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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 12156-1:2006), which has been technically revised. Details of the major changes (additions, modifications and deletions) agreed by the committee, and which affect the performance of the products or the technical requirements applicable to the products, are provided for information in Annex B.

ISO 12156 consists of the following parts, under the general title Diesel fuel — Assessment of lubricity using the high-frequency reciprocating rig (HFRR):

- Part 1: Test method
- Part 2: Limit

Introduction

All diesel fuel injection equipment has some reliance on diesel fuel as a lubricant. Wear due to excessive friction resulting in shortened life of engine components, such as diesel fuel injection pumps and injectors, has sometimes been ascribed to lack of lubricity in the fuel.

The relationship of test results to diesel injection equipment component distress due to wear has been demonstrated for some fuel/hardware combinations where boundary lubrication is a factor in the operation of the component¹.

Test results from fuels tested to this procedure have been found to correlate with many fuel/hardware combinations and provide an adequate prediction of the lubricating quality of the fuel. The correlation of paraffinic fuels and biodiesel blends has been validated through 15 years of field experience and anecdotal data.

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¹ Nikanjam, M., Crosby, T., Henderson, P., Gray, C., Meyer, K., and Davenport, N., "ISO Diesel Fuel Round Robin Program," SAE Technical Paper No. 952372, 1995, doi:10.4271/952372.

Diesel fuel — Assessment of lubricity using the high-frequency reciprocating rig (HFRR) — Part 1: Test method

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 12156 specifies a test method using the high-frequency reciprocating rig (HFRR), for assessing the lubricating property of diesel fuels, including those fuels which may contain a lubricity-enhancing additive. It defines two methods for measurement of the wear scar; Method “A” - Digital Camera, and Method “B” - Visual Observation.

This test method applies to fuels used in diesel engines.

NOTE It is not known if this test method will predict the performance of all additive/fuel combinations, including paraffinic fuels for which no additional correlation testing has been performed. Nevertheless, no data has been presented to suggest that such fuels are not within scope.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 683-17, *Heat-treated steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels — Part 17: Ball and roller bearing steels*

ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids – Manual sampling*

ISO 3171, *Petroleum liquids – Automatic pipeline sampling*

ISO 3290, *Roller bearings — Balls — Dimensions and tolerances*

ISO 4288, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) – Surface texture: Profile method – Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture*

ISO 5272, *Toluene for industrial use - Specifications*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials — Vickers hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials — Rockwell hardness test — Part 1: Test method (scales A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, N, T)*

ASTM D4306, *Practice for Aviation Fuel Sample Containers for Tests Affected by Trace Contamination*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

boundary lubrication

condition in which the friction and wear between two surfaces in relative motion are determined by the properties of the surfaces and the properties of the contacting fluid, other than bulk viscosity

Note 1 to entry: Metal to metal contact occurs and the chemistry of the system is involved. Physically adsorbed or chemically reacted soft films (usually very thin) support contact loads. As a result, some wear is inevitable.

3.2

lubricity

qualitative term describing the ability of a fluid to affect friction between, and wear to, surfaces in relative motion under load

Note 1 to entry: In this test method, the lubricity of a fluid is evaluated by the wear scar, measured in micrometres, produced on an oscillating ball from contact with a stationary disk immersed in the fluid operating under closely controlled conditions.

3.3

wear scar diameter

WSD

mean diameter of the wear scar produced on the test ball

4 Principle

A sample of the fluid under test is placed in a test reservoir which is maintained at the specified test temperature. A fixed steel ball is held in a vertically mounted chuck and forced against a horizontally mounted stationary steel plate with an applied load. The test ball is oscillated at a fixed frequency and stroke length while the interface with the plate is fully immersed in the fluid. The metallurgies of the ball and plate, test fluid temperature, load, frequency, stroke length, and the ambient air conditions of temperature and humidity during the test are specified. The wear scar generated on the test ball is taken as a measure of the fluid lubricity.

5 Reagents and materials

5.1 Compressed air, if required for drying the equipment (8.1.2), supplied at a pressure of 140 kPa to 210 kPa and containing less than 0,1 ml/m³ hydrocarbons and less than 50 ml/m³ water.

WARNING — Use with extreme caution in the presence of combustible material.

5.2 Acetone, analytical reagent grade.

WARNING — Extremely flammable. Vapours may cause flash fire.

5.3 Reference fluids²

WARNING — Flammable.

Two reference fluids, Fluid “A” – High (Good) Lubricity Reference and Fluid “B” – Low (Poor) Lubricity Reference, produced in accordance with ISO Guide 34 and ISO Guide 35, shall be used for verifying the performance of the test apparatus. They shall be clearly marked with the HFRR value (WSD) and its expanded uncertainty, expressed in micrometres. Store reference fluids in clean, borosilicate glass with an aluminium foil-lined insert cap or fully epoxy-lined metal container. Store in a dark location.

5.4 **Gloves**, appropriate for the reagents used.

5.5 **Heptane**, reagent grade

WARNING — Extremely flammable. Vapours may cause flash fire.

5.6 **Isooctane**, reagent grade

WARNING — Extremely flammable. Vapours may cause flash fire.

5.7 **2-propanol**, reagent grade

WARNING — Extremely flammable. Vapours may cause flash fire.

5.8 **Wiper**, wiping tissue, light-duty, lint-free, hydrocarbon-free, disposable

5.9 **Toluene**, in accordance with ISO 5272

WARNING — Extremely flammable. Vapours may cause flash fire. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways. May cause drowsiness or dizziness. Suspected of damaging the unborn child. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

6 Apparatus

6.1 **Test apparatus**³, (see Figure 1), capable of engaging a steel ball loaded against a stationary steel plate with an applied load and oscillating at a fixed frequency and stroke length while the contact interface is fully immersed in a fluid according to the test conditions given in Table 1.

The fluid reservoir shall be capable of holding a test plate in a rigid manner and shall also contain the test fluid. The temperature of this reservoir, and consequently the test fluid contained in it, should be achieved by means of an electrically controlled heater pad to which the fluid reservoir is closely attached.

² Reference Fluids A and B are available from ASTM Monitoring Center, 6555 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15026-4489 USA. This information is given for the convenience of users of this part of ISO 12156 and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of the products named. Equivalent products may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.

³ HFRR units, HFR2, supplied by PCS Instruments, 78 Stanley Gardens, London W3 7SZ, U.K., have been found satisfactory. This information is given for the convenience of users of this part of ISO 12156 and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of these products. Equivalent products may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.