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Standard Test Method for Semiquantitative Micro Determination of Acid Number of Lubricating Oils During Oxidation Testing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is a semiquantitative micro method intended for monitoring the changes in acidic constituents occurring in lubricating oils during oxidation testing, when the acid number of such oils falls within the range from 0.02 to 1.0 mg of potassium hydroxide per gram of sample. It is applicable to such oils as turbine oils, hydraulic oils, and other circulating oils.

NOTE 1—This test method is a micro version of Test Method D974 and it produces results similar to that method.

1.2 This test method is designed for use where sample size is limited. It shall not be used as a replacement for higher precision methods such as Test Methods D974 or D664. It shall not be used to monitor oils in-service.

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

D664 Test Method for Acid Number of Petroleum Products by Potentiometric Titration

D943 Test Method for Oxidation Characteristics of Inhibited Mineral Oils

D974 Test Method for Acid and Base Number by Color-Indicator Titration

D3339 Test Method for Acid Number of Petroleum Products by Semi-Micro Color Indicator Titration

D4871 Guide for Universal Oxidation/Thermal Stability Test Apparatus

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *acid number, n*—the quantity of base, expressed in milligrams of potassium hydroxide per gram of sample, that is required to titrate a sample dissolved in a specified solvent to a specified endpoint.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—In this test method, the acid number is calculated from the number of drops required to produce a change in solution color from blue-green to orange, compared to the number of drops required to produce an identical color change using a reference standard. Because this is a direct comparison method, the acid number value can be reported in milligrams of potassium hydroxide per gram of sample.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A 2.0-mL portion of the titration solution is titrated with a sample using a dropping pipet. The number of drops of sample required to turn the blue-green titration solution to a persistent orange color is noted.

4.2 A second 2.0-mL portion of the titration solution is titrated with an acid number reference solution of known acid number. The number of drops of the reference solution required to turn the blue-green titration solution to a persistent orange color is noted.

4.3 The estimated acid number of the sample is calculated using the acid number of the reference solution and the ratio of the number of drops of the reference solution required to effect the color change to the number of drops of the sample required for the same change.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method provides a semiquantitative estimate of the acid number of lubricating oils obtained from laboratory oxidation tests using smaller amounts of sample than Test Methods D974, D664, or D3339. It has specific application in Test Method D943 and in Test Method D4871. This test method, therefore, provides a means of monitoring the relative

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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.