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1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard specifies methods for the determination of the density or relative density of crude petroleum and of petroleum products handled as liquids.

1.2 The capillary-stoppered pycnometer method is also for use with solids and this method may also be used for coal tar products, including road tars, creosote and tar pitches, or for mixtures of these with petroleum products. This method is not suitable for the determination of the density or relative density of highly volatile liquids having Reid vapour pressures greater than 50 kPa according to ISO 3007 or having an initial boiling point below 40 °C.

1.3 The graduated bicapillary pycnometer method is recommended for the accurate determination of the density or relative density of all except the more viscous products, and is particularly useful when only small amounts of samples are available. The method is restricted to liquids having Reid vapour pressures of 130 kPa or less according to ISO 3007 and having kinematic viscosities less than 50 mm²/s [50 centistokes (cSt)] at the test temperature.

Special precautions are specified for the determination of the density or relative density of highly volatile liquids.

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 91-1:1992, *Petroleum measurement tables — Part 1: Tables based on reference temperatures of 15 °C and 60 °F*

ISO 91-2:1991, *Petroleum measurement tables — Part 2: Tables based on a reference temperature of 20 °C*

ISO 653:1980, *Long solid-stem thermometers for precision use*

ISO 3007:1999, *Petroleum products and crude petroleum — Determination of vapour pressure — Reid method*

ISO 3507:1999, *Laboratory glassware — Pycnometers*

ISO 5024:1999, *Petroleum liquids and liquefied petroleum gases — Measurement — Standard reference conditions*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

density

mass of the substance divided by its volume

NOTE When reporting the density, it is necessary for the unit of density used, together with the temperature, to be explicitly stated, for example kilograms per cubic metre, or grams per millilitre, at t °C.

3.2

apparent mass in air

value obtained by weighing in air against standard masses without making correction for the effect of air buoyancy on either the standard masses or the object weighed

3.3

observed density

value required in order to enter Tables 53A, 53B and 53D, or 59A, 59B and 59D, referred to in ISO 91, determined with soda-lime glass apparatus at a test temperature which differs from the calibration temperature of the apparatus, no correction having been made for the thermal expansion or contraction of the glass

3.4

relative density

ratio of the mass of a volume of a substance at a temperature t_1 to the mass of an equal volume of another substance at a temperature t_2 . The temperatures t_1 and t_2 may be equal. For the purpose of this International Standard, the other substance is water, i.e. the relative density is the ratio of the density of the substance at a temperature t_1 to the density of water at a temperature t_2 .

NOTE When reporting the relative density, it is necessary for the temperatures t_1 and t_2 to be explicitly stated. ISO 91-1 refers to tables for the reduction of relative density to 60/60 °F. If results are required referred to another reference temperature, the determination should be carried out at that temperature.

4 Principle

4.1 Capillary-stoppered pycnometer

The masses of equal volumes of the sample and of water are compared. Equal volumes are ensured by the pycnometer being filled so as to overflow when placed in a bath at the test temperature until equilibrium is reached. The calculation (Clause 10) includes corrections for thermal expansion of glass and for buoyancy.

4.2 Graduated bicapillary pycnometer

The graduated arms of the pycnometer are calibrated, using water, in terms of the apparent mass in air of water contained in the pycnometer, and a graph is prepared. The liquid sample is drawn into the dried pycnometer and, after it has reached equilibrium at the test temperature, the liquid levels are noted and the pycnometer weighed. The apparent mass in air of an equal volume of water is read from the graph and the density or relative density of the sample is calculated, with corrections being made as in 4.1.

5 Apparatus

5.1 **Capillary-stoppered pycnometer**, one of the three types shown in Figure 1 (see 8.1.1).

5.1.1 The pycnometers shall conform to the relevant requirements of ISO 3507.

The “warden” form [see a) in Figure 1] is recommended for all except viscous or solid products and should always be used for volatile products. The ground glass cap, or “warden”, greatly reduces expansion and evaporation losses and this form of pycnometer may be used when the test temperature is lower than that of the laboratory.

5.1.2 The form of pycnometer shown in b) in Figure 1, known as the Gay-Lussac type, is suitable for non-volatile liquids except those of high viscosity.

5.1.3 The wide-mouth (Hubbard) form of pycnometer [see c) in Figure 1] is used for very viscous liquids and solids.

5.1.4 As the forms of pycnometer shown in b) and c) in Figure 1 have no “warden” or expansion chamber, they cannot be used when the temperature of the test is so far below that of the laboratory as to cause loss of sample by expansion through the capillary during weighing.

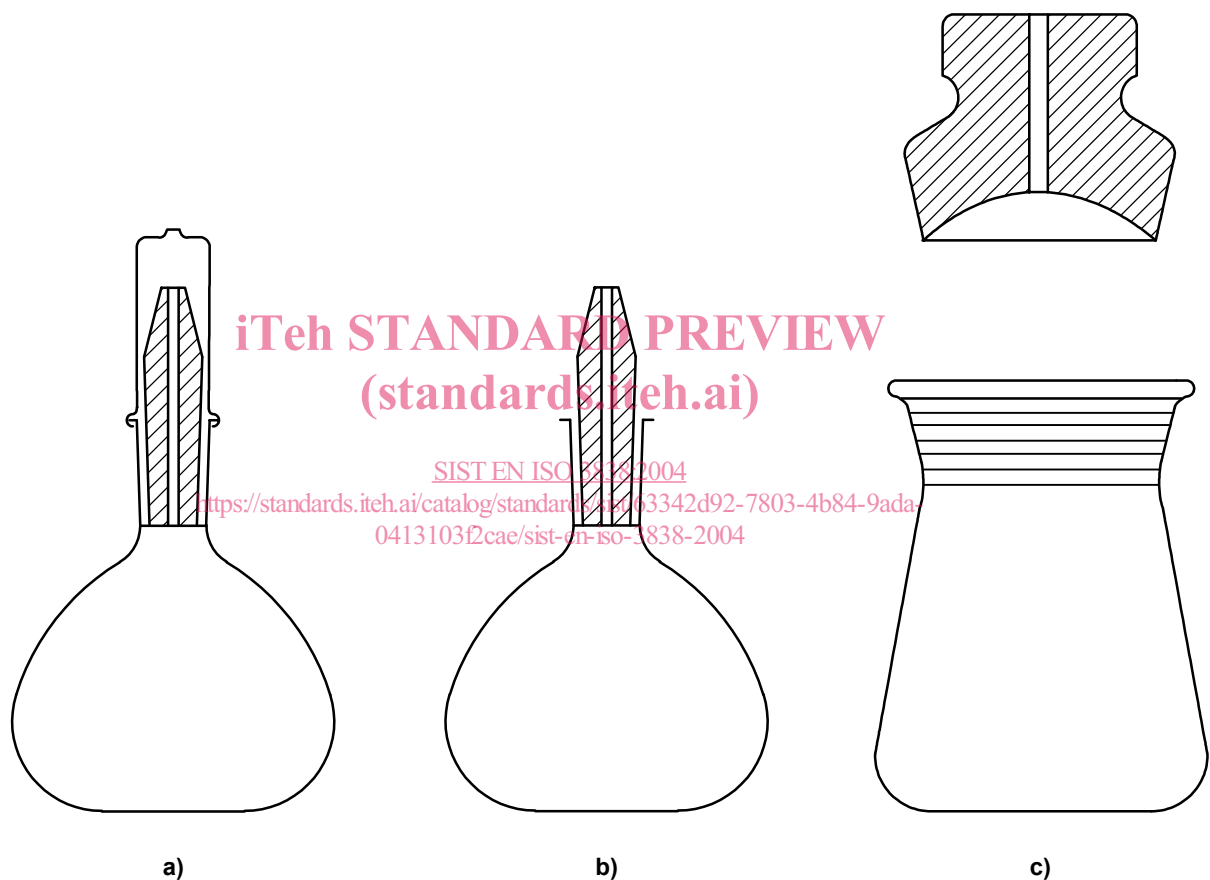


Figure 1 — Capillary-stoppered pycnometers

5.2 Graduated bicapillary pycnometer, capacity 1 ml to 10 ml, conforming to the dimensions given in Figure 2 and the characteristics given in Table 1, constructed of borosilicate glass or soda-lime glass, annealed after manufacture, and having a total mass not exceeding 30 g. Any pycnometer conforming with the requirements of the Lipkin pycnometer given in ISO 3507 may be used.