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Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Utility Lighters¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This consumer safety specification covers all flame-producing consumer products commonly known as utility lighters (also known as grill lighters, fireplace lighters, lighting rods, or gas matches) and such similar devices as defined in 3.1.14. Matches are specifically excluded from this specification; flame-producing products intended for igniting cigars, pipes, and cigarettes are also specifically excluded from this safety specification and are covered in Consumer Safety Specification F400.

1.2 This specification establishes requirements for utility lighters to ensure a reasonable degree of safety for normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of such utility lighters by users.

1.3 Utility lighters, being flame-producing devices, as do all flame sources, present a potential hazard to the user. This specification cannot eliminate all hazards, but it is intended to minimize potential hazards of utility lighters to users.

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

1.5 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 8, of this specification *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.*

1.6 *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.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D2163 Test Method for Determination of Hydrocarbons in Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases and Propane/Propene Mixtures by Gas Chromatography

D2598 Practice for Calculation of Certain Physical Properties of Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases from Compositional Analysis

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2.2 Other Standards:

UL 1439 Test for Sharpness of Edges on Equipment³

ISO 7941 Commercial Propane and Butane – Analysis by Gas Chromatography⁴

16 CFR Part 1500 Federal Hazardous Substances Act Regulations⁵

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *flame, n*—the result of combustion of fuel that produces heat and often light that is visible to the naked eye under normal or subdued lighting conditions.

3.1.2 *flame height, n*—a linear distance from the tip of the visible flame to the end of the shield.

3.1.3 *flaring, n*—a variance of flame height from the steady-state flame condition.

3.1.4 *fuel, n*—a butane, isobutane, propane, or other liquefied hydrocarbon, or a mixture containing any of these, whose vapor pressure at 24 °C (75 °F) exceeds a gage pressure of 103 kPa (15 lbf/in.²).

3.1.5 *fuel reservoir, n*—a structure that stores the fuel prior to release.

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.

³ Available from Underwriters Laboratories (UL), 2600 N.W. Lake Rd., Camas, WA 98607-8542, <http://www.ul.com>.

⁴ Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, BIBC II, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.

⁵ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401.

3.1.6 *ignite, v*—to produce a flame with a utility lighter by activating the self-contained ignition and fuel release systems of that utility lighter in the intended manner.

3.1.7 *ignition system, n*—the system that generates a spark to ignite the fuel, such as a piezo mechanism or battery.

3.1.8 *nozzle, n*—the end of the fuel discharge system.

3.1.9 *postmixing burning utility lighter, n*—a gas utility lighter in which fuel and air are mixed at the point of combustion.

3.1.10 *premixing burner utility lighter, n*—a gas utility lighter in which fuel and air are mixed before being supplied for combustion.

3.1.11 *shield, n*—a structure that totally or partially surrounds the nozzle of the utility lighter.

3.1.12 *spitting or sputtering, n*—a flame phenomenon of a utility lighter wherein the escape of non-evaporated or liquid fuel produces a shower of burning liquid droplets that separate from the main flame.

3.1.13 *sustained self-ignition, n*—the propagation of a flame by other than deliberate manual operation, such as by dropping the utility lighter, so as to cause the ignition system to be activated, producing a flame, and the flame to continue to burn.

3.1.14 *utility lighter, n*—a hand-held, flame-producing device with a manually-operated ignition system, 4 in. or greater in length when in the fully extended position, employing a fuel as defined in 3.1.4, used primarily to ignite items such as candles, fuel for fireplaces, charcoal or gas-fired grills, camp stoves, lanterns, fuel-fired appliances or devices, pilot lights, or a combination of these.

3.1.14.1 *utility lighter, adjustable, n*—a utility lighter that is received by the user with a mechanism for the user to manually vary the height of the flame.

3.1.14.2 *utility lighter, dual flame, n*—utility lighter that employs a burner valve system(s) that produces more than one type of flame (premixing and postmixing), which allows for a flame to be produced independently and separately (one flame at a time), or dependently and concurrently (multiple flames at a time).

3.1.14.3 *utility lighter, multiple flame, n*—utility lighter that employs a burner valve system(s) that produces more than one

flame of the same type (premixing or postmixing), which allows for a flame to be produced independently and separately (one flame at a time), or dependently and concurrently (multiple flames at a time).

3.1.14.4 *utility lighter, non-adjustable, n*—a utility lighter that has a flame height preset by the manufacturer and is not provided with a mechanism to adjust the flame height.

3.1.14.5 *utility lighter, non-refillable (disposable), n*—a utility lighter that is received by the user with a supply of fuel and that is not intended to be refueled.

3.1.14.6 *utility lighter, refillable, n*—a utility lighter that is intended to be refueled either by transferring fuel from an external container or by inserting a new prepackaged fuel reservoir.

3.1.14.7 *utility lighter, self-extinguishing, n*—a utility lighter that, once ignited, requires continuous intentional and positive action to maintain a flame and that is subsequently extinguished upon the termination of such positive action.

3.1.15 *valve, n*—the component of a utility lighter that controls the input or release of fuel.

4. General Requirements

4.1 *Flame Generation*—In order to minimize the possibility of inadvertent or self-ignition, utility lighters shall require a deliberate manual operation to produce a flame. These operations shall conform to at least one of the following requirements:

4.1.1 A system such that a positive action on the part of the user is required to generate and maintain a flame.

4.1.2 A system that requires two or more independent motions to generate a flame.

4.1.3 A system that requires an actuating force equal to or greater than 15 N (3.4 lbf) to generate a flame (see Fig. 1 for an example of test methods).

4.2 *Flame Control*—The maximum attainable flame height for utility lighters shall be limited with a setting, by product design, or by both. For adjustable flame height utility lighters, the maximum flame height that a user will obtain on first igniting the utility lighter without adjustment shall also be limited. These limits shall comply with the following requirements when tested in accordance with 8.1:



FIG. 1 Block Diagram for a Typical Example of Test Method for Measuring the Flame Generation Actuating Force as Specified in 4.1.3

4.2.1 Nonadjustable postmixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.9 and 3.1.14.4, in the user’s hands shall have a maximum attainable flame height of no more than 100 mm (4 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward and when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.2.2 Nonadjustable premixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.10 and 3.1.14.4, in the user’s hands shall have a maximum attainable flame height of no more than 75 mm (3 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.2.3 Adjustable, postmixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.9 and 3.1.14.1, shall not be capable of producing a flame height greater than 150 mm (6.0 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward when deliberately adjusted by the user to the manufacturer’s design limit for maximum flame height and when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.2.4 Adjustable, premixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.10 and 3.1.14.1, shall not be capable of producing a flame height greater than 75 mm (3 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward when deliberately adjusted by the user to the manufacturer’s design limit for maximum flame height and when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.2.5 Adjustable, postmixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.9 and 3.1.14.1, shall have the flame height adjusted by the manufacturer in such a manner that the utility lighter, when first ignited by the user without changing the adjustment, will not produce a flame height in excess of 100 mm (4 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward and when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.2.6 Adjustable, premixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.10 and 3.1.14.1, shall have the flame height adjusted by the manufacturer in such a manner that the utility lighter, when first ignited by the user without changing the adjustment, will not produce a flame height in excess of 60 mm (2.5 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward and when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.2.7 Adjustable, postmixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.9 and 3.1.14.1, shall be capable of producing a

flame not in excess of 75 mm (3 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward when set at the lowest possible flame height and when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.2.8 Adjustable, premixing burner utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.10 and 3.1.14.1, shall be capable of producing a flame not in excess of 50 mm (2 in.) with the flame directed vertically upward when set at the lowest possible flame height and when tested in accordance with 8.1.

4.3 *Flame-Height Adjustment*—Adjustable utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.14.1, shall require a deliberate action on the part of the user either to decrease or to increase the flame height when the utility lighter is used in the normal fashion.

4.3.1 For flame-height adjustment features that protrude from the body of the utility lighter, it shall require a minimum actuating force of 1 N (0.25 lbf) applied over the entire range of adjustment in a tangential direction (see Fig. 2 for an example).

4.3.2 Adjustable utility lighters having rotary movement flame-height adjustment features approximately at right angles to the flame shall perform as follows:

4.3.2.1 When the flame-height adjustment feature of the utility lighter is held so the flame is oriented vertically upward and the user is facing the flame-height adjustment, moving the actuator to the left shall produce a decrease in flame height.

4.3.3 Adjustable utility lighters requiring motion of the flame-height adjustment feature approximately parallel to the flame axis shall decrease or increase the flame height according to the direction of the movement.

4.3.4 When the flame control actuator is at the bottom of the lighter, and the lighter is held so that the user is facing the actuator, a clockwise movement shall produce a decrease in flame-height.

4.3.5 Adjustable utility lighters shall indicate the direction of movement to produce a higher or lower flame height. On utility lighters the direction of movement shall be permanently imprinted or engraved on the utility lighter. Such information

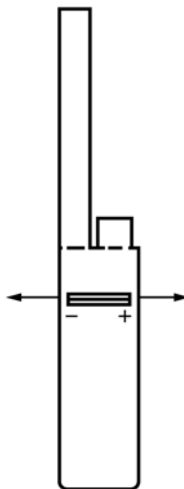


FIG. 2 Block Diagram for a Typical Example of Test Method for Measuring the Flame Height Adjustment Feature Actuating Force as Specified in 4.3.1

shall be placed on the utility lighter in the vicinity of the flame-height adjustment feature and be readily visible and understandable.

4.4 *Spitting or Sputtering and Flaring*—Utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.14, when set at the maximum flame height, shall exhibit no spitting or sputtering as defined in 3.1.12 or flaring as defined in 3.1.3, when tested in accordance with 8.2.

4.5 *Flame Extinction:*

4.5.1 After a 10-s burn at maximum flame height, adjustable postmixing burner utility lighters, when extinguished in the intended manner, such as by releasing a button or lever, shall have any exposed flame completely extinguished within 3 s after such action is completed when tested in accordance with 8.3. In the case of postmixing burner utility lighters that have shields, an additional 3-s afterburn is acceptable only when the flame height during this additional 3-s period does not extend above the shield.

4.5.2 After a 20-s burn, adjustable postmixing burner utility lighters, when set at a flame height of 100 mm (4 in.) or the maximum height the adjustment allows, for flames lower than 100 mm (4 in.), or nonadjustable postmixing burner utility lighters at their permanently set flame heights, when extinguished in the intended manner, such as by releasing a button or lever, shall have any exposed flame completely extinguished within 3 s after such action is completed when tested in accordance with 8.3. In the case of postmixing burner utility lighters that have shields, an additional 3-s afterburn is acceptable only when the flame height during this additional 3-s period does not extend above the shield.

4.5.3 After a 20-s burn, adjustable premixing burner utility lighters, when set at the maximum flame height, or nonadjustable premixing burner utility lighters at their permanently set flame heights, when extinguished in the intended manner, such as by releasing a button or lever, shall have any flame completely extinguished in no more than 6 s, when tested in accordance with 8.3.

4.5.4 Dual flame type utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.14.2, for each type of flame, the extinguish time shall comply with the corresponding requirement for that type of utility lighter and flame provided in 4.5.

4.5.5 Multiple flame type utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.14.3, for each flame, the extinguish time shall comply with the corresponding requirements for that type of utility lighter and flame provided in 4.5.

4.6 *Volumetric Displacement*—For utility lighters shipped with fuel, the liquid portion of the fuel shall not exceed 85 % of the volumetric capacity of the fuel chamber when tested in accordance with 8.11.

5. Structural Integrity Requirements

5.1 Utility lighters shall have structural integrity as specified in requirements 5.2 – 5.9 (see Table A2.1).

5.2 *Drop Test:*

5.2.1 Utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.14, shall be capable of withstanding three separate 1.5-m (5-ft) drops conducted in accordance with 8.4 without fuel reservoir fragmentation, without sustained self-ignition as defined in 3.1.13, and with-

out a leakage rate exceeding 15 mg/min. For a utility lighter that remains operable, the subsequent safe operation of the utility lighter must not be impaired.

5.2.2 Utility lighters that meet the requirements of 5.2.1 and that are able to be ignited in the intended manner shall subsequently meet all the applicable requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive.

5.2.3 Utility lighters that are not able to be ignited in the intended manner do not constitute a failure.

5.3 *Temperature Test*—Utility lighters shall be capable of withstanding a temperature of 65 °C (149 °F) for 4 h when tested in accordance with 8.5.

5.3.1 Utility lighters that meet the requirements of 5.3 and that are able to be ignited in the intended manner after stabilization at 23 °C ± 2 °C (73 °F ± 4 °F) shall subsequently meet all the applicable requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive.

5.4 *Burning Test*—Adjustable utility lighters with the flame height set at maximum or nonadjustable utility lighters at their permanently set flame heights shall be capable of withstanding a burning time of 10 s in two different attitudes: (1) with the flame directed vertically upward, and (2) with the flame directed 45° below horizontal.

5.4.1 Test the utility lighter with the flame directed vertically upward. The utility lighter shall be capable of withstanding a total burning time of 10 s without evidence of any burning or distortion of components so as to cause a hazardous condition.

5.4.2 Utility lighters that meet the requirements of 5.4.1 and that are able to be ignited in the intended manner after stabilization of 5 min at 23 °C ± 2 °C (73 °F ± 4 °F) shall be tested in the same manner with the flame directed 45° ± 5° below horizontal (see Fig. 3) without evidence of any burning or distortion of components so as to cause a hazardous condition.

5.5 *Continuous Burn*—Adjustable postmixing burner utility lighters with the flame height set at 75 mm (3 in.) or the maximum flame height the adjustment allows, for flames lower than 75 mm (3 in.); adjustable premixing burner utility lighters set at 60 mm (2.4 in.) or the maximum flame height the adjustment allows, for flames lower than 60 mm (2.4 in.); or nonadjustable utility lighters at their permanently set flame

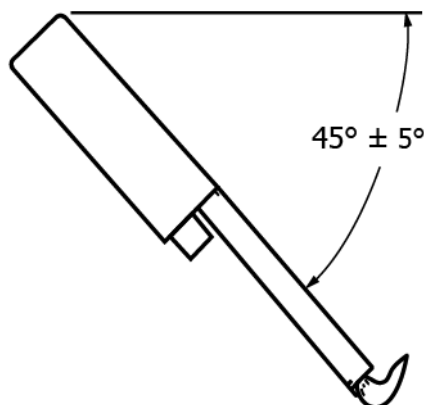


FIG. 3 Position of Specimen for the Burning Test Described in 5.4.2

heights shall be capable of withstanding a continuous burning time of 2 min with the flame in the 45° below horizontal attitude without causing a hazardous condition and when tested in accordance with 8.6 (see Fig. 3).

5.6 *Cycling Burn*—Adjustable postmixing burner utility lighters with the flame set at 75 mm (3 in.) or the maximum flame height the adjustment allows, for flames lower than 75 mm (3 in.); adjustable premixing burner utility lighters set at 60 mm (2.4 in.) or the maximum flame height the adjustment allows, for flames lower than 60 mm (2.4 in.); or nonadjustable utility lighters at their permanently set flame heights shall be capable of withstanding a burning time of 20 s, repeated 10 times, in the 45° below horizontal attitude and when tested in accordance with 8.7. Utility lighters able to be ignited in the intended manner shall subsequently meet all the applicable requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive. Any utility lighter that cannot make a flame shall not be classified as a failure.

5.7 *External Finish*—Utility lighters shall have no external sharp edges that would cause accidental cuts or abrasions to the user when handled or used in the intended manner. Initial inspection to be performed by visual and tactile (moving a finger slowly and carefully) assessments over the lighter to predetermine if any sharp edges are present. For any sharp edges found, test for sharp edges in accordance with UL 1439.

5.8 *Compatibility*—Components of utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.14, that come in contact with the fuel supplied with the utility lighter or recommended by the manufacturer shall not deteriorate after exposure to the fuel so as to cause the utility lighter to fail any of the criteria contained in this specification or to allow a leakage rate exceeding 15 mg/min when tested in accordance with 8.8. Utility lighters able to be ignited in the intended manner shall subsequently meet all the applicable requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive.

5.9 *Pressure Tests*—Utility lighter fuel reservoirs shall be capable of withstanding an internal pressure of two times the vapor pressure occurring at 55°C (131°F) of the fuel recommended by the manufacturer when tested in accordance with 8.9.

6. Refillable Utility Lighters

6.1 The refilling valve in a refillable utility lighter shall be secure enough so as not to allow a leakage rate of gas exceeding 15 mg/min when tested in accordance with 8.10.

7. Instructions and Warnings

7.1 All utility lighters shall be accompanied by the appropriate safety information (instructions, warnings, or both) communicating the proper method of use.

7.1.1 All utility lighters are subject to the labeling requirements found at 16 CFR Part 1500 and issued pursuant to 15 USC Section 1261 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act.

7.2 Except as set forth in 7.3, this safety information shall be either on the utility lighters themselves, on a separate brochure or pamphlet packaged with the utility lighters, or on the product packaging at the point of sale. The format for this information shall emphasize the warnings that are most appropriate to the type of utility lighter. This safety information shall

be conspicuously placed with contrasting background color, type size, or style that makes it distinct from other information.

7.3 For all utility lighters, the specific signal word “DANGER” shall appear on the principal display panel of the product packaging and on the utility lighter itself, followed by the substance of the following: “Extremely Flammable. Contents Under Pressure.”

7.4 For all utility lighters, additional safety information shall be accompanied by the specific signal word “WARNING” in close proximity to the safety information.

7.5 For all utility lighters, the safety information shall contain the following statements:

7.5.1 “KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN” or “KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.” (The statement used shall be emphasized and distinctive.)

7.5.2 Ignite utility lighter away from face and clothing.

7.5.3 Do not use to light cigarettes, cigars, or pipes.

7.6 For all utility lighters, the safety information shall include the substance of the following as appropriate to the type of utility lighter:

7.6.1 Be sure flame is out after use.

7.6.2 Never expose to heat above 50 °C (122 °F) or to prolonged sunlight.

7.6.3 Never puncture or put in fire.

7.6.4 Extreme heat is present above the visible flame. Extra care must be taken to prevent burn, injury, or fire. (This statement shall accompany all premixing burner utility lighters.)

7.6.5 Follow all instructions and warnings provided by manufacturer of appliance or any other item when using this product.

7.6.6 Do not keep lit for more than 30 s.

7.6.7 Wait 2 min after refilling before using the utility lighter. (This statement shall accompany all refillable utility lighters.)

7.6.8 Contains flammable gas under pressure.

7.6.9 When filled, will contain flammable gas under pressure.

7.7 *Refilling Instructions for Utility Lighters*—Refillable utility lighters, as defined in 3.1.14.6, shall be accompanied by specific instructions as to the correct procedure to accomplish the refill operation. These instructions shall include the fuel recommended by the manufacturer and the appropriate information to ensure the proper mating between the refill container and the fuel reservoir of the utility lighter.

7.8 *Symbols, Signs, and Icons*—In place of or in addition to the instructions and warnings in 7.4, the use of appropriate and recognizable symbols, signs, and icons are acceptable to be provided to the consumer. These safety symbols, signs, and icons are allowed to be similar to those in other safety standards, such as ISO 9994 and ISO 22702 (as a reference listed in A1.2), or comply with applicable government regulations or industry safety standard guidelines.

8. Test Methods

SAFETY STATEMENT—Persons using this consumer safety specification shall be familiar with normal laboratory practices that are applicable. This consumer safety specification does not purport to address all possible safety concerns that are associated with the use of this standard. It is the responsibility of the user/tester to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any regulatory requirements.

8.1 Flame Height Measurement:

8.1.1 *Scope*—The purpose of this procedure is to define the method of measurement of utility lighter flame height.

8.1.2 *Apparatus*—A nonflammable board scribed in 5-mm (0.25-in.) increments. The board shall be fitted with a standoff at the base point that positions the utility lighter at least 25 mm (1 in.) from the board. The board shall be supported vertically by any convenient means and tests conducted inside a draft-free chamber constructed from suitable nonflammable materials.

8.1.3 *Test Specimens*—The test specimens shall consist of utility lighters that are new, complete, and fueled by the manufacturer or in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

8.1.4 Procedure:

8.1.4.1 Stabilize all utility lighters at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 10 h prior to each flame-height measurement.

8.1.4.2 Place the utility lighter against the standoff with the flame directed vertically upward.

8.1.4.3 Ignite the utility lighter, allow the flame to stabilize for approximately 1.0 s, then measure the flame height to the nearest 5 mm (0.25 in.) by determining where the tip of the visible flame registers in relation to the scribed marks on the board behind the utility lighter during a 5-s burn.

NOTE 1—In the case of premixing lighters, it is recommended that this test be conducted under subdued lighting conditions.

8.2 Test Method for Spitting, Sputtering, and Flaring:

8.2.1 *Scope*—The purpose of these tests is to verify that utility lighters do not spit, sputter, or flare.

8.2.2 *Test Specimens*—The test specimens shall consist of utility lighters that are fueled in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

8.2.3 Procedure:

8.2.3.1 Stabilize all utility lighters at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 10 h prior to performing the test described in 8.2.3.3.

8.2.3.2 For utility lighters that are adjustable, as defined in 3.1.14.1, adjust the flame to maximum position.

8.2.3.3 Ignite the utility lighter and observe for spitting or sputtering as defined in 3.1.12 during a 12-s continuous burn in three positions: (1) 4 s with the flame horizontal, (2) 4 s with the flame 45° below horizontal, and (3) 4 s with the flame directed vertically upward. Any evidence of spitting or sputtering constitutes a failure. For a utility lighter that does not fail, restabilize for a minimum of 5 min at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) before continuing with 8.2.3.4.

8.2.3.4 Ignite the utility lighter with the flame directed vertically upwards, observe the flame height, and rotate the

utility lighter to a position $45^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}$ below horizontal (see Fig. 3 as shown in 5.4.2). Any variation in flame height exceeding 50 mm (2 in.) during a total elapsed time of 10 s or a flame height exceeding the requirements specified in 4.2 constitutes a failure. For the utility lighter that does not fail, restabilize for a minimum of 5 min at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) before continuing with 8.2.3.5. For different utility lighters that are used to conduct the test described in 8.2.3.5, stabilize each lighter in accordance with 8.2.3.1.

8.2.3.5 Invert the utility lighter for a period of 10 s. Reorient the utility lighter to a position with the flame directed vertically upward and immediately ignite the utility lighter. Observe the flame height during a 10-s burn. Any variation of flame exceeding 50 mm (2 in.) or a flame height exceeding the requirements specified in 4.2 constitutes a failure.

8.3 Flame Extinction Test:

8.3.1 *Scope*—The purpose of this test is to verify that utility lighters extinguish safely.

8.3.2 *Test Specimens*—The test specimens shall consist of utility lighters that are fueled in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

8.3.2.1 *Apparatus*—Use the same apparatus as for flame-height measurement as described in 8.1.2.

8.3.3 Procedure:

8.3.3.1 Stabilize all test specimens at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 10 h.

NOTE 2—It is recommended that the test be conducted under subdued lighting conditions.

8.3.3.2 Place utility lighters against the flame-height measurement apparatus so the flame will be directed vertically upward, ignite, and adjust to the flame heights specified in 4.5.1, 4.5.2, and 4.5.3, then extinguish and allow to cool for at least 1 min. Then, orient the utility lighters to a position $45^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}$ below horizontal, ignite the utility lighters for the amount of time specified in 4.5.1, 4.5.2, and 4.5.3, and extinguish in the normal manner. Measure and record the time of any burning occurring after the extinguishing action. Afterburns in excess of the amount of time specified in 4.5.1, 4.5.2, and 4.5.3 will constitute a failure.

8.3.3.3 For any flame extinction test that needs to be repeated on the same test specimen, restabilize it to a temperature of $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 10 h.

8.4 Drop Test:

8.4.1 *Scope*—The purpose of this test is to determine that by dropping a utility lighter onto a hard surface, that the drop will not result in fuel reservoir fragmentation, sustained self-ignition, a leakage rate exceeding 15 mg/min, or will not impair subsequent operation in a safe manner for a utility lighter that is still operable.

8.4.2 *Significance*—The drop test provides information on the ability of the utility lighter to withstand safely a reasonable drop that is possible during the use of the utility lighter.

8.4.3 Apparatus:

8.4.3.1 A concrete surface,

8.4.3.2 A measuring device marked to a height of $1.5\text{ m} \pm 0.1\text{ m}$ ($5\text{ ft} \pm 0.3\text{ ft}$ or $\pm 4\text{ in.}$), and

8.4.3.3 A weighing device capable of reading within 0.1 mg for the determination of any leakage rate of fuel that is measured over an elapsed time of 1 min or 1.0 mg for the determination of any leakage rate of fuel that is measured over an elapsed time of 10 min.

8.4.4 *Test Specimens*—The specimens shall consist of new, complete, normally-fueled utility lighters and shall be initially free of mechanical damage. Utility lighters used in testing for the requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive, are allowed to be used for these drop tests.

8.4.4.1 *Test Specimen 1*—The utility lighter shall be stabilized at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 10 h, and for any utility lighter that incorporates a flame-height adjustment feature, the flame shall be adjusted to its maximum height.

8.4.4.2 *Test Specimen 2*—The utility lighter shall be maintained at a temperature of $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($14\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for 24 h and then stabilized at a temperature of $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 10 h. For an adjustable utility lighter, the flame height shall be set at 75 mm (3 in.) maximum.

8.4.5 *Procedure:*

8.4.5.1 Allow the specimen to fall freely from 1.5 m \pm 0.1 m (5 ft \pm 0.3 ft or \pm 4 in.) onto the concrete surface by initially orienting it in the following three attitudes: nozzle up, nozzle down, and horizontal.

8.4.5.2 Observe the specimen during each drop for fuel reservoir fragmentation that will present a hazard to anyone in proximity or for sustained self-ignition. Either condition constitutes a failure.

8.4.5.3 Within 5 min after the three drops, determine by weighing whether the rate of leakage exceeds 15 mg/min. A leakage rate exceeding this amount constitutes a failure.

8.4.5.4 Utility lighters that do not fail the test in 8.4.5.2 and 8.4.5.3 and are able to be ignited in the intended manner shall subsequently meet all the applicable requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive.

8.4.5.5 Utility lighters that are not able to be ignited in the intended manner do not constitute a failure.

8.5 *Elevated Temperature Test:*

8.5.1 *Scope*—The purpose of this test is to determine that a fuel reservoir, including closures, will withstand elevated temperatures.

8.5.2 *Significance*—This test provides information on the ability of a fuel reservoir, including closures, to withstand elevated temperatures without fuel reservoir rupture or impairment of subsequent operation of the utility lighter in a safe manner.

8.5.3 Utility lighters must be capable of withstanding this test without a leakage rate exceeding 15 mg/min. A utility lighter empty of liquid fuel constitutes a failure.

8.5.4 *Apparatus:*

8.5.4.1 An enclosure, vented to prevent accumulation of gas, capable of maintaining a temperature of $65\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($149\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$).

8.5.4.2 A device for measuring the temperature to within $\pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($\pm 3\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$).

8.5.4.3 A weighing device sufficiently sensitive to measure the leakage rate over the elapsed period of time chosen.

8.5.4.4 A weighing device having a sensitivity of 0.1 mg.

8.5.5 *Test Specimens*—The specimens shall consist of new, normally fueled utility lighters and shall be initially free of mechanical damage. Utility lighters used for the requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive, are allowed to be used for this temperature test.

8.5.6 *Procedure:*

8.5.6.1 Stabilize the enclosure at $65\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($149\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$).

8.5.6.2 Ignite each specimen to assure that the utility lighter is not empty of fuel prior to placing the specimens in the enclosure for 4 h.

8.5.6.3 Remove the specimens after 4 h and stabilize at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($73\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) for at least 1 h, but no more than 24 h.

8.5.6.4 After temperature stabilization, determine by weighing for any leakage rate that exceeds 15 mg/min. A leakage rate exceeding 15 mg/min constitutes a failure.

8.5.6.5 For any fuel reservoir that is totally or partially transparent, observe visually the presence of liquid fuel inside the reservoir. The absence of liquid fuel indicates that the utility lighter is empty, which constitutes a failure.

8.5.6.6 For any fuel reservoir that is not transparent, attempt to ignite the specimen. For any utility lighter where ignition in the intended manner is achieved, proceed to 8.5.6.7; for utility lighters that do not ignite:

(a) Weigh the utility lighter with a weighing device having a sensitivity of 0.1 mg.

(b) Open the reservoir (by opening the sealing mechanism or opening the burner valve for a non-refillable utility lighter, or opening the refilling valve for a refillable utility lighter).

(c) Weigh the utility lighter again with all its components.

(d) For any mass that is unchanged (within ± 10 mg), the utility lighter was an empty lighter, which constitutes a failure.

8.5.6.7 Utility lighters that are able to be ignited in the intended manner shall subsequently meet all the applicable requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive.

8.5.6.8 Utility lighters that are not able to be ignited in the intended manner and are not empty of fuel do not constitute a failure.

8.6 *Continuous Burn Test:*

8.6.1 *Scope*—The purpose of this test is to determine that utility lighters will withstand continuous burning for 2 min without causing a hazardous condition as defined in 8.6.2.

8.6.2 Utility lighters must be able to withstand this test without continued burning of component parts or fuel reservoir rupture either with or without a flame.

8.6.3 *Test Specimens*—The specimens shall consist of new, normally fueled utility lighters and shall be initially free of mechanical damage. Utility lighters used in testing for the requirements of 4.1 – 4.5, inclusive, are allowed to be used for this test.

8.6.4 *Apparatus*—Any draft-free chamber constructed from suitable nonflammable material.

8.6.5 *Procedure:*

8.6.5.1 Test adjustable postmixing burner utility lighters with the flame set at 75 mm (3 in.) or the maximum flame height the adjustment allows, for flames that are lower than 75 mm (3 in.); adjustable premixing burner utility lighters set