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Standard Practice for Liquid Sampling of Noncryogenic Aerospace Propellants[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers procedures for obtaining a sample of noncryogenic aerospace propellant. Two procedures are covered as follows:

Procedure 1—Closed System (Section 6), and

Procedure 2—Open-End Procedure (Section 7).

1.2 *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.* For hazard statements see Sections 4 and 5.

1.3 *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]

F311 Practice for Processing Aerospace Liquid Samples for Particulate Contamination Analysis Using Membrane Filters

3. Summary of Practice

3.1 Samples are withdrawn from the system by (*1*) a closed vessel capture, and (*2*) an open-end vessel (see Fig. 1). Both procedures are practical for most liquid aerospace propellants not excessively corrosive or toxic.

4. Apparatus

4.1 *Stainless Steel Pressure Sampling Cylinders,* 1-L capacity, equipped with stainless steel valves on each end.

4.1.1 **Caution**—Pressure sampling cylinders must be marked for the liquid being sampled. Cylinders for one material must not be interchanged with sampling cylinders of other materials because of the possibility of incompatibility.

4.2 *Full Protective Suits.*

4.2.1 **Caution**—Due to the toxic and corrosive nature of most propellant fluids and their vapors, extreme care must be exercised in handling. Full protective suits must be worn when sampling these fluids.

4.3 *Polyethylene Wash Bottle,* 1-L capacity, filled with demineralized water, filtered in the manner described in Practice F311.

4.4 *Stainless Steel Bucket.*

4.5 *Miscellaneous Fittings,* as needed for sample point adaption.

4.5.1 **Caution**—Ensure all fittings are compatible with the propellant being sampled. (This includes but is not limited to the metals and soft goods, such as o-rings, valves, seals, etc.)

5. Hazards

5.1 Care should be taken when handling propellants since most of them are toxic to some degree. Care should also be taken when sampling fluids from a system under dynamic conditions.

PROCEDURE 1—CLOSED SYSTEM

6. Procedure

6.1 Sampling cylinders must be clean, particulate-controlled in accordance with system requirements, and have a partial vacuum of 10 % of atmospheric pressure.

6.2 After removing protective caps, connect both ends of the sampling cylinder to the system sampling ports, using fittings as necessary.

6.3 Open both sampling valves and both sampling cylinder valves, and allow fluid to flow through the sampling cylinder for 10 min.

6.4 Close all four valves downstream side first, and remove the sampling cylinder from the system.

6.5 Rinse the valve ends with demineralized water filtered through a 0.8 to 2.0-µm absolute membrane.

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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.