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- *Part 2: Measurement of properties of proppants used in hydraulic fracturing and gravel-packing operations*
- *Part 3: Testing of heavy brines*
- *Part 4: Procedure for measuring stimulation and gravelpack fluid leakoff under static conditions*
- *Part 5: Procedures for measuring the long-term conductivity of proppants*

Introduction

This part of ISO 13503 is largely based on API RP 61^[1]. Informative references are also included in the Bibliography, References [2] to [15].

The tests and test apparatus herein have been developed to establish standard procedures and conditions for use in evaluating the long-term conductivity of various hydraulic fracture proppant materials under laboratory conditions. This procedure enables users to compare the conductivity characteristics under the specifically described test conditions. The test results can aid users in comparing proppant materials for use in hydraulic fracturing operations.

The procedures presented in this publication are not intended to inhibit the development of new technology, materials improvements, or improved operational procedures. Qualified engineering analysis and sound judgment is required for their application to fit a specific situation.

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Part 5: Procedures for measuring the long-term conductivity of proppants

CAUTION — The testing procedures in this part of ISO 13503 are not designed to provide absolute values of proppant conductivity under downhole reservoir conditions. Long-term test data have shown that time, elevated temperatures, fracturing fluid residues, cyclic stress loading, embedment, formation fines and other factors further reduce fracture proppant pack conductivity. Also, this reference test is designed to measure only the frictional energy losses corresponding to laminar flow within a pack. It is recognized that fluid velocity within an actual fracture can be significantly higher than in these laboratory tests, and can be dominated by inertial effects.

1 Scope

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This part of ISO 13503 provides standard testing procedures for evaluating proppants used in hydraulic fracturing and gravel-packing operations.

NOTE The “proppants” mentioned henceforth in this part of ISO 13503 refer to sand, ceramic media, resin-coated proppants, gravel packing media, and other materials used for hydraulic fracturing and gravel-packing operations.

The objective of this part of ISO 13503 is to provide consistent methodology for testing performed on hydraulic-fracturing and/or gravel-packing proppants. It is not intended for use in obtaining absolute values of proppant pack conductivities under downhole reservoir conditions.

2 Normative reference

The following referenced document is indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced standard (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3506-1, *Mechanical properties of corrosion-resistant stainless-steel fasteners — Part 1: Bolts, screws and studs*

3 Terms and definitions

3.1

conductivity

width of the fracture multiplied by the permeability of the proppant pack

3.2

laminar flow

type of streamlined flow for single-phase fluids in which the fluid moves in parallel layers, or laminae, such that the layers flow smoothly over each other with instabilities being dampened by the viscosity

ISO 13503-5:2006(E)**3.3****Ohio sandstone**

fine-grained sandstone found in the United States from the Scioto Formation in southern Ohio

3.4**permeability**

a measure of the ability of media to transmit fluid through pore spaces

4 Abbreviations

API	American Petroleum Institute
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
RTV	Room temperature vulcanizing
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
PID	Proportional-integral device

5 Procedures for evaluating long-term proppant pack conductivity**5.1 Objective**

The objective is to establish a standard test procedure using a standard apparatus, under standard test conditions to evaluate the long-term conductivity of proppants under laboratory conditions. This procedure is used to evaluate the conductivity of proppants under laboratory conditions but is not intended for use in obtaining absolute values of proppant pack conductivities under downhole reservoir conditions. The effects of fines, formation hardness, resident fluids, time, and/or other factors are beyond the scope of this procedure.

5.2 Discussion

In this part of ISO 13503 procedure, a closure stress is applied across a test unit for $50 \text{ h} \pm 2 \text{ h}$ to allow the proppant sample bed to reach a semi-steady state condition. As the fluid is forced through the proppant bed, the proppant pack width, differential pressure, temperature and flow rates are measured at each stress level. Proppant pack permeability and conductivity are calculated.

Multiple flow rates are used to verify the performance of the transducers, and to determine darcy flow regime at each stress; an average of the data at these flow rates is reported. A minimum pressure drop of 0,01 kPa (0,002 0 psi) is recommended; otherwise, flow rates shall be increased. At stipulated flow rates and temperature conditions, no appreciable non-darcy flow or inertial effects are encountered. After completing the rates at a closure stress level in all cells, the closure stress is increased to a new level; $50 \text{ h} \pm 2 \text{ h}$ is allowed for the proppant bed to reach a semi-steady state condition, and multiple flow rates in all cells are introduced to gather data required to determine proppant pack conductivity at this stress level. The procedure is repeated until all desired closure stresses and flow rates have been evaluated. To achieve accurate conductivity measurements, it is essential that single-phase flow occurs.

Test condition parameters, such as test fluid, temperature, loading, sandstone and time, at each stress shall be reported along with long-term conductivity and permeability data. Other conditions can be used to evaluate different characteristics of proppants and, therefore, can be expected to produce differing results.