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Petroleum and related products — Determination of anti-wear properties of hydraulic fluids — Vane pump method

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies procedures for the determination of steel-on-steel anti-wear properties of hydraulic fluids by means of performance in a vane-type hydraulic pump. It covers a range of hydraulic fluids, both anhydrous and aqueous, intended for applications where high-speed sliding contacts, such as those found in a vane pump, are encountered.

For mineral oils of categories HM and HV, and fire-resistant fluids of category HFD, the method is applicable to viscosity classes ISO VG 32, ISO VG 46 and ISO VG 68, as specified in ISO 3448[1]. Under different specified conditions, the method is applicable to aqueous fire-resistant hydraulic fluids in categories HFA, HFB and HFC, as specified in ISO 12922[3], within the same viscosity classes.

NOTE Viscosity classes below ISO VG 32 and above ISO VG 68 can be tested by this technique, but require different conditions of pump inlet viscosity, and have not been widely assessed. This International Standard is confined to the specified limiting values defined.

2 Normative references

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

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

ISO 3170:2004, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4406:1999, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluids — Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles*

3 Principle

Approximately 70 litres of the fluid under test is circulated for 250 h by a vane pump under conditions of output flow, operational pressure and fluid temperature related to the type and viscosity grade of the fluid. At the end of the test period, the mass loss of the 12 vanes and the ring on the test cartridge are determined. Measurement of decrease in output flow during the test run, and mass loss of the two side bushings and the rotor are also taken as control measures within the limiting test conditions, but the mass losses do not constitute a requirement of method conformance.

4 Reagents and materials

4.1 Water, conforming to the requirements of grade 3 of ISO 3696.

4.2 Cleaning solvents

4.2.1 General

The choice of solvent in some applications will be related to the fluid under test or being removed from previous tests, and the user shall select the most appropriate, related to his/her experience. Light hydrocarbon solvents are chosen for the removal of oily residues, and oxygenated solvents for the removal of water-containing residues. Acetone is specified as a high-volatility final rinse solvent, which also removes the last traces of water.

4.2.2 Light hydrocarbons, either heptane, 2,2,4-trimethylpentane or petroleum spirit having a boiling range essentially between 60 °C and 80 °C.

4.2.3 Oxygenated hydrocarbons, either methanol, ethanol or propan-2-ol (isopropyl alcohol).

4.2.4 Acetone, of commercial grade.

4.2.5 1,2-Propyleneglycol (propandiol), of 99 % minimum purity.

4.3 Abrasive stone, of fine grade for removing sharp edges and burrs from all steel cartridge parts.

4.4 Abrasive cloth or paper, including fine grade 2/0 (approximately 27 μm grit size [European grade P1 200]) and coarser grades including 37 μm and 53 μm grit size (grades P360 and P320) as required.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Test rig, consisting of a hydraulic circuit as illustrated in Figure 1. Pipes and fittings shall include facilities so that the rig can be bled free of air and the test fluid can be completely drained. The major components of the rig are given in 5.1.1 to 5.1.12. The rig shall be protected by means of automatic cut-off covering the electrical circuits to the motor and limiting values for temperature, pressure and fluid level.

WARNING — The test rig operates at high pressures and temperatures, and the automatic protection devices should be regularly tested for appropriate cut-off performance.

5.1.1 Fluid reservoir, constructed of corrosion-resistant material with a sealed lid and fitted pressure-relief valve, and capable of holding the test fluid volume of 70 litres with the fluid level approximately 500 mm above the pump inlet. An illustration of a suitable reservoir is given in Figure 2.

5.1.2 Vane pump, Vickers, of type V-104-C-10 or V-105-C-10[1)]. The seals of the pump shall be compatible with the fluid type/test temperature conditions of the test. The main shaft, seals and ball bearings of the pump shall be replaced after five runs or when any signs of wear, as evidenced by test conditions, is apparent.

NOTE The life of the main shaft and ball bearings is decreased when testing aqueous fluids.

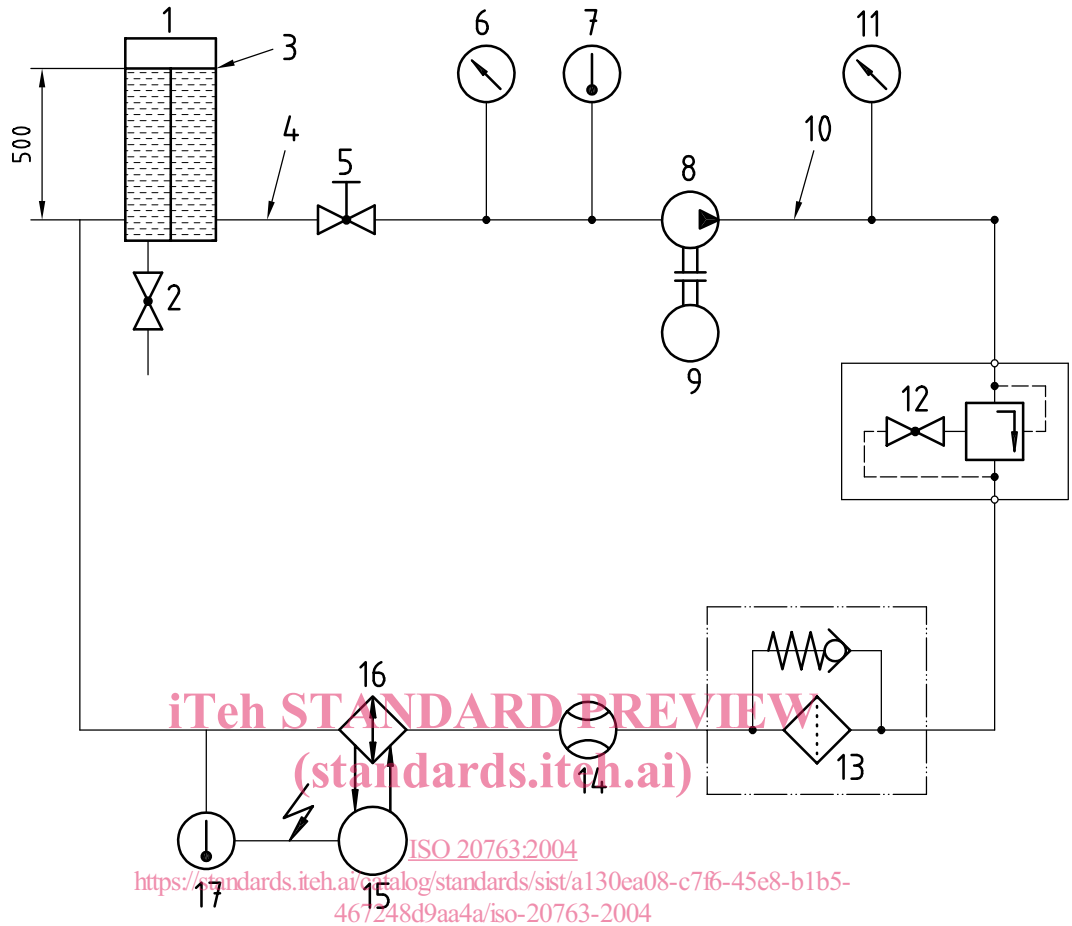
5.1.3 Test cartridge

The availability of test cartridges and components is under review following the decision of Eaton (formerly Vickers) to discontinue manufacturing these as separate items. See Annex B for the position at the time of publication of this International Standard.

5.1.4 Drive motor, with a rated power minimum of 11 kW, and a rated speed of 1 440 r/min ± 50 r/min.

1) This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of these products.

Dimensions in millimetres



Key

1 reservoir
2 drainage valve
3 level above pump inlet
4 pipe 28 × 2
5 ball valve
6 suction pressure gauge
7 temperature meter (test temperature)
8 vane pump
9 electric motor
10 pipe 25 × 5
11 test pressure gauge
12 relief valve
13 return filter
14 flow meter
15 cooling water regulator
16 fluid cooler
17 temperature controller

Figure 1 — Test rig layout

Dimensions in millimetres

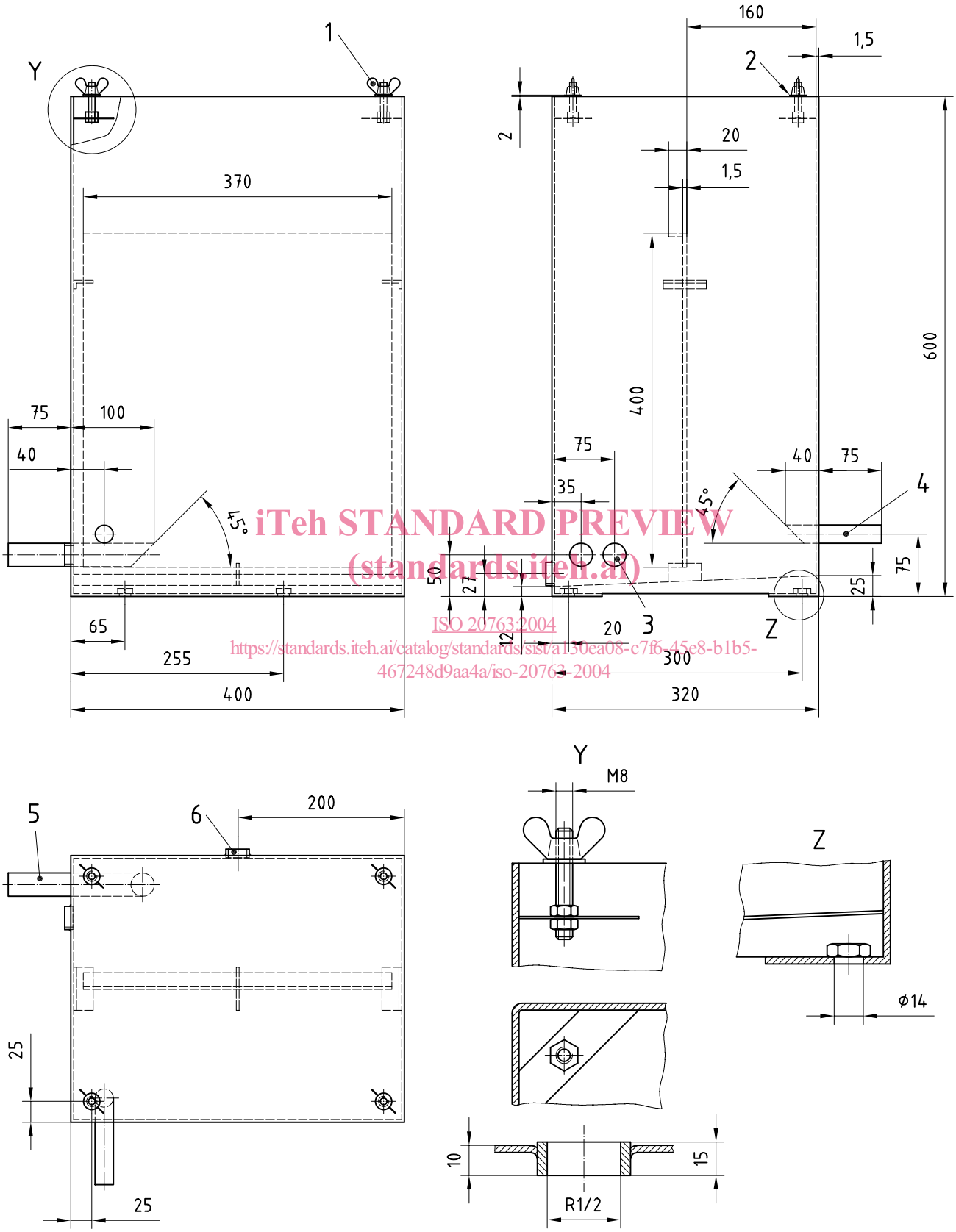


Figure 2 — Illustrative fluid reservoir

Key

1 butterfly nut M8
2 cover seal (rubber)
3 bore for liner (temperature sensor)
4 pipe 22 × 2
5 pipe 28 × 2
6 sleeve for oil drainage

Figure 2 — Illustrative fluid reservoir *(continued)*

5.1.5 Heat exchanger, fitted with control equipment to maintain the test fluid at the specified test temperature ± 2 °C before the pump.

NOTE A shell-and-tube-type heat exchanger is recommended with the connections in reverse (the fluid passed through the tubes) to facilitate effective cleaning between tests (see Clause 9).

5.1.6 Pipework

5.1.6.1 The pipe or hose compatible with the fluid under test, between the outlet of the reservoir and the pump, shall be of nominal 28 mm outside diameter with 2 mm wall thickness. It shall be fitted with a ball valve and connections to accommodate a suction pressure gauge (5.1.9) and a temperature sensor (5.1.10). Similar pipe or hose is suitable for the pipework from the outlet of the relief valve to the reservoir (5.1.1). This length shall be fitted with a filter (5.1.8) and a heat exchanger (5.1.5) and connections to accommodate instruments to measure fluid flow and temperature.

5.1.6.2 The pipe between the pump and the relief valve (5.1.7) shall be of 25 mm nominal outside diameter with 5 mm wall thickness. This length shall be fitted with a connection to accommodate a test pressure gauge (5.1.13).

5.1.7 Relief valve, with a rating of 17 MPa.

5.1.8 Filter, with an element of material compatible with the fluid under test. The filter shall be fitted with a contamination meter and bypass to give a solid contaminant code of 15/11 according to ISO 4406, or better.

NOTE This purity class makes as a condition a separation degree of $\beta_{10} = 75$ as described in ISO 16889[4].

5.1.9 Suction pressure gauge, with a range of 90 kPa to 105 kPa (absolute).

5.1.10 Temperature sensor, with a range of 0 °C to 100 °C and an accuracy of ± 0,1 °C.

5.1.11 Flowmeter, capable of measuring the flow of the test fluid within the range of 10 l/min to 45 l/min, with an accuracy of ± 1 l/min or better.

5.1.12 Test-conditions monitoring system, which may be an analogue or digital readout, but is normally an electronic logger or data printout.

The conditions of temperature, pressure and fluid level and fluid flow shall be monitored and recorded continuously throughout the test, and a suitable indicating system shall therefore be installed and linked to the automatic cut-off.

5.1.13 Test pressure gauge, with a range of 1 MPa to 16 MPa and a precision of 0,6 % of the measuring range value.

5.2 Timers, either electronic or manual, capable of measuring up to 60 min with an accuracy of ± 2 s, and a **timer**, or **time switch**, capable of measuring 250 h ± 0,5 h.

5.3 Analytical balance, of capacity 200 g minimum, capable of weighing to the nearest 1 mg.

5.4 Torque wrench, capable of measuring torque in the range 0 Nm to 20 Nm, with an analogue indicator and drag pointer.

5.5 Ultrasonic cleaning bath, of a capacity capable of accommodating the components of the test cartridge (5.1.3).

5.6 Finishing plate, clean and flat, of hardened steel, large enough to accommodate the cartridge liners for polishing.

6 Samples and sampling

6.1 Unless otherwise specified, samples shall be obtained by the procedures described in ISO 3170.

6.2 The laboratory sample size for this test is unusually large, with approximately 100 litres required for a single test run. Unless otherwise specified, or volume constrained, a sample of a full 205 litre drum shall be taken.

7 Preliminary test

7.1 Determine the kinematic viscosity of the test fluid at 40 °C, in accordance with ISO 3104, and at least one other temperature at a minimum of 20 °C above or below 40 °C. Select the temperatures to span the required operational viscosity.

7.2 Plot the viscosities on a standard viscosity-temperature sheet (log-log diagram) and determine the temperature required for the operational viscosity (13 mm^2/s for anhydrous fluids or 30 mm^2/s for aqueous fluids).

8 Preparation of apparatus

8.1 Drain off any fluid remaining from the previous test run and remove and responsibly dispose of the filter element. Check that all seals in the system are sound, and compatible with the type of fluid to be tested, and replace as necessary.

8.2 Clean all parts of the test rig that come into contact with test fluid with light hydrocarbon (4.2.2) for anhydrous fluids, or a mixture of equal volumes of 1,2-propyleneglycol (4.2.5) and water (4.1) for aqueous fluids. Carry out rigorous cleaning before and after the test. Where possible, use separate pump stands for testing anhydrous and aqueous fluids.

8.3 Carry out the flushing procedure appropriate to the fluid type described in Clause 9.

9 System flushing and cleaning

9.1 Procedure for anhydrous fluids

9.1.1 Select a good quality, previously used cartridge, dip it into the test fluid or flushing fluid, and fit it into the pump. Fit the cover plate to the pump and tighten the screws evenly in the order of 1, 5, 3, 7, 2, 6, 4, 8 with the torque wrench (5.4) to a maximum of 2 N·m. Check that the pump can be turned freely by hand. Fit a new filter element (5.1.8).

9.1.2 Charge the system with 8 litres to 10 litres of flushing fluid.

NOTE The flushing fluid can be a medium volatility hydrocarbon, such as kerosine or white spirit, or an anhydrous fluid similar in characteristics to that to be tested.

For the flushing procedure, the use of a replaceable reservoir of lower capacity can be used. If the standard reservoir is used, a displacer can be inserted to reach a fluid level that ensures proper operation and avoids the

ingress of air. The displacer should be removed before test operation as it may introduce extra stresses on the fluid under test.

9.1.3 Open the relief valve (5.1.7) (or set it to the lowest setting) and switch on the pump. Increase the pressure to approximately 3 MPa and flush for a minimum of 15 min. Drain the fluid and ensure that remnants in areas difficult to expel are removed. Repeat the flush with a fresh portion of flushing fluid and drain.

9.2 Procedure for aqueous fluids

9.2.1 Disassemble the system, including the pump body, heat exchanger (5.1.5) and relief valve (5.1.7).

9.2.2 Do not clean pumps run with anhydrous fluids in the same bath used to clean pumps run with aqueous fluids. Do not use hoses which have previously been used with mineral oils, phosphate esters, polyol esters or PAO fluids with water glycols.

9.2.3 Rinse all hoses, other rubber parts and gaskets with water. Clean hoses by passing a bristle brush through the length several times and re-rinse. Dry all components with compressed air and inspect for wear, hardness, cracks and/or tackiness. Replace as necessary.

9.2.4 Clean metal parts by rinsing with water, scrubbing with a bristle brush, re-rinsing and drying with compressed air. Clean the heat exchanger tubes with a 6,4 mm, or other appropriate diameter, cleaning brush. Clean the metal tubing and holes in the castings with a test tube brush.

10 Preparation of cartridge for test

10.1 Clean the filter housing, fit a new filter element, and fill the reservoir with approximately 70 litres of test fluid, ensuring that the level of the fluid is 500 mm ± 50 mm above the pump inlet.

10.2 Select a new cartridge, disassemble it and clean the parts carefully with light hydrocarbon solvent (4.2.2). Examine the individual parts for manufacturing or material irregularities, and dimensional conformance, as detailed in Annex A. Follow the directions given in Annex A for the preparation and re-assembly of the test cartridge.

10.3 Remove the cartridge used for flushing and fit the test cartridge.

10.4 Fit the cover plate on the pump and tighten the screws as described in 9.1.1. Slacken off the screws and retighten until just below the binding torque. Ensure that the pump rotates freely, adjusting the torque carefully by hand as necessary.

11 Procedure

11.1 Preliminary operations

With the test fluid at ambient temperature (15 °C to 25 °C) and the relief valve open, switch on the pump and start both timers (5.2). Start the heat exchanger (5.1.5), set the determined temperature ± 2 °C to achieve a viscosity of 13 mm^2/s for anhydrous fluids or 30 mm^2/s for aqueous fluids (see 7.2).

Procedure A, given in 11.2, describes the procedure for anhydrous fluids, and Procedure B, given in 11.3, describes the procedure for aqueous fluids.

11.2 Procedure A

11.2.1 Set the relief valve within 60 s to a pressure of 2 MPa, and then in increments of 2 MPa at 10 min intervals until the final running pressure of 14 MPa ± 0,2 MPa is achieved (running-in).