



# Standard Test Method for Dimethylformamide-Insoluble (DMF-I) Content of Tar and Pitch<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the dimethylformamide-insoluble matter (DMF-I) in tar and pitch.

1.2 Since this test method is empirical, strict adherence to all details of the procedure is necessary.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

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.* For specific precautionary information, see Section 7.

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

D 329 Specification for Acetone<sup>2</sup>

D 370 Test Method for Dehydration of Oil-Type Preservatives<sup>3</sup>

D 4072 Test Method for Toluene-Insoluble (TI) Content of Tar and Pitch<sup>4</sup>

D 4296 Practice for Sampling Pitch<sup>4</sup>

E 11 Specification for Wire-Cloth Sieves for Testing Purposes<sup>5</sup>

## 3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 A sample is digested in hot DMF and filtered. Any insoluble matter is washed, dried, and weighed.

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.04.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.10.

<sup>4</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.02.

<sup>5</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method is useful in evaluating and characterizing tars and pitches and as one element in establishing the uniformity of shipments or sources of supply. It is a rapid and reasonably accurate measure of the toluene insoluble (TI) content of tar and pitch Test Method D 4072.

## 5. Apparatus

5.1 *Filtering Crucible*, porcelain, with fine-porosity bottom, 30 to 40-mL capacity, high form, maximum pore diameter 7  $\mu$  m.<sup>6</sup>

5.2 *Filter Apparatus*—Filter flask and tube with crucible adapter.

5.3 *Sieves*, U.S. Standard 600- $\mu$ m (No. 30) and 250- $\mu$ m (No. 60), conforming to Specification E 11.

5.4 *Water Bath*, maintained at 203 to 212°F (95 to 100°C).

## 6. Reagents and Materials

6.1 *Dimethylformamide*, reagent grade, boiling range 4°F (2°C) including 307°F (153°C). Store over a suitable desiccant. Decant immediately before use. If necessary, filter through a plug of glass wool or absorbent cotton until optically clear.

6.2 *Acetone*, meeting Specification D 329.

NOTE 1—**Warning:** Flammable. Health hazard.

6.3 *Concentrated Hydrochloric Acid*.

6.4 *Celite Analytical Filter Aid (CAFA)*—Dry to constant weight at 22°F (105°C) and store in tightly stoppered container.

NOTE 2—Do not use any other grade of filtering medium because porosities differ.

<sup>6</sup> Selas Grade 01, Size No. FC30 or FC40, or equivalent, has been found satisfactory for this purpose.