
**Reciprocating internal combustion
engines — Exhaust emission
measurement —**

**Part 5:
Test fuels**

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ISO 8178 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement*:

- *Part 1: Test-bed measurement of gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions*
- *Part 2: Measurement of gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions at site*
- *Part 3: Definitions and methods of measurement of exhaust gas smoke under steady-state conditions*
- *Part 4: Test cycles for different engine applications*
- *Part 5: Test fuels*
- *Part 6: Test report*

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- *Part 7: Engine family determination*
- *Part 8: Engine group determination*
- *Part 9: Test-bed measurement of exhaust gas smoke emissions from engines used in non-road mobile machinery*

Annex A forms an integral part of this part of ISO 8178. Annexes B, C and D are for information only.

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Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement —

Part 5: Test fuels

1 Scope

This part of ISO 8178 specifies fuels whose use is recommended for performing the exhaust emission test cycles given in ISO 8178-4.

NOTE — Since fuel properties vary widely from country to country a broad range of different fuels is listed in this part of ISO 8178 — both reference fuels and commercial fuels.

This part of ISO 8178 is applicable to reciprocating internal combustion engines for mobile, transportable and stationary installations excluding engines for motor vehicles primarily designed for road use. This part of ISO 8178 may be applied to engines used e.g. on earth-moving machines, generating sets and for other applications.

Reference fuels are usually representative of specific commercial fuels but with considerably tighter specifications. Their use is primarily recommended for test bed measurements described in ISO 8178-1.

For measurements typically at site where emissions with commercial fuels, whether listed or not in this part of ISO 8178 are to be determined, uniform analytical data sheets (see clause 5) are recommended for the determination of the fuel properties to be declared with the exhaust emission results.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 8178. At the time of publication, the editions indicated where valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 8178 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 2160:1985, *Petroleum products — Corrosiveness to copper — Copper strip test.*

ISO 2719:1988, *Petroleum products and lubricants — Determination of flash point — Pensky-Martens closed cup method.*

ISO 3007:1986, *Petroleum products — Determination of vapour pressure — Reid method.*

ISO 3015:1992, *Petroleum products — Determination of cloud point.*

ISO 3016:1995, *Petroleum products — Determination of pour point.*

ISO 3104:1994, *Petroleum products — Transparent and opaque liquids — Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity.*

- ISO 3105:1994, *Glass capillary kinematic viscometers — Specifications and operation instructions.*
- ISO 3405:1988, *Petroleum products — Determination of distillation characteristics.*
- ISO 3675:1993, *Crude petroleum and liquid petroleum products — Laboratory determination of density or relative density — Hydrometer method.*
- ISO 3733:1976, *Petroleum products and bituminous materials — Determination of water — Distillation method.*
- ISO 3735:1975, *Crude petroleum and fuel oils — Determination of sediment — Extraction method.*
- ISO 3830:1993, *Petroleum products — Determination of lead content of gasoline — Iodine monochloride method.*
- ISO 3837:1993, *Liquid petroleum products — Determination of hydrocarbon types — Fluorescent indicator absorption method.*
- ISO 3993:1984, *Liquefied petroleum gas and light hydrocarbons — Determination of density or relative density — Pressure hydrometer method.*
- ISO 4256:1996, *Liquefied petroleum gases — Determination of vapour pressure — LPG method.*
- ISO 4259:1992, *Petroleum products — Determination and application of precision data in relation to methods of test.*
- ISO 4260:1987, *Petroleum products and hydrocarbons — Determination of sulfur content — Wickbold combustion method.*
- ISO 4262:1993, *Petroleum products — Determination of carbon residue — Ramsbottom method.*
- ISO 4264:1995, *Petroleum products — Calculation of cetane index of middle-distillate fuels by the four-variable equation.*
- ISO 5163:1990, *Motor and aviation-type fuels — Determination of knock characteristics — Motor method.*
- ISO 5164:1990, *Motor fuels — Determination of knock characteristics — Research method.*
- ISO 5165:1992, *Diesels fuels — Determination of ignition quality — Cetane method.*
- ISO 6245:1993, *Petroleum products — Determination of ash.*
- ISO 6246:1995, *Petroleum products — Gum content of light and middle distillate fuels — Jet evaporation method.*
- ISO 6326-5:1989, *Natural gas — Determination of sulfur compounds — Part 5: Lingener combustion method.*
- ISO 6615:1993, *Petroleum products — Determination of carbon residue — Conradson method.*
- ISO 6974:1984, *Natural gas — Determination of hydrogen, inert gases and hydrocarbons up to C8 — Gas chromatographic method.*
- ISO 7536:1994, *Petroleum products — Determination of oxidation stability of gasoline — Induction period method.*
- ISO 7941:1988, *Commercial propane and butane — Analysis by gas chromatography.*
- ISO 8178-1:1996, *Reciprocating internal combustion engines — Exhaust emission measurement — Part 1: Test-bed measurement of gaseous and particulate exhaust emissions.*
- ISO 8216-1:1996, *Petroleum products — Fuels (class F) — Classification — Part 1: Categories of marine fuels.*

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ISO 8217:1996, *Petroleum products — Fuels (class F) — Specifications of marine fuels.*

ISO 8691:1994, *Petroleum products — Low levels of vanadium in liquid fuels — Determination by flameless atomic absorption spectrometric method after ashing.*

ISO 8754:1992, *Petroleum products — Determination of sulfur content — Energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence method.*

ISO 8973:—¹⁾, *Liquefied petroleum gases — Determination of density and vapour pressure by calculation.*

ISO 10370:1993, *Petroleum products — Determination of carbon residue — Micro method.*

ISO 10478:1994, *Fuel oils — Determination of aluminium and silicon in fuel oils — Inductively coupled plasma emission and atomic absorption spectroscopy methods.*

ASTM D 1319-95a, *Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Liquid Petroleum Products by Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption.*

ASTM D 3231-94, *Test Method for Phosphorus in Gasoline.*

ASTM D 3606-92, *Test Method for the Determination of Benzene and Toluene in Finished Motor and Aviation Gasoline by Gas Chromatography.*

ASTM D 4420-94, *Test Methods for Aromatics in Light Naphthas, and Aviation Gasolines by Gas Chromatography.*

ASTM D 5186-91, *Test Method for the Determination of Aromatic Content of Diesel Fuels by Supercritical Fluid Chromatography.*

DIN 51413 Teil 7, 1990, *Prüfung flüssiger Mineralöl-Kohlenwasserstoffe — Gaschromatographische Analyse — Teil 7: Bestimmung sauerstoffhaltiger organischer Verbindungen und des organisch gebundenen Sauerstoffs — Verfahren mittels eines sauerstoffspezifischen Detektors (O-FID).* [Testing of liquid mineral oil hydrocarbons; analysis by gas chromatography; determination of oxygenates and the oxygen content; procedure by oxygen-specific detector (O-FID)].

EN 116:1981, *Diesel and domestic heating fuels — Determination of cold filter plugging point.*

EN 238:1996, *Liquid petroleum products — Determination of benzene content-infrared spectrometric method.*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 8178 the following definitions apply as well as any applicable definitions contained in the standards listed in the tables of annex B.

3.1 carbon residue: Residue formed by evaporation and thermal degradation of a carbon-containing material.

3.2 calculated cetane index: Approximation of the cetane index (3.3) of distillate diesel fuel, which does not contain a cetane improver additive, calculated from the density and the distillation basis.

(See also 3.6, **diesel index**.)

3.3 cetane index: Number which characterizes the ignition performance of diesel fuel obtained by comparing it to reference fuels in a standardized test for engines.

(See also 5.5 and 5.6.)

¹⁾ To be published.

3.4 crude oil: Naturally occurring hydrocarbon mixture, generally in a liquid state, which may also include compounds of sulphur, nitrogen, oxygen, metals and other elements.

3.5 diesel fuel: Any petroleum liquid suitable for the generation of power by combustion in compression ignition diesel engines.

3.6 diesel index: Number which characterizes the ignition performance of diesel fuel and residual oils, calculated from the density and the aniline point.

NOTE — No longer widely used for distillate fuels due to inaccuracy of this method, but applicable to some blended distillate residual fuel oils. See also 3.2, **calculated cetane index**.

3.7 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG): Mixture of normally gaseous hydrocarbons, predominantly propane or butane or both, that has been liquefied by compression or cooling or both, to facilitate storage, transport and handling.

3.8 octane index: For fuels used in spark ignition engines, a number which expresses resistance to knock obtained by comparison with reference fuels in a standardized engine.

3.9 oxygenate: Oxygen containing organic compound which may be used as a fuel or fuel supplement, such as various alcohols and ethers.

4 Symbols and abbreviations

The symbols and abbreviations used in this part of ISO 8178 are identical with those given in ISO 8178-1:1996, clause 4 and including annex A. Those which are essential for this part of ISO 8178 are repeated below in order to facilitate comprehension.

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Symbol		Definition	Unit
According to EEC-UNO regulations	SI ¹⁾		
EAF	E	Excess air factor (in kilogrammes dry air per kilogramme of fuel)	kg/kg
F_{FD}	F_d	Fuel specific factor for exhaust flow calculation on dry basis	1
F_{FH}	F_h	Fuel specific factor used for calculating wet concentration from dry concentration	1
F_{FW}	F_w	Fuel specific factor for exhaust flow calculation on wet basis	1
F_{FCB}	F_{cb}	Fuel specific factor for the carbon balance calculation	1
V_{EXHD}	q_{Vxd}	Exhaust gas volume flow rate on dry basis ²⁾	m ³ /h
V_{AIRD}	q_{Vad}	Intake air volume flow rate on dry basis ²⁾	m ³ /h
V_{AIRW}	q_{Vaw}	Intake air volume flow rate on wet basis ²⁾	m ³ /h
V_{EXHW}	q_{Vxwi}	Exhaust gas volume flow rate on wet basis ²⁾	m ³ /h
G_{FUEL}	q_{mf}	Fuel mass flow rate	kg/h
ALF	w_{H2}	Mass fraction of hydrogen in the fuel	%
BET	w_C	Mass fraction of carbon in the fuel	%
GAM	w_s	Mass fraction of sulfur in the fuel	%
DEL	w_{N2}	Mass fraction of nitrogen in the fuel	%
EPS	w_{O2}	Mass fraction of oxygen in the fuel	%
Z	ζ	Fuel factor for calculation of ALF	1

1) According to ISO 31 on quantities and units.
2) At reference conditions ($T = 273,15$ K and $p = 101,3$ kPa).

5 Choice of fuel

As far as possible, reference fuels should be used for certification of engines.

Reference fuels reflect the characteristics of commercially available fuels in different countries and are therefore different in their properties. Since fuel composition influences exhaust emissions, emission results with different reference fuels are not usually comparable. For lab-to-lab comparison of emissions even the properties of the specified reference fuel are recommended to be as near as possible to identical. This can theoretically best be accomplished by using fuels from the same batch.

For all fuels (reference fuels and others) the analytical data shall be determined and reported with the results of the exhaust measurement.

For non reference fuels the data to be determined are listed in the following tables:

- table 1, Universal analytical data sheet — Natural gas
- table 2, Universal analytical data sheet — Liquefied petroleum gas
- table 6, Universal analytical data sheet — Motor gasolines
- table 11, Universal analytical data sheet — Diesel fuels
- table 13, Universal analytical data sheet — Distillate fuel oils
- table 14, Universal analytical data sheet — Residual fuel oils
- table 15, Universal analytical data sheet — Crude oil

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An elemental analysis of the fuel shall be carried out when the possibility of an exhaust mass flow measurement or combustion air flow measurement, in combination with the fuel consumption, is not possible. In such cases the exhaust mass flow can be calculated using the concentration measurement results of the exhaust emission, and using the calculation methods given in ISO 8178-1:1996, annex A (see also annex A of this part of ISO 8178). Hydrogen and carbon mass fractions can be obtained by calculation or nomogram. The recommended methods are given in A.3.1, A.3.2 and A.3.3.

5.1 Natural gas

Gaseous fuels are not referenced as their use depends on the availability of the gas at site. Their properties, including the fuel(s) analysis shall be known and reported with the results.

A universal data sheet containing the analytical properties to be reported is given in table 1.

5.2 Liquefied petroleum gas

Liquefied petroleum gas is not referenced as its use depends on the availability of the gas at site. The properties, including the gas analysis, shall be known and reported with the results.

A universal data sheet containing the analytical properties to be reported is given in table 2.

5.3 Motor gasolines

5.3.1 Referenced motor gasolines

The referenced motor gasolines whose use is recommended for certification purposes are the following:

- a) CEC²⁾ reference fuels: see table 3;
- b) USA certification test fuel: see table 4;
- c) Japanese certification test fuels: see table 5.

5.3.2 Non referenced motor gasolines

If it is necessary to use non referenced motor gasolines, the properties of the individual fuel shall be reported with the results of the test. Table 6 represents a universal analytical data sheet giving the properties which shall be reported.

Standards or specification of commercial fuels may be obtained from the organizations listed in annex C.

5.4 Diesel fuels

5.4.1 Diesel reference fuels

The referenced diesel fuels whose use is recommended for certification purposes are the following:

- a) CEC reference fuels: see table 7;
- b) USA certification test fuels: see table 8;
- c) Californian test fuel: see table 9;
- d) Japanese certification test fuel: see table 10.

5.4.2 Non referenced diesel fuels

If it is necessary to use non referenced diesel fuels, the properties of the individual fuel shall be reported with the results of the test. Table 11 represents a universal analytical data sheet giving the properties which shall be reported.

Standards or specifications of commercial fuels may be obtained from the organizations listed in annex C.

5.5 Distillate fuel oils

As there are no existent reference fuels, the fuel used shall be in accordance with ISO 8216-1 and ISO 8217 (see table 12).

The fuel's properties, including the elemental analysis, shall be measured and reported with the results of the emission measurement. Table 13 represents a universal analytical data sheet giving the properties which shall be reported.

ISO 8216-1 and ISO 8217 do not specify ignition quality, as the CFR³⁾ engine measurement procedure is not applicable for fuels containing residues.

The effect of the ignition quality on exhaust gas emissions depends on the engine characteristics and engine speed and load, but is in many cases not negligible. There is a generally recognized need for a standard measurement procedure resulting in a characteristic fuel quality value comparable to the cetane index for pure distillate fuels. A calculation based on the distillation characteristics is not suitable. For the time being the best approach is to calculate CCAI (Calculated Carbon Aromaticity Index) or CII (Calculated Ignition Index) figures for general indication. It is too early to specify a supplementary maximum ignition quality level in the fuel specification during exhaust emission acceptance tests. Clause A.4 gives equations for CCAI and CII.

2) Coordinating European Council for the Development of Performance Tests for Transportation Fuels, Lubricants and Other Fluids.

3) An engine standardized by the Co-operative Fuel Research Committee.

5.6 Residual fuel oils

No existent referenced fuels.

In cases where it is necessary to run on heavy fuels, the properties of the fuel shall be according to ISO 8216-1 and ISO 8217. The properties of the fuel, including the elementary analysis, shall be determined, and reported with the results of the emission measurement. Table 14 represents a universal analytical data sheet giving the properties which shall be reported.

ISO 8216-1 and ISO 8217 do not specify ignition quality, as the CFR engine measurement procedure is not applicable for fuels containing residues.

The effect of the ignition quality on exhaust gas emissions, especially NO_x depends on the engine characteristics and engine speed and load, but is in many cases not negligible. There is a generally recognised need for a standard measurement procedure resulting in a characteristic fuel quality value comparable to the cetane index for pure distillate fuels. A calculation based on the distillation characteristics is not suitable. For the time being, the best approach is to calculate CCAI (Calculated Carbon Aromaticity Index) or CII (Calculated Ignition Index) figures for general indication. It is too early to specify a supplementary maximum ignition quality level in the fuel specification during exhaust emission acceptance tests. Clause A.4 gives equations for CCAI and CII.

5.7 Crude oil

Crude oils are non referenced.

In cases where it is necessary to run the engine with crude oil, the properties of the fuel, including the analysis, shall be measured and reported with the results of the emission measurement. Table 15 is given as a recommendation for a data sheet, of the properties to be reported.

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5.8 Alternative fuels

In those cases where alternative fuels are used, the analytical data specified by the producer of the fuel shall be determined and reported together with the report on exhaust emissions.

6 Requirements and additional information

For the determination of fuel properties ISO standards shall be used where they exist. Annex B lists standards, established by the standardization organizations, in use in parallel to ISO standards.

If supplementary additives are used during the test they shall be declared and noted in the test report.

If water addition is used it shall be declared and taken into account in the calculation.

Accuracy shall be determined according to ISO 4259.

It should be noted that distillates and residual fuel oil typically have a high ash and sulfur content and this will normally result in high particulate levels. In the case of sulfur, this is due to the formation of sulfates and associated water during the dilution.

It should be noted that nitrogen content of the fuel increases the NO_x emission.

Related organisations capable of providing specifications for commercial fuels are given in annex C.

7 Calculation of the exhaust gas flow using fuel specific factors

NOTE — The calculation of the exhaust gas flow is derived from ISO 8178-1 for the following different cases.

7.1 Standard fuels

a) Known air volume flow and known fuel mass flow:

$$V_{EXHD} = V_{AIRD} + F_{FD} \times G_{FUEL} \text{ (for dry emissions)}$$

or

$$V_{EXHW} = V_{AIRW} + F_{FW} \times G_{FUEL} \text{ (for wet emissions)}$$

See ISO 8178-1:1996, 7.2.2.

b) Unknown air volume flow, known CO₂ in exhaust and known fuel mass flow: Use calculation specified in ISO 8178-1:1996, clause A.1.

7.2 Other fuels with known composition

a) Known air volume flow and known fuel mass flow: use the equations given in 7.1 a) with the appropriate factor (F_{FD} or F_{FW}), as specified in clause 8.

b) Unknown air volume flow, known CO₂ or O₂ in exhaust and known fuel mass flow: use derivation specified in ISO 8178-1:1996, clause A.2.

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8 Calculation on the fuel specific factors (standards.iteh.ai)

8.1 Fuel specific factors F_{FD} and F_{FW}

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These factors are used for exhaust flow calculation (see clause 7).

The values of the fuel specific factors are calculated as follows, using the concentrations obtained by elementary analysis:

$$F_{FD} = -0,055\ 64 \times ALF - 0,000\ 11 \times BET - 0,000\ 17 \times GAM + 0,008\ 005\ 5 \times DEL + 0,006\ 998 \times EPS$$

$$F_{FW} = 0,055\ 57 \times ALF - 0,000\ 11 \times BET - 0,000\ 17 \times GAM + 0,008\ 005\ 5 \times DEL + 0,006\ 998 \times EPS$$

NOTE — The method used to derive these equations is described in ISO 8178-1:1996, A.2.7.

8.2 Fuel specific factors F_{FH} and F_{FCB}

The derivation of these factors is given in annex A which also contains an additional table with values for some different fuels.

Table 1 — Universal analytical data sheet — Natural gas

Property	Unit	Test method	Result of measurements
Molar fraction of each component	%	ISO 6974	
Mass concentration of sulphur	mg/m ³	ISO 6326-5	