



Standard Test Method for Determination of Organically Combined Sulfuric Anhydride Ash-Gravimetric, Test Method C¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the organically combined sulfuric anhydride existing in a sample of sulfonated or sulfated oil, or both, by extracting the undecomposed sulfonated or sulfated fat and other fatty matter over an acidulated, concentrated salt solution, and ashing the purified extract. This test method is applicable to all types of sulfonated and sulfated oils, including true sulfonic acid oils and those containing sodium acetate or similar partially titratable compounds. This test method was derived from Test Methods D 500, Sections 25 through 28.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 500 Test Methods of Chemical Analysis of Sulfonated and Sulfated Oils²

3. Significance and Use

3.1 This test method is intended for the determination of organically combined sulfuric anhydride in sulfonated and sulfated fats and oils.

4. Reagents

4.1 *Ethyl Ether.*

4.2 *Hydrogen Peroxide (30 %)*—Concentrated hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2).

4.3 *Methyl Orange Indicator Solution (1 g/L)*—Dissolve 0.1 g of methyl orange in 100 mL of water.

4.4 *Sodium Chloride (NaCl)*, solid.

4.5 *Sodium Sulfate (Na₂SO₄)*, anhydrous.

5. Procedure

5.1 The procedure consists of isolating and purifying the fatty matter as it exists in the original oil by dissolving the sample in a solvent, acidifying and washing with saturated brine, and ashing the purified extract. If the sample contains ammonia, the ammonia shall first be expelled before the determination is made on the sample.

5.1.1 *In the Absence of Ammonia*—Proceed as described in the separation of purified oil (6.1.1 Method B), combining the ether layers in the first funnel rather than in the decomposition flask. Carefully remove any water that may settle and dehydrate the ether layer as follows: add 5 g of anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , shake vigorously for 5 min, and filter directly into a 150-mL beaker placed in a bath of warm water. Wash the flask and filter with ether until free from fat (absence of oil stains on the filter paper after drying) and add the filtrate to the beaker. To avoid creeping of the oil, the volume in the beaker should at no time during the filtering and washing exceed 50 mL (one third full). Evaporate the ether solution until the volume has been reduced to about 20 mL and transfer the residue to a tared 50-mL crucible (high form). Immerse the crucible in a 100-mL beaker containing warm water until practically all of the ether has evaporated. Rinse the beaker with two 10-mL and three 5-mL portions of ether, or until all of the oil has been transferred to the crucible; allow each portion of rinsing ether to evaporate before the next rinsing is made. Burn gently the solvent-free residue, and finally ignite at a dull red heat to constant weight. To prevent creeping of the oil and to hasten evaporation, stir the solution with a glass rod; before the oil is burned, wipe the rod clean with ashless filter paper and add the paper to the crucible. To oxidize traces of carbon or sodium sulfide that might form, moisten the ash with H_2O_2 and again carefully ignite to constant weight. Calculate the percentage of ash as follows:

$$\text{Extracted ash, \%} = (A/B) \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where:

A = weight of ash, g, and

B = weight of sample, g.

5.1.2 *In the Presence of Ammonia*—Dissolve 5 to 8 g of the sample in 80 mL of water in a 300-mL beaker. Add 10 mL of 1 N NaOH solution and boil the solution gently until wet litmus paper no longer indicates ammonia. Cool the solution, transfer to a 300-mL separatory funnel, and add about 35 g of solid

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.04.