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## Standard Test Methods for Fatty Acids Content of Naval Stores, Including Rosin, Tall Oil, and Related Products<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the determination of the fatty acids of naval stores, including rosin, tall oil, and related products.

1.2 These test methods may not be applicable to adducts or derivatives of rosin or other naval stores products.

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:*<sup>2</sup>

D465 Test Methods for Acid Number of Naval Stores Products Including Tall Oil and Other Related Products

D803 Test Methods for Testing Tall Oil

D890 Test Method for Water in Liquid Naval Stores

D1065 Test Method for Unsaponifiable Matter in Naval Stores, Including Rosin, Tall Oil, and Related Products

D1240 Test Methods for Rosin Acids Content of Naval Stores, Including Rosin, Tall Oil, and Related Products

E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods

E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

### 3. Summary of Test Methods

3.1 The rosin acids content is determined using either the modified potentiometric Wolfe Method or the modified indica-

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

tor Wolfe Method described in Test Methods D1240. Rosin acids are calculated as abietic acid.

3.2 The acid number is determined by either the potentiometric or the indicator method in accordance with Test Methods D465.

3.3 The unsaponifiable matter is determined in accordance with the methods described in Test Method D1065.

3.4 The fatty acids are calculated by two methods.

3.4.1 For materials with a fatty acid content less than 5 %, fatty acid content is calculated from the rosin acids content and the acid number.

3.4.2 For materials with a fatty acid content greater than 5 %, fatty acid content is calculated from the rosin acids and unsaponifiables content.

3.5 The same method for end point detection, either potentiometric or indicator, should be used for acid number, unsaponifiables, and rosin acids content determination, in order to avoid slight variables that might occur.

3.6 Since the fatty acids remaining in tall oil rosin, tall oil, and other naval stores products consist of oleic acid with varying amounts of other saturated and unsaturated acids, it has become customary to calculate and report the fatty acid content as oleic acid. <http://www.astm.org/standards/D1585-96>

### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 These test methods are designed to broaden the scope of the previous edition of these test methods by the inclusion of tall oil as a test material. Test Methods D803 currently includes methods for the determination of the rosin acid and fatty acid content of crude tall oil. Test Methods D803 references Test Method D1585.

4.2 Rosin and tall oil are composed primarily of rosin acids and fatty acids, and the measurement of these components is important in establishing the composition of these materials.

### 5. Purity of Reagents

5.1 Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical