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## Standard Test Method for Determination of Organically Combined Sulfuric Anhydride by Titration, Test Method A<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the organically combined sulfuric anhydride existing in a sample of sulfated oil by boiling the sample with sulfuric acid and determining the acidity of the reaction mixture. This test method is applicable only to oils that split off their combined  $\text{SO}_3$  upon boiling with mineral acids and that do not contain compounds that cannot be accurately titrated in water solution with methyl orange as the indicator. This test method was derived from Test Methods D 500, Sections 15 through 19.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are provided for information only.

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:

D 500 Test Methods of Chemical Analysis of Sulfonated and Sulfated Oils<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Significance and Use

3.1 This test method is intended for the determination of organically combined sulfuric anhydride in sulfated oils.

### 4. Apparatus

4.1 The apparatus required consists of a glass flask provided with a glass stopper and an air condenser. The connection between the flask and the condenser shall be a ground joint. Perforated glass beads shall be used to prevent bumping.

4.1.1 *Flask*, an Erlenmeyer flask (Fig. 1) made of borosilicate glass, having a capacity of approximately 300 mL and provided with a glass stopper.

4.1.2 *Condenser*—The condenser required consists of a glass tube, 915 mm (36 in.) in length, and 8 mm ( $\frac{5}{16}$  in.) in outside diameter. The lower end of the tube shall be flared and ground to fit the mouth of the Erlenmeyer flask.

4.1.3 *Glass Beads*, perforated glass beads, made of chemically resistant glass, approximately 4 mm ( $\frac{5}{32}$  in.) in diameter. Before using, the glass beads shall be boiled thoroughly in several portions of water or until the wash water reacts neutral to methyl orange indicator.

### 5. Reagents

5.1 *Ethyl Ether*.

5.2 *Methyl Orange Indicator Solution* (1 g/L)—Dissolve 0.1 g of methyl orange in 100 mL of water.

5.3 *Sodium Chloride* (NaCl), solid.

5.4 *Sodium Hydroxide, Standard Solution* (1 N)—Accurately prepare and standardize a 1 N sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution. Express the strength or concentration of the solution as milligrams of KOH per millilitre; 1 mL of 1 N NaOH solution is equivalent to 56.1 mg of KOH.

5.5 *Sodium Hydroxide, Standard Solution* (0.5 N)—Accurately prepare and standardize a 0.5 N NaOH solution. Express the strength of the solution as milligrams of KOH per millilitre; 1 mL of 0.5 N NaOH solution is equivalent to 28.05 mg of KOH.

5.6 *Sulfuric Acid, Standard* (0.5 N)—Accurately prepare and standardize a 0.5 N sulfuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) solution. Express the strength of the solution as milligrams of KOH per millilitre; 1 mL of 0.5 N  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is equivalent to 28.05 mg of KOH.

5.7 *Sulfuric Acid* (1+19)—Carefully mix one volume of concentrated sulfuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , sp gr 1.84) into 19 volumes of water while stirring.

### 6. Procedure

6.1 The procedure consists of two determinations: namely, (1) the alkalinity of the sample, designated as *A*, and (2) the increase in acidity after boiling the sample with sulfuric acid, designated as *F*.

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.04.