

# Standard Test Method for Distillation of Cut-Back Asphaltic (Bituminous) Products<sup>1</sup>

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#### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a distillation test for cut-back asphaltic (bituminous) products.

1.2 The values given 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 86 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products<sup>2</sup>
- D 370 Test Method for Dehydration of Oil-Type Preservatives<sup>3</sup>
- E 1 Specification for ASTM Thermometers<sup>4</sup>
- E 133 Specification for Distillation Equipment<sup>5</sup>

2.2 IP Standards:

IP 123/ASTM D 86, Distillation of Petroleum Products

Crow Receiver as specified in British Standards 658:1962

C.O.3—Standard Methods for Testing Tar and its Products (Published by the U.K. Standardization of Tar Products Tests Committee)

#### 3. Summary of Method

3.1 Two hundred millilitres of the sample are distilled in a 500-mL flask at a controlled rate to a temperature in the liquid of  $360^{\circ}$ C ( $680^{\circ}$ F) and the volumes of distillate obtained at specified temperatures are measured. The residue from the

distillation, and also the distillate, may be tested as required.

#### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 This procedure measures the amount of the more volatile constituents in cut-back asphaltic products. The properties of the residue after distillation are not necessarily characteristic of the bitumen used in the original mixture nor of the residue which may be left at any particular time after application of the cut-back asphaltic product. The presence of silicone in the cut-back may affect the distillation residue by retarding the loss of volatile material after the residue has been poured into the residue container.



5.1 *Distillation Flask*, 500-mL side-arm, having the dimensions shown in Fig. 1.

5.2 *Condenser*, standard glass-jacketed, of nominal jacket length from 200 to 300 mm and overall tube length of  $450 \pm 10$  mm (see Fig. 3).

7.5.3 Adapter, heavy-wall (1-mm) glass, with reinforced top, having an angle of approximately  $105^{\circ}$ . The inside diameter at the large end shall be approximately 18 mm, and at the small end, not less than 5 mm. The lower surface of the adapter shall be on a smooth descending curve from the larger end to the smaller. The inside line of the outlet end shall be vertical, and the outlet shall be cut or ground (not fire-polished) at an angle of  $45 \pm 5^{\circ}$  to the inside line.

5.4 *Shield*, steel, lined with 3-mm fire proof insulation and fitted with transparent mica windows, of the form and dimensions shown in Fig. 2, used to protect the flask from air currents and to reduce radiation. The cover (top) shall be made in two parts of 6.4-mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$ -in.) fire proof insulation.

5.5 *Shield and Flask Support*—Two 15-cm<sup>2</sup> sheets of 16-mesh Chromel wire gauze on a tripod or ring.

5.6 Heat Source—

5.6.1 Adjustable Tirrill-type gas burner or equivalent.

5.6.2 An electric heater equipped with a transformer capable of controlling from 0 to 750 W. The shield and support shall be a refractory with an opening of  $3\frac{1}{\sin}$ . (79 mm), with the upper surface beleveled to  $3\frac{3}{8}$  in. (86 mm) to accommodate

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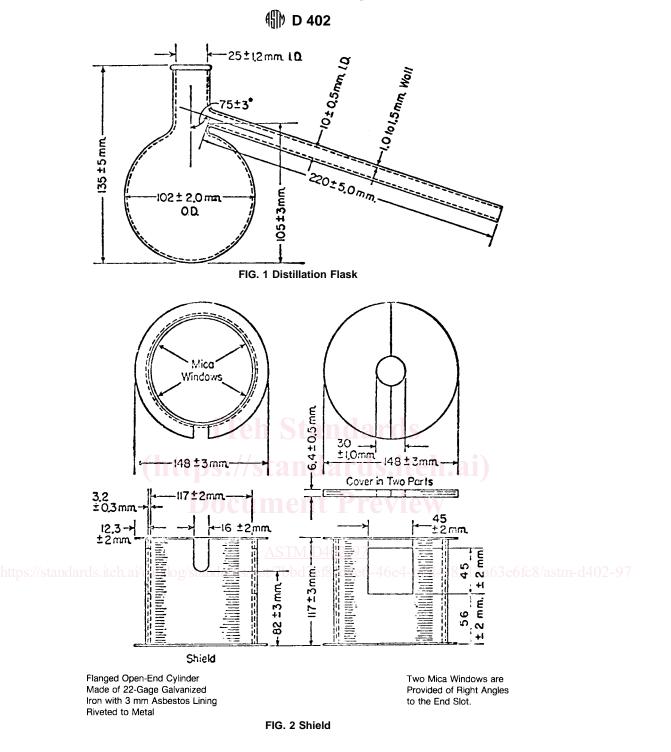
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.03.

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the specified 500-mL flask. When the flask is placed on the refractory, there should be a distance of approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. (3 mm) between the bottom of the flask and the heating elements.

5.7 *Receiver*—A standard 100-mL graduated cylinder conforming to dimensions of Fig. 4 of Specification E 133, or a 100-mL crow receiver as shown in Fig. 4 of this test method.

NOTE 1—Receivers of smaller capacity having 0.1-mL divisions may be used when low volumes of total distillate are expected and the added accuracy required.

5.8 *Residue Container*—An 8-oz seamless metal container with slip on cover of 75  $\pm$  5 mm in diameter, and 55  $\pm$  5 mm in height.

5.9 *Thermometer*— ASTM Thermometers 8C (8F) conforming to Specification E 1, or IP Thermometer 6C conforming to IP Specifications for Standard Thermometers.

### 6. Sampling

6.1 Stir the sample thoroughly, warming if necessary, to ensure homogeneity before removal of a portion for analysis.

6.2 If sufficient water is present to cause foaming or bumping, dehydrate a sample of not less than 250 mL by heating in a distillation flask sufficiently large to prevent foaming over into the side arm. When foaming has ceased, stop the distillation. If any light oil has distilled over, separate and