



Standard Practices for General Techniques of Infrared Quantitative Analysis¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These practices cover the techniques most often used in infrared quantitative analysis. Practices associated with the collection and analysis of data on a computer are included as well as practices that do not use a computer.

1.2 This practice does not purport to address all of the concerns associated with developing a new quantitative method. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that the results of the method fall in the desired range of precision and bias.

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.* Specific hazard statements appear in Section 6, [Note A4.7](#), [Note A4.11](#), and [Note A5.6](#).

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[E131 Terminology Relating to Molecular Spectroscopy](#)

[E334 Practice for General Techniques of Infrared Microanalysis](#)

[E932 Practice for Describing and Measuring Performance of Dispersive Infrared Spectrometers](#)

[E1252 Practice for General Techniques for Obtaining Infrared Spectra for Qualitative Analysis](#)

[E1421 Practice for Describing and Measuring Performance of Fourier Transform Mid-Infrared \(FT-MIR\) Spectrom-](#)

[eters: Level Zero and Level One Tests](#)

[E1655 Practices for Infrared Multivariate Quantitative Analysis](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms and symbols, refer to Terminology [E131](#).

4. Significance and Use

4.1 These practices are intended for all infrared spectroscopists. For novices, these practices will serve as an overview of preparation, operation, and calculation techniques. For experienced persons, these practices will serve as a review when seldom-used techniques are needed.

5. Apparatus

5.1 The infrared techniques described here assume that the equipment is of at least the usual commercial quality and meets the standard specifications of the manufacturer. For dispersive instruments, also refer to Practice [E932](#). For Fourier Transform and dispersive instruments, also refer to Practices [E1421](#) and [E932](#) respectively, and for microanalysis with these instruments see Practice [E334](#).

5.2 In developing a spectroscopic method, it is the responsibility of the originator to describe the instrumentation and the performance required to duplicate the precision and bias of a method. It is necessary to specify this performance in terms that can be used by others in applications of the method.

6. Hazards

6.1 Users of these practices must be aware that there are inherent dangers associated with the use of electrical instrumentation, infrared cells, solvents, and other chemicals, and that these practices cannot and will not substitute for a practical knowledge of the instrument, cells, and chemicals used in a particular analysis.

7. Considerations for Quantitative Infrared Measurements

7.1 Quantitative infrared analysis is commonly done with grating, filter, prism, or interferometer instruments. The following guidelines for setting up an analytical procedure are appropriate:

¹ These practices are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [E13](#) on Molecular Spectroscopy and Separation Science and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [E13.03](#) on Infrared and Near Infrared Spectroscopy.

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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.