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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 28, *Petroleum products and related products of synthetic or biological origin*.

This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 5165:2017), which has been technically revised. It is aligned with ASTM D613 at the time of publication.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- introduction of requirements for primary reference fuels, secondary reference fuels and check fuels;
- introduction of a new low cetane primary reference fuel, pentamethylheptane (PMH), as an alternative to heptamethylnonane (HMN);
- new reporting requirements.





# Petroleum products — Determination of the ignition quality of diesel fuels — Cetane engine method

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## 1 Scope

This document establishes the rating of diesel fuel oil in terms of an arbitrary scale of cetane numbers (CNs) using a standard single cylinder, four-stroke cycle, variable compression ratio, indirect injected diesel engine. The CN provides a measure of the ignition characteristics of diesel fuel oil in compression ignition engines. The CN is determined at constant speed in a pre-combustion chamber-type compression ignition test engine. However, the relationship of test engine performance to full scale, variable speed and variable load engines is not completely understood.

This document is applicable for the entire scale range from 0 CN to 100 CN but typical testing is in the range of 30 CN to 65 CN. An interlaboratory study executed by CEN in 2013 (10 samples in the range 52,4 CN to 73,8 CN)<sup>[4]</sup> confirmed that paraffinic diesel from synthesis or hydrotreatment, containing up to a volume fraction of 7 % fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) can be tested by this test method and that the precision is comparable to conventional fuels.

This test can be used for unconventional fuels such as synthetics, vegetable oils, etc. However, the relationship to the performance of such materials in full scale engines is not completely understood.

Samples with fluid properties that interfere with the gravity flow of fuel to the fuel pump or delivery through the injector nozzle are not suitable for rating by this method.

**NOTE** This document specifies operating conditions in SI units but engine measurements are specified in inch-pound units because these are the historical units used in the manufacture of the equipment, and thus some references in this document include these units in parenthesis.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 3171, *Petroleum liquids — Automatic pipeline sampling*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4787, *Laboratory glassware — Volumetric instruments — Methods for testing of capacity and for use*

ASTM D613, *Standard Test Method for Cetane Number of Diesel Fuel Oil*

ASTM D3703, *Test Method for Hydroperoxide Number of Aviation Turbine Fuels, Gasoline and Diesel Fuels*

ASTM E832-81, *Standard Specification for Laboratory Filter Papers*

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### 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

**3.1**  
**cetane number**  
**CN**  
 measure of the ignition performance of a diesel fuel oil obtained by comparing it to reference fuels in a standardized engine test

Note 1 to entry: Ignition performance is understood to mean the *ignition delay* (3.3) of the fuel as determined when the standard test engine is operated under controlled conditions of fuel flow rate, *injection timing* (3.4) and *compression ratio* (3.2).

**3.2**  
**compression ratio**  
 ratio of the volume of the combustion chamber including the pre-combustion chamber with the piston at bottom-dead-centre (b.d.c.) to the comparable volume with the piston at top-dead-centre (t.d.c.)

**3.3**  
**ignition delay**  
 period of time between the start of fuel injection and the start of combustion expressed in degrees of crank angle rotation

**3.4**  
**injection timing**  
 injection advance  
 time in the combustion cycle at which fuel injection into the combustion chamber is initiated expressed in degrees of crank angle

**3.5**  
**handwheel reading**  
 arbitrary numerical value, related to *compression ratio* (3.2), obtained from a micrometer scale that indicates the position of the variable compression plug in the pre-combustion chamber of the engine

**3.6**  
**cetane meter**  
 ignition delay meter  
 electronic instrument which displays *injection timing* (3.4) and *ignition delay* (3.3) derived from input pulses of multiple transducers (pickups)

Note 1 to entry: Three generations of apparatus have been approved for use as cetane meters. These are (with the year of introduction in parenthesis) the Mark II Ignition Delay Meter (1974), the Dual Digital Cetane Meter (1990) and the XCP Cetane Panel (2014).

**3.7**  
**injector nozzle opening pressure**  
 fuel pressure that overcomes the resistance of the spring which normally holds the injector nozzle pintle closed, and thus forces the pintle to lift and release an injection spray from the nozzle

**3.8**  
**reference pickup**  
 transducers or optical sensors mounted over the flywheel of the engine, triggered by a flywheel pointer, used to establish a top-dead-centre (t.d.c.) reference and a time base for calibration of the *cetane meter* (3.6)

**3.9****injector pickup**

transducer to detect motion of the injector pintle, thereby indicating the beginning of injection

**3.10****combustion pickup**

pressure transducer exposed to cylinder pressure to indicate the start of combustion

**3.11****primary reference fuel****PRF**

hexadecane (*n*-cetane), heptamethylnonane (HMN), pentamethylheptane (PMH) and volumetrically proportioned binary mixture of *n*-cetane with either HMN or PMH

Note 1 to entry: These PRFs now define the cetane number (CN) scale by the relationships given in the following formulas:

$$CN = \%cetane + 0,15(\%HMN) \quad (1)$$

$$CN = \%cetane + 0,163(\%PMH) \quad (2)$$

Note 2 to entry: Alphamethylnaphthalene (1-methylnaphthalene), in its pure form, was originally defined as 0 and *n*-cetane (hexadecane) as 100 for the CN scale. With blends of the two chemicals being used for the intervening values, alphamethylnaphthalene was subsequently replaced in 1962 by heptamethylnonane as the low reference material, with an assigned value of 15, as it was more readily available and experience had shown that it had better storage stability. Pentamethylheptane, a second low cetane ingredient as an alternative to heptamethylnonane with an assigned value of 16,3, was introduced in 2018 to utilize a material of higher purity and better availability.

**3.12****secondary reference fuel****SRF**

volumetrically proportioned blend of two selected, numbered and paired hydrocarbon mixtures designated "T fuel" (high CN) and "U fuel" (low CN) where each numbered paired set of "T fuel" and "U fuel" is rated by the ASTM Diesel National Exchange Group (NEG) in various combinations by comparison to *primary reference fuel* (3.11) blends

**3.13****check fuel**

diesel fuel oil having a *cetane number* (3.1) value determined by an interlaboratory comparison which provides a guide for an individual laboratory to check the cetane rating performance of a specific engine unit

**4 Principle**

The CN of a diesel fuel oil is determined by comparing its combustion characteristics in a test engine with those for blends of reference fuels of known CN under standard operating conditions. This is accomplished using the bracketing handwheel procedure, which varies the compression ratio (handwheel reading) for the sample and each of two bracketing reference fuels to obtain a specific ignition delay permitting the interpolation of CN in terms of handwheel reading.

**5 Reagents and reference materials****5.1 Cylinder jacket coolant**, water conforming to grade 3 of ISO 3696.

Water shall be used in the cylinder jacket for laboratory locations where the resultant boiling temperature is  $100\text{ °C} \pm 2\text{ °C}$  ( $212\text{ °F} \pm 3\text{ °F}$ ). Water with commercial glycol-based antifreeze added in