoluble matter in fuel and can be described in the following ways:

3.1.1.1 *filterability (by pressure)*—the pressure drop across a filter medium when 300 mL of fuel is passed at a rate of 20 mL/min.

3.1.1.2 *filterability (by volume)*—the volume of fuel passed when 104 kPa (15 psi) is reached. This method of report is used when less than 300 mL passes at that pressure, 104 kPa (15 psi).

3.1.1.3 *filterability quality factor (F-QF)*—a value that defines the filter plugging tendency of a fuel caused by particulate. The value is calculated using the volume and pressure attained at the end of the test cycle. Depending on the outcome of the test, two different equations are applied.

3.1.1.4 *Discussion*—Eq 1 is applied if the total sample was discharged prior to reaching the maximum pressure or Eq 2 if the maximum pressure was reached prior to discharging the entire sample. The equations proportion the results so that a continuous range of 0 to 100 is attained. Eq 1 yields values

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.02.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.03.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.04.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.03.

⁷ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098.

⁸ Available from ASTM International Headquarters. Order Adjunct No. ADJD6300.