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Standard Test Method for Total Inhibitor Content (TBC) of Light Hydrocarbons^{1,2}

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of total *p*-tertiary-butylcatechol inhibitor added to polymerization and recycle grades of butadiene or to other C₄ hydrocarbon mixtures containing no phenolic material other than catechol or no oxidized phenolic material other than that derived from oxidation of catechol. In general, all phenols and their quinone oxidation products are included in the calculated catechol content. Small amounts of polymer do not interfere. This test method is applicable over the range of TBC from 50 mg/kg to 500 mg/kg.

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

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:*³

D1265 Practice for Sampling Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases, Manual Method

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D02.D0.04 on C4 and C5 Hydrocarbons.

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² This test method was derived from the method developed and cooperatively tested by the Butadiene Producers' Committee on Specifications and Methods of Analysis of the Office of Rubber Reserve, which appears in the Butadiene Laboratory Manual as Method 2.1.9.1.

³ 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.

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The catechol is separated from the butadiene by evaporation. The residue is dissolved in water and an excess of ferric chloride is added. The intensity of the yellow-colored complex is compared in a photoelectric colorimeter with that produced by known concentrations of the catechol.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 *p*-tertiary-butylcatechol is commonly added to commercial butadiene in amounts of 50 mg/kg to 250 mg/kg as an oxidation inhibitor. This test method is suitable for use by both producers and users of butadiene within the limitations described in Section 1.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Photometer*—A sensitive photoelectric photometer capable of producing light of narrow spectral range that is predominantly blue (425 nm).

5.2 *Graduates*, 100 mL.

5.3 *Volumetric Flasks*, 100 mL; or stoppered graduated mixing cylinder, 100 mL.

5.4 *Erlenmeyer Flasks*, 250 mL.

5.5 *Funnels*, 75 mm diameter.

5.6 *Pipet*, 5 mL.

6. Reagents

6.1 *Purity of Reagents*—Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society, where such specifications are available.⁴ Other grades may be used, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficiently high purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

⁴ *ACS Reagent Chemicals, Specifications and Procedures for Reagents and Standard-Grade Reference Materials*. American Chemical Society, Washington, DC. For suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see *Analar Standards for Laboratory Chemicals*, BDH Ltd., Poole, Dorset, U.K., and the *United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary*, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.