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# Standard Practice for Calibrating Oil Spill Dispersant Application Equipment Boom and Nozzle Systems<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers uniform procedures for determining and reporting the dosage rate of oil spill dispersant application equipment.

1.2 This practice is applicable to spray systems employing booms and nozzles and is not fully applicable to other systems such as fire monitors, sonic distributors, or fan-spray guns.

1.3 This practice is applicable to systems for use on ships or boats and helicopters or airplanes.

1.4 This practice is one of four related to dispersant application systems using booms and nozzles. One is on design, one on calibration, one on deposition, and one on the use of the systems. Familiarity with all four standards is recommended.

1.5 *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>  
[F1413 Guide for Oil Spill Dispersant Application Equipment: Boom and Nozzle Systems](#)

## 3. Significance and Use

3.1 This practice will enable calibration of oil spill dispersant application equipment and ensure a desired dosage and uniformity across the swath width.

3.2 The data provided by the methods described herein will permit the preparation of a chart relating delivery rate with

application vehicle speed, flow meter reading or pump setting so that in actual application, the desired dosage will be achieved.

3.3 This practice will ensure that a dispersant application system is functional, capable of delivering a specified dosage, and that major components are operational. This will also ensure that the unit is functioning according to design specifications as detailed in Guide [F1413](#).

## 4. Apparatus and Materials

4.1 *Pails*—of capacity 7 to 20 L (2 to 5 U.S. gal) to catch the spray from the nozzles.

4.2 *Graduated Cylinder*— of capacity 7 to 20 L or a scale having capacity of at least 20 kg (45 lbs) to determine the amount of fluid in each pail. Commercial equipment with an accuracy of at least 1 % is adequate.

4.3 *Stopwatch*.

4.4 *Test Fluid*—Water can be used as a test fluid if the viscosity of the dispersant to be used is not dissimilar to the viscosity of water. A surrogate fluid should be used if the viscosity difference is greater than approximately 100 times that of water. This can occur with more viscous dispersants or at low temperatures. The surrogate fluid could be water with the appropriate amount of thickener.

4.5 A continuing supply of water or test fluid, enough to run the system during the test period, must be available. Tank truck quantities may be required.

4.6 *Auxiliary Power Units*, where required.

4.7 *Thermometer*, to measure the temperature of test fluid.

4.8 *Flowmeter*—A flowmeter should be incorporated into the delivery system to measure the total flow out to the booms and nozzles.

## 5. Calibration Procedure

5.1 *Synopsis*—The calibration procedure is done in four steps. The first step is equipment inspection. Any defects are corrected before further calibration. The second step is the calibration of the flow meter. The third step is calibration of the unit by catching water spray from each nozzle. The fourth step is the preparation of a calibration curve.

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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.