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Standard Test Method for Bench Oxidation of Engine Oils by ROBO Apparatus¹

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INTRODUCTION

This test method is written for use by laboratories that make use of ASTM Test Monitoring Center (TMC)² services (see [Annex A1](#) – [Annex A4](#)).

The TMC provides reference oils, and engineering and statistical services to laboratories that desire to produce test results that are statistically similar to those produced by laboratories previously calibrated by the TMC.

In general, the Test Purchaser decides if a calibrated test stand is to be used. Organizations such as the American Chemistry Council require that a laboratory utilize the TMC services as part of their test registration process. In addition, the American Petroleum Institute and the Gear Lubricant Review Committee of the Lubricant Review Institute (SAE International) require that a laboratory use the TMC services in seeking qualification of oils against their specifications.

The advantage of using the TMC services to calibrate test stands is that the test laboratory (and hence the Test Purchaser) has an assurance that the test stand was operating at the proper level of test severity. It should also be borne in mind that results obtained in a non-calibrated test stand may not be the same as those obtained in a test stand participating in the ASTM TMC services process.

1. Scope*

1.1 This test method describes a bench procedure to simulate the oil aging encountered in Test Method [D7320](#), the Sequence IIIG engine test method. These aged oils are then tested for kinematic viscosity and for low-temperature pumpability properties as described in the Sequence IIIGA engine test, Appendix X1 of Test Method [D7320](#).

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

1.2.1 *Exceptions*—There are no SI equivalents for some apparatus in [Section 6](#), and there are some figures where inch units are to be regarded as standard.

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² Until the next revision of this test method, the ASTM Test Monitoring Center will update changes in the test method by means of information letters. Information letters may be obtained from the ASTM Test Monitoring Center, 203 Armstrong Drive, Freeport, PA 16229, www.astmtmc.org. Attention: Director. This edition incorporates revisions in all information letters through No. 21-1.

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