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Standard Test Method for Determination of Light Hydrocarbons in Stabilized Crude Oils by Gas Chromatography¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method specifies a method to determine the boiling range distribution of hydrocarbons in stabilized crude oil up to and including n-nonane. A stabilized crude oil is defined as having a Reid Vapor Pressure equivalent to or less than 82.7 kPa. The results of this test method can be combined with those from Test Method D7169 and IP 545 to give a full boiling point distribution of a crude oil (see Appendix X3).

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are provided for information purposes only.

1.3 *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.*

1.4 *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

D323 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Reid Method)

D4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products

D4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants

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.

D5134 Test Method for Detailed Analysis of Petroleum Naphthas through n-Nonane by Capillary Gas Chromatography

D6729 Test Method for Determination of Individual Components in Spark Ignition Engine Fuels by 100 Metre Capillary High Resolution Gas Chromatography

D6730 Test Method for Determination of Individual Components in Spark Ignition Engine Fuels by 100-Metre Capillary (with Precolumn) High-Resolution Gas Chromatography

D6733 Test Method for Determination of Individual Components in Spark Ignition Engine Fuels by 50-Metre Capillary High Resolution Gas Chromatography

D7169 Test Method for Boiling Point Distribution of Samples with Residues Such as Crude Oils and Atmospheric and Vacuum Residues by High Temperature Gas Chromatography

E355 Practice for Gas Chromatography Terms and Relationships

2.2 Energy Institute Standards:³

IP 475 Manual Sampling

IP 476 Automatic Pipeline Sampling

IP 545 Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products—Determination of Boiling Range Distribution of Crude Oil

2.3 ISO Standard:⁴

ISO 4259 Petroleum Products—Determination and Application of Precision Data in Relation to Methods of Test

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—This test method makes reference to many common petroleum and gas chromatographic procedures terms and relationships. Detailed definitions can be found in Terminology D4175 and Practice E355.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 An amount of internal standard is quantitatively added to an aliquot of the stabilized crude oil. A portion of this mixture is injected into a pre-column in series via a splitter

³ Information on Energy Institute Standards can be obtained from the Energy Institute at www.energyinst.org.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

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