



Standard Test Method for Determining Water Separation Characteristics of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Portable Separometer¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers a rapid portable means for field and laboratory use to rate the ability of aviation turbine fuels to release entrained or emulsified water when passed through fiberglass coalescing material.

1.2 The procedure section of this test method contains two different modes of test equipment operation. The primary difference between the modes of operation is the rate of fuel flow through the fiberglass coalescing material. Test method selection is dependent on the particular fuel to be tested.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.4 *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:*²
- D 1655 Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuels
 - D 2550 Method of Test for Water Separation Characteristics of Aviation Turbine Fuels³
 - D 3602 Test Method for Water Separation Characteristics of Aviation Turbine Fuels³
 - D 4306 Practice for Aviation Fuel Sample Containers for Tests Affected by Trace Contamination
- 2.2 *Military Standards:*⁴

- MIL-T-5624 Turbine Fuel, Aviation Grades JP-4, JP-5, and JP-5/JP-8 ST
- MIL-T-38219 Turbine Fuel, Low Volatility, JP-7
- MIL-T-83133 Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Kerosene Types, NATO F 34 (JP-8), NATO F-35, and JP-8+100

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *Micro-Separometer rating (MSEP)*—a numerical value indicating the ease of separating emulsified water from fuel by coalescence as affected by the presence of surface active materials (surfactants).

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—MSEP ratings obtained using Test A and Test B are termed MSEP-A and MSEP-B, respectively. The MSEP rating is comparable to the Water Separometer Index, Modified (WSIM) and the Minisonic Separometer Surfactants (MSS) of Test Method D 2550 and field Test Method D 3602, respectively.

3.1.1.2 *Discussion*—The results of precision programs with the Micro-Separometer and its correlation with other rating methods (Test Methods D 2550 and D 3602) are discussed in Appendix X3.⁵

3.1.2 *reference fluids*—fuels that have been, as a minimum, clay treated and, as required, subjected to a water wash process and passed through a filter separator; and to which prescribed quantities of a known surface active agent (typically bis-2-ethylhexyl sodium sulfosuccinate in toluene) have been added.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A water/fuel sample emulsion is created in a syringe using a high-speed mixer. The emulsion is then expelled from the syringe at a programmed rate through a standard fiber-glass coalescer and the effluent is analyzed for uncoalesced water by a light transmission measurement. The results are reported on a 0-to-100 scale to the nearest whole number. High ratings

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Withdrawn.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

⁵ Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR: D02–1050.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.

TABLE 1 Applicable Test Mode for Various Fuels

Available Test Mode(s)	
Fuel	Applicable Test Mode
Jet A	A
Jet A-1	A
Jet B	A
MIL JP-5	A
MIL JP-7	A
MIL JP-8	A
MIL JP-4	B

indicate the water is easily coalesced, implying that the fuel is relatively free of surfactant materials. A test can be performed in 5 to 10 min.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method provides a measure of the presence of surfactants in aviation turbine fuels. Like Test Methods D 2550 and D 3602, this test method can detect carryover traces of refinery treating residues in fuel as produced. They can also detect surface active substances added to or picked up by the fuel during handling from point of production to point of use. Certain additives can also have an adverse effect on the rating. Some of these substances affect the ability of filter separators to separate free water from the fuel.

5.2 The Micro-Separometer has a measurement range from 50 to 100. Values obtained outside of those limits are undefined and invalid. In the event a value greater than 100 is obtained, there is a good probability that light transmittance was reduced by material contained in the fuel used to set the 100 reference level. The material was subsequently removed during the coalescing portion of the test, thus, the processed fuel had a higher light transmittance than the fuel sample used to obtain the 100 reference level resulting in the final rating measuring in excess of 100.

5.3 Test Mode A function of the separometer will give approximately the same rating for Jet A, Jet A-1, MIL JP-5, MIL JP-7, and MIL JP-8 fuels as Test Methods D 2550 and D 3602. Using Mode A water separation characteristic ratings of Jet B and MIL JP-4 fuels will not necessarily be equivalent to Test Method D 2550 but will give approximately the same rating as Test Method D 3602. All Micro-Separometers have Test Mode A capability.

5.4 The Test Mode B option is used to determine water separation ratings for MIL JP-4 fuels containing fuel system corrosion and icing inhibitors. These ratings are approximately the same as those obtained using Test Method D 2550.

5.5 Selection of Mode A or Mode B depends on the specific fuel and specification requirement. Table 1 identifies the recommended test method for various fuels.

5.6 The basic difference between Modes A and B is the flow rate at which the water/fuel emulsion is forced through the standard fiberglass coalescer cell. The lapsed time required to force the emulsion through the coalescer cell in Mode A is 45 ± 2 s, whereas, Mode B requires 25 ± 1 s.

6. Apparatus

6.1 A Micro-Separometer^{6,7} is used to perform the test. The unit is completely portable and self-contained, capable of operating on an internal rechargeable battery pack or being connected to an ac power source using power cords which are available for various voltages. Connection to an ac power source will provide power to the unit and affect battery recharge. The accessories as well as the expendable materials for six tests can be packed in the cover of the lockable case.

6.2 The Micro-Separometer Mark V Deluxe and associated control panel is shown in Fig. 1. The emulsifier is on the right side of the raised panel and the syringe drive mechanism is on the left side. The control panel containing the operating controls is mounted on the fixed panel in the left side of the case. Table 2 lists the manual and audio operating characteristics of the instrument.

6.2.1 All of the controls are located in a pushbutton array on the control panel. The pushbuttons illuminate when depressed thus indicating operational status. A circuit breaker located on the control panel provides protection for the ac power circuit.

6.2.2 By depressing the ON pushbutton, the electronic circuits are energized. The ON pushbutton pulses on and off when the instrument is being operated by an ac source and constantly remains on when the battery (dc) pack is used. The lettered pushbuttons will sequentially illuminate on and off indicating READY operational status.

NOTE 1—Of the lettered (A-G) pushbuttons, only the A and B pushbuttons are applicable to this test method.

6.2.3 The RESET pushbutton can be depressed at any time to cancel the test in progress and restore the program to the initial start mode. The lettered pushbuttons commence to sequentially illuminate, thus indicating a READY operational status enabling test mode selection.

6.2.4 Selection of Test Mode A or Test Mode B programs is accomplished by depressing either the A or B lettered pushbutton. The depressed pushbutton illuminates and the sequential illumination of the other lettered pushbuttons ceases. The START pushbutton also illuminates.

6.2.5 The START pushbutton, when depressed initially, initiates the CLEAN cycle causing the syringe drive mechanism to travel to the UP position and the emulsifier motor to operate for the cleaning operation.

6.2.6 The START pushbutton, when depressed after the CLEAN cycle, initiates the automatic program sequence causing the read indicator and the two ARROWED pushbuttons to illuminate, indicating that a full-scale adjustment period is in effect. A numerical value also appears on the meter.

⁶ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is the Model 1140 Micro-Separometer Mark V Deluxe, available from EMCEE Electronics, Inc., 520 Cypress Ave., Venice, FL 34285. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend.

⁷ The Model 1140 Micro-Separometers Mark III and Mark V Standard versions may also be used, but they are no longer supported by the manufacturer. For operating procedures using these instruments, the user is referred to D 3948–87.



FIG. 1 Micro-Separometer Mark V Deluxe and Associated Control Panel

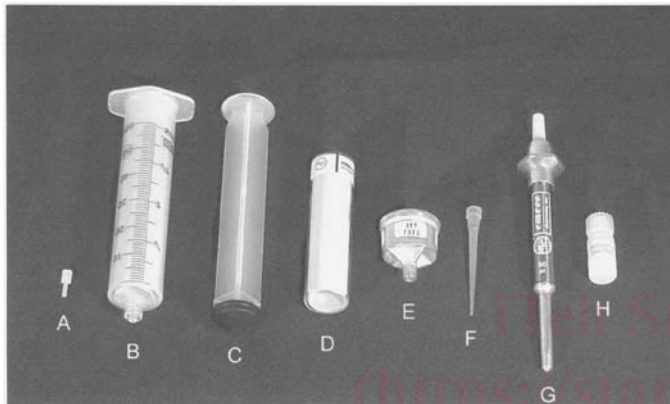


FIG. 2 Test Supplies and Small Parts

6.2.7 The turbidimeter is located under the main control panel and consists of a well in which the sample vial is placed, a light source, and a photocell.

6.2.8 By depressing the appropriate ARROWED pushbutton, the displayed value on the meter can be increased or decreased, as required, to attain the 100 reference level for the vial of fuel sample in the turbidimeter.

6.3 Accessory equipment and expendable materials needed to perform the test are shown in Fig. 2 and consist of the following:

6.3.1 *Syringe Plug, (A)*—A plastic plug used to stopper the syringe during the CLEAN and EMULSION cycles.

6.3.2 *Syringe, (Barrel (B) and Plunger (C))*—A disposable plastic syringe.

6.3.2.1 Use of syringes other than those demonstrated to be free of surfactant contamination in a precision program such as described in Section 12 will render test results invalid.

6.3.3 *Vials, (D)*, 25-mm outside diameter vial premarked for proper alignment in the turbidimeter well.

6.3.4 *Alumicel,⁸ Coalescer, (E)* labeled for use with jet fuel, an expendable, precalibrated aluminum coalescer cell with a tapered end to fit the syringe.

TABLE 2 Manual and Audio Operating Characteristics of the Various Model 1140 Micro-Separometer Instruments

Available Test Mode(s)	Deluxe A and B
Function	
Test Mode Select	Pushbutton
Mode A	Depress A
Mode B	Depress B
Syringe Drive	Not required
Speed Selection	
Clean Cycle	START
Depress	
Pushbutton	
Automatic Sequence	
Initiate	START
Cancel	RESET
1st Meter Read	
1st Meter Adjust	Depress ARROWED Pushbuttons
2nd Meter Read	
2nd Meter Adjust	Depress ARROWED Pushbuttons
Collect Sample	Short Tone and C/S Annunciator Lamp Illuminates
3rd Meter Read	
Record Measurement	Pulsed Tone Sounds 5 s into 3rd Meter Read

6.3.5 *Pipet, (G) with Plastic Tip (F)*—An automatic hand pipet with a disposable plastic tip. A pipet is supplied with each Micro-Separometer.

6.3.6 *Water Container (H)*—A clean container of distilled water (supplied with each six pack).

6.3.7 *Beaker, Catch Pan, or Plastic Container*—Supplied with each Micro-Separometer may be used to receive the waste fuel during the coalescence period of the test (not shown).

⁸ A registered trademark of EMCEE Electronics, Inc.



FIG. 3 Six Pack and Test Items

6.4 A new syringe, pipet tip, test sample vials, syringe plug, Alumicel coalescer, and distilled water are used in each test. These expendable materials are available in a kit, termed Micro-Separometer Six Pack, containing supplies for six tests (Fig. 3).⁹

7. Reagents

7.1 *Aerosol OT*, solid (100 % dry) bis-2-ethylhexyl sodium sulfosuccinate.

7.2 *Toluene*, ACS reagent grade. (**Warning**—Flammable. Vapor harmful.)

7.3 *Dispersing Agent*—Toluene solution (**Warning**—Flammable. Vapor harmful.) containing 1 mg of *Aerosol OT* per millilitre of toluene.

7.4 *Reference Fluid Base*—A surfactant-free clean hydrocarbon material which is used to verify proper operation and is prepared in the manner described in Appendix X1. (**Warning**—Flammable. Vapor harmful.)

7.5 *Reference Fluids*—(**Warning**—Flammable. Vapor harmful.) (for checking the operational performance of the Micro-Separometer instrumentation) consist of increasing concentrations (0 to 1.2 mL/L) of dispersing agent added to the reference fluid base. The MSEP-A ratings for this range of concentration appear in Table 3 for Jet A, Jet A-1, MIL JP-5, MIL JP-7, and MIL JP-8 fuels, and in Table 4 for Jet B fuels using Mode A. The MSEP-B ratings for MIL JP-4 fuels using Mode B are shown in Table 5. The reference fluids are tested as described in Section 10 using the applicable mode of operation. If the results do not fall within the range of limits shown in Tables 3-5, the reference fluid shall be discarded, a fresh quantity of reference fluid prepared, and the check repeated. Repeated out-of-tolerance test results are cause for returning the instrument to the factory for adjustment and calibration.¹⁰

NOTE 2—The reference fluid base should have standard MSEP rating of 99+ without any dispersing agent; otherwise, the results may not be indicative of the accuracy of the instrument. Values obtained outside the measurement range from 50 to 100 are undefined and invalid.

7.5.1 Reference fluid shall be prepared by adding dispersing agent as described in 7.3 to a suitable quantity of reference fuel base contained in a properly equilibrated container or graduate.

⁹ A kit containing six each of these test expendables is available from EMCEE Electronics, Inc., 520 Cypress Ave., Venice, FL 34285.

¹⁰ A Micro-Separometer Operation Manual is furnished with each instrument.

TABLE 3 Expected Performance with Jet A, Jet A-1, MIL JP-5, MIL JP-7, or MIL JP-8 Reference Fluid Containing a Dispersing Agent Using Mode A Operation

Concentration of Dispersing Agent, mL/L	Standard Rating	Limits for Acceptable Performance ^A	
		min	max
0	99	97	100
0.2	89	82	94
0.4	80	69	88
0.6	72	59	83
0.8	65	51	77

^A Expected range of values obtained by using increasing amounts of dispersing agent used to verify instrument calibration.

TABLE 4 Expected Performance with Jet B Reference Fluid Containing a Dispersing Agent Using Mode A

Concentration of Dispersing Agent, mL/L	Standard Rating	Limits for Acceptable Performance ^A	
		min	max
0	99	96	100
0.3	92	86	97
0.6	88	81	95
0.9	86	78	94
1.2	79	69	90

^A Expected range of values obtained by using increasing amounts of dispersing agent used to verify instrument calibration. Ranges developed by performing a linear regression (two sigma limits) on MSS data from RR:D02-1050.⁵

TABLE 5 Expected Performance with MIL JP-4 Reference Fluid Containing a Dispersing Agent Using Mode B

NOTE 1—Standard ratings are based on actual averages and the limits are based on $\pm 1/2$ calculated reproducibility value from the average. A standard rating of 99 was used for the base reference fuel instead of the actual average since this value is preferred.

Concentration of Dispersing Agent, mL/L	Standard Rating	Limits for Acceptable Performance ^A	
		min	max
0	99	93	100
0.2	88	83	93
0.4	81	76	86
0.6	74	69	79
0.8	69	64	74
1.0	64	59	69
1.2	60	55	65

^A Expected range of values obtained using increasing amounts of dispersing agent used to verify instrument calibration. Developed using the data from eight of the ten laboratories of the 1983 test program. Refer to RR:D02-1274.¹¹

7.5.1.1 If a new or nonequilibrated container is used, the additive may adsorb on the walls and the MSEP ratings may improve significantly. To equilibrate the container surface, an additive blend should be held for a minimum of 24 h, discarded, and replaced with a fresh blend.

7.5.1.2 For field use, instrument calibration can be verified by performing MSEP tests using a dilution of the dispersing agent (as prepared in 7.3), a reference fluid base (as prepared in Appendix X1), and distilled water. A 10:1 dilution is prepared by diluting 10 mL of dispersing agent with 90 mL of toluene (7.2). Since 1 mL of dilution is equal to 0.1 mL of dispersing agent, 50 μ L of dilution is equal to 0.1 mL/L when added to 50 mL of reference fluid base. The 0.1 mL/L of

dispersing agent corresponds to even multiples of the concentration levels listed in Tables 3-5. This facilitates using the 50- μ L pipet (6.3.5) to add increments of 0.1 mL/L of dispersing agent, as well as the distilled water required for the MSEP test. Depending on the type of reference fluid base, the MSEP ratings are compared to the values listed in the applicable table for the particular concentration of dispersing agent used.

7.6 *Water*, clean, distilled, and surfactant free.

7.6.1 Use of water other than distilled water (such as tap water) will render test results invalid.

8. Preparation of Apparatus

8.1 Locate the instrument on a clean workbench in an area where the temperature is between 18 and 29°C (65 and 85°F) and does not vary more than $\pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ (5°F).

8.2 Open the case and remove the six-pack box from the lid. Raise the right panel until completely vertical and locked in place. If ac power is available, connect the power cord and turn the instrument on. If the internal battery power is used, ensure that the batteries are charged sufficiently to perform the desired number of tests. Low battery power is indicated when the power lamp does not illuminate. Connect the instrument to an ac power source for at least 16 h (full charge) prior to use. Approximately 25 tests can then be performed.

8.2.1 Mark V Deluxe instruments are turned on by depressing the switch (pushbutton) marked ON. The ON power indicator light will alternately pulse on and off when the instrument is connected to an ac power source and will stay on continuously when operated by the battery pack. Flickering of the power indicator light, during any portion of a test sequence being performed using battery power, indicates that recharging is necessary.

8.3 Have ready a supply of syringes, vials, Alumicel coalescers, syringe plugs, and pipet tips, as well as a clean container with distilled water. All of the items are furnished in the six pack provided with the instrument. In addition, have the pipet readily available.

8.4 Syringe drive travel times during the coalescing test period were initially calibrated at the factory for each mode of operation and have a significant bearing on the final test results.

NOTE 3—Syringe drive travel times exceeding the upper limit will cause the final results to measure high; conversely, travel times below the lower limit will cause the final results to measure low.

8.4.1 Mark V Deluxe instruments have self-check circuitry to detect out-of-tolerance syringe drive travel times. The alert indicator lamp (marked SYR) illuminates and depending on the degree (more than 3 s) of the out-of-tolerance condition, three short (1-s) tones will also sound. An occasional out-of-tolerance alert may be experienced due to some intermittent condition, which probably will not be indicative of instrument failure. However, repeated alerts are cause for returning the instrument to the factory for adjustment.

9. Sample Preparation

9.1 Under no circumstances shall test fuel be prefiltered as filter media can remove the very materials, surfactants, that the test method is designed to detect. If the test fuel is contami-

nated with particulate matter, allow such materials to settle out of the fuel before testing.

9.2 Special precautions concerning sample containers and sampling technique are discussed in Appendix X2. Extreme care and cleanliness are required in taking samples either directly into the test syringe or into a sample container. Before pouring the test sample from the container, wipe the container outlet thoroughly with a clean, lintless wiper; pour the test sample into a clean beaker or directly into the barrel of the test syringe.

NOTE 4—Test method results are known to be sensitive to trace contamination from sampling containers. For recommended sampling containers, refer to Practice D 4306.

9.3 If the sample for test is not within the test temperature limits, 18° to 29°C (65° to 85°F), allow the sample to stand until an in-tolerance temperature is attained.

10. Procedure

10.1 Select either Mode A or B operation. (Refer to Table 1 for applicable Mode for a specific fuel.)

NOTE 5—Only JP-4 requires Mode B operation.

10.1.1 Depress either pushbutton A or B for Mode A or B operation, respectively. Sequential illumination of the pushbuttons will cease and the depressed pushbutton will stay lit. The correct syringe drive speed is set automatically.

10.2 Remove a plunger from a new 50-mL syringe and wipe the tip using a clean, lintless wipe to remove any sheen caused by excess lubricant. Insert a plug into the exit hole of the syringe barrel, add 50 ± 1 mL of fuel, and place the syringe barrel on the emulsifier mount, turning to lock in place. Ensure that the syringe barrel is properly aligned concentrically with the mixer shaft and is not touching the propeller.

10.2.1 Ensure that the syringe barrel is properly aligned concentrically with the mixer shaft. Proper alignment can be verified by grasping the syringe barrel and moving the same until the propeller on the end of the mixer shaft is free and not touching. Misalignment may cause plastic shavings to form and collect on the coalescer filter material resulting in erroneous test results. This applies to all instruments manufactured and those which have not been serviced by EMCEE Electronics, Inc. since July of 1988. Since that date, with ASTM approval, all new instruments and those returned for service have had a standoff installed on the mixer shaft to prevent the syringe barrel from coming into contact with the mixer blades.

10.3 Initiate the CLEAN cycle by depressing the START pushbutton as designated by the annunciator light. (**Warning**—Do not operate the mixer without having a syringe with fuel in place. The mixer bearings depend on the fuel for lubrication.)

10.4 At the end of the first clean cycle, when the mixer motor stops, press the RESET pushbutton, remove the syringe barrel from the emulsifier, discard the fuel, and drain the syringe thoroughly. Add 50 ± 1 mL of fresh fuel into the syringe and place (see Note 4) the syringe barrel on the emulsifier mount (turn to lock in place). Visually inspect that the syringe barrel is properly aligned concentrically with the mixer shaft and is not touching the propeller. Select Test Mode A by pressing A pushbutton.


FIG. 4 Water Addition

FIG. 5 Emulsification

10.5 Initiate the second CLEAN cycle by pressing the START pushbutton, as designated by the annunciator light.

10.6 Add about 15 to 20 mL of the fuel to be tested into a new vial. Wipe the outside of the vial with a clean, lintless wiper and insert the vial into the turbidimeter well aligning the black mark on the vial with the line on the front panel.

10.7 At the end of the clean cycle, when the mixer motor stops, remove the syringe barrel from the emulsifier, discard the fuel, and drain the syringe thoroughly. Add 50 ± 1 mL of fresh fuel sample into the syringe.

10.7.1 Handle the syringe in such a manner as to minimize warming of the fuel sample by body heat.

10.8 Using a fresh plastic tip on the hand pipet, add 50 μ L of distilled water to the fuel sample as follows: Holding the pipet in hand, give a slight twist to the plastic tip to ensure a tight seal, push in the plunger, immerse the tip just below the water surface, release the plunger, and withdraw from the water slowly to avoid water drops adhering to the outside of the tip. Immerse the tip of the pipet just below the fuel surface in the center of the syringe (Fig. 4) to ensure the water drops break away cleanly and fall to the bottom, push and hold in the plunger, withdraw the pipet, and release the plunger.

10.9 Place the syringe barrel on the emulsifier mount, turning to lock in place.

10.10 With the syringe in place, depress the START pushbutton (Fig. 5) to initiate the automatic portion of the applicable test mode program listed in Table 6. If for any reason it is desired to interrupt the sequence and start over, the RESET pushbutton will cancel the test in progress and reset the program to the beginning of the CLEAN segment of the test cycle.

10.11 The automatic program starts with a read meter indication (four short tones) followed by a 10-s full-scale adjustment period. During this period, the ARROWED pushbuttons will illuminate and can be depressed to adjust the meter to read 100 (Fig. 6). If the adjustment cannot be completed at this time, final adjustment can be accomplished during the second meter adjust period occurring later in the test sequence.

10.12 After the full-scale adjustment period, the mixer motor activates and the emulsion process is initiated.

NOTE 6—A few drops of fuel may seep from the hole in the emulsifier head during the high-speed mixing operation. This should not affect the test results.

10.13 When the mixer stops (after emulsification), remove the syringe barrel from the emulsifier and partially insert the plunger to seal the open end of the syringe. Invert the syringe

(exit hole up), remove the plug, and exhaust the entrapped air in the syringe barrel without significant fuel loss by carefully inserting plunger to the 50-mL mark. (Use a clean wipe over the exit hole to capture the small amounts of fuel which may be extruded as foam.) Affix a new Alumicel coalescer to the end of the syringe barrel.

10.13.1 Place the entire syringe assembly into the syringe drive mechanism (Fig. 7). To minimize the effect of plunger resistance (drag) in the syringe barrel, align the syringe assembly vertically in the syringe drive mechanism with the end of the syringe plunger parallel with pushbar of the syringe drive mechanism. Position a waste container beneath the Alumicel coalescer to collect the unwanted portion of the processed fuel sample during the coalescing period.

10.13.2 Electrically bond Alumicel coalescers to the Micro-Separator to prevent buildup of an electrostatic charge that could result in ignition of flammable test fluids. Each Mark V instrument is furnished with a ground lead that has an alligator clip on one end and a banana plug on the other. Fasten the alligator clip to the Alumicel coalescer and insert the plug in the chassis ground jack (Fig. 7). Other suitable grounding methods may be used for previous models.

10.14 Four short tones will indicate the second meter adjust period. If required, the operator should adjust the meter reading to 100. The syringe drive mechanism will start down at the end of the meter-adjust period forcing the water/fuel emulsion through the Alumicel coalescer (Fig. 7). During this operation, remove the vial from the turbidimeter well and discard the fuel.

10.15 Collect the last 15 mL of fuel sample being processed from the Alumicel coalescer (Fig. 8) when the collect sample annunciator lamp (marked C/S) illuminates and a pulsed tone of short duration sounds. To lessen the amount of air introduced into the fuel during this operation, position the vial at a slight angle and allow the fuel to flow down the inner surface. Remove the vial just prior to when the last amount of sample is expelled from the Alumicel coalescer.

10.16 Wipe the outside of the vial with a clean, lintless wiper to remove any fingerprints and fuel. Place the sample vial into the turbidimeter well aligning the marks on the vial and on the control panel in front of the well. At the end of the settling time (1 min), a steady (4-s duration) tone will alert the operator that the meter is about to activate.

10.17 At the end of the tone, the METER will automatically activate for approximately 10 s.

10.17.1 MSEP ratings are read at the midpoint of the 10-s meter read cycle indicated by a short 1-s tone.