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Standard Test Method for Cloud Point of Petroleum Products and Liquid Fuels (Small Test Jar Method)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the cloud point of petroleum products, biodiesel, and biodiesel blends that are transparent in layers 40 mm in thickness, using an automatic instrument.

1.2 The measuring range of the apparatus is from -65°C to $+51^{\circ}\text{C}$, however the precision statements were derived only from samples with cloud point temperatures from -50°C to $+6^{\circ}\text{C}$.

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 and health 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](#)

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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.

[D6708 Practice for Statistical Assessment and Improvement of Expected Agreement Between Two Test Methods that Purport to Measure the Same Property of a Material](#)

[2.2 Energy Institute Standards:³](#)

[IP219 Test Method for Cloud Point of Petroleum Products](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *biodiesel, n*—fuel comprising 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 vegetable oil or animal fat with an alcohol such as methanol or ethanol in the presence of a catalyst to yield mono-esters and glycerin. The fuel typically may contain up to 14 different types of fatty acids that are chemically transformed into fatty acid methyl esters (FAME).

3.1.2 *biodiesel blend (BXX), n*—blend of biodiesel fuel with petroleum-based diesel fuel designated BXX, where XX is the volume percentage (as a whole number without the percentage sign) of biodiesel.

3.1.3 *cloud point, n*—in petroleum products and biodiesel fuels, the temperature of a liquid specimen when the smallest observable cluster of wax crystals first occurs upon cooling under prescribed conditions.

3.1.3.1 *Discussion*—The cloud point occurs when the temperature of the specimen is low enough to cause wax crystals to precipitate. In a homogeneous liquid, the cloud is always noted first at the location in the specimen where the specimen temperature is the lowest. The cloud point is the temperature at which the crystals first occur, regardless of their location in the specimen, and not after extensive crystallization has taken place. The wax crystals that precipitate at lower temperatures are typically, but not excluded to, straight-chain hydrocarbons and lipids.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *small test jar method, n*—in cloud point test methods, automatic test procedure using a small sample size, prescribed

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