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Standard Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuels[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers the use of purchasing agencies in formulating specifications for purchases of aviation turbine fuel under contract.

1.2 This specification defines specific types of aviation turbine fuel for civil use in the operation and certification of aircraft and describes fuels found satisfactory for the operation of aircraft and engines. The specification can be used as a standard in describing the quality of aviation turbine fuels from the refinery to the aircraft.

1.3 This specification does not include all fuels satisfactory for aviation turbine engines. Certain equipment or conditions of use may permit a wider, or require a narrower, range of characteristics than is shown by this specification.

1.4 Aviation turbine fuels defined by this specification may be used in other than turbine engines that are specifically designed and certified for this fuel.

1.5 This specification no longer includes wide-cut aviation turbine fuel (Jet B). FAA has issued a Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin which now approves the use of Specification D 6615 to replace Specification D 1655 as the specification for Jet B and refers users to this standard for reference.

1.6 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

D 56 Test Method for Flash Point by Tag Closed Cup Tester
D 86 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure
D 93 Test Methods for Flash Point by Pensky-Martens Closed Cup Tester
D 129 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products (General Bomb Method)
D 130 Test Method for Corrosiveness to Copper from Petroleum Products by Copper Strip Test
D 156 Test Method for Saybolt Color of Petroleum Products (Saybolt Chromometer Method)
D 240 Test Method for Heat of Combustion of Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels by Bomb Calorimeter
D 323 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Reid Method)
D 381 Test Method for Gum Content in Fuels by Jet Evaporation
D 445 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)
D 1094 Test Method for Water Reaction of Aviation Fuels
D 1266 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products (Lamp Method)
D 1298 Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method
D 1319 Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Liquid Petroleum Products by Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption
D 1322 Test Method for Smoke Point of Kerosine and Aviation Turbine Fuel
D 1405 Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
D 1660 Method of Test for Thermal Stability of Aviation Turbine Fuels[3]
D 1840 Test Method for Naphthalene Hydrocarbons in Aviation Turbine Fuels by Ultraviolet Spectrophotometry
D 2276 Test Method for Particulate Contaminant in Aviation Fuel by Line Sampling

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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.

[3] Withdrawn.

***A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.**

D 2386 Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels
D 2622 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
D 2624 Test Methods for Electrical Conductivity of Aviation and Distillate Fuels
D 2887 Test Method for Boiling Range Distribution of Petroleum Fractions by Gas Chromatography
D 2892 Test Method for Distillation of Crude Petroleum (15-Theoretical Plate Column)
D 3120 Test Method for Trace Quantities of Sulfur in Light Liquid Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Oxidative Microcoulometry
D 3227 Test Method for (Thiol Mercaptan) Sulfur in Gasoline, Kerosine, Aviation Turbine, and Distillate Fuels (Potentiometric Method)
D 3240 Test Method for Undissolved Water In Aviation Turbine Fuels
D 3241 Test Method for Thermal Oxidation Stability of Aviation Turbine Fuels (JFTOT Procedure)
D 3242 Test Method for Acidity in Aviation Turbine Fuel
D 3338 Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
D 3343 Test Method for Estimation of Hydrogen Content of Aviation Fuels
D 3701 Test Method for Hydrogen Content of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Low Resolution Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometry
D 3828 Test Methods for Flash Point by Small Scale Closed Cup Tester
D 3948 Test Method for Determining Water Separation Characteristics of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Portable Separometer
D 4052 Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter
D 4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products
D 4171 Specification for Fuel System Icing Inhibitors
D 4176 Test Method for Free Water and Particulate Contamination in Distillate Fuels (Visual Inspection Procedures)
D 4294 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
D 4306 Practice for Aviation Fuel Sample Containers for Tests Affected by Trace Contamination
D 4529 Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
D 4809 Test Method for Heat of Combustion of Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels by Bomb Calorimeter (Precision Method)
D 4865 Guide for Generation and Dissipation of Static Electricity in Petroleum Fuel Systems
D 4952 Test Method for Qualitative Analysis for Active Sulfur Species in Fuels and Solvents (Doctor Test)
D 4953 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Gasoline and Gasoline-Oxygenate Blends (Dry Method)
D 5001 Test Method for Measurement of Lubricity of Aviation Turbine Fuels by the Ball-on-Cylinder Lubricity Evaluator (BOCLE)
D 5006 Test Method for Measurement of Fuel System Icing Inhibitors (Ether Type) in Aviation Fuels
D 5190 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Automatic Method)
D 5191 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method)
D 5452 Test Method for Particulate Contamination in Aviation Fuels by Laboratory Filtration
D 5453 Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Light Hydrocarbons, Spark Ignition Engine Fuel, Diesel Engine Fuel, and Engine Oil by Ultraviolet Fluorescence
D 5972 Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Phase Transition Method)
D 6045 Test Method for Color of Petroleum Products by the Automatic Tristimulus Method
D 6379 Test Method for Determination of Aromatic Hydrocarbon Types in Aviation Fuels and Petroleum DistillatesHigh Performance Liquid Chromatography Method with Refractive Index Detection
D 6469 Guide for Microbial Contamination in Fuels and Fuel Systems
D 6615 Specification for Jet B Wide-Cut Aviation Turbine Fuel
D 7153 Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Laser Method)
D 7154 Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Fiber Optical Method)
D 7566 Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuels Containing Synthesized Hydrocarbons
E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

2.2 *Energy Institute Standards:*[4]
IP 225 Copper Content of Aviation Turbine Fuel
IP 227 Silver Corrosion of Aviation Turbine Fuel
IP 540 Determination of the existent gum content of aviation turbine fuel — Jet evaporation method

2.3 *ANSI Standard:*[5]
ANSI 863 Report of Test Results

2.4 ~~*Other Standard:*~~ *Other Standards:*
~~Defence Standard91-91 Issue 5(DERD 2494) Turbine Fuel, Aviation Kerosine Type, Jet A-1~~ Defence Standard 91-91 (DERD

[4] Available from Energy Institute, 61 New Cavendish St., London, WIG 7AR, U.K.
[5] Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

2494) Turbine Fuel, Aviation Kerosine Type, Jet A-1[6]
IATA Guidance Material on Microbiological Contamination in Aircraft Fuel Tanks Ref. No: 9680-02[7]

3. General

3.1 This specification, unless otherwise provided, prescribes the required properties of aviation turbine fuel at the time and place of delivery.

4. Classification

4.1 Two types of aviation turbine fuels are provided, as follows:

4.1.1 *Jet A and Jet A-1*—Relatively high flash point distillates of the kerosine type.

4.2 Jet A and Jet A-1 represent two grades of kerosine fuel that differ in freezing point. Other grades would be suitably identified.

4.3 This specification previously cited the requirements for Jet B. Requirements for Jet B fuel now appear in Specification D 6615.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 ~~Aviation turbine fuel, except as otherwise specified in this specification, shall consist of refined hydrocarbons derived from conventional sources including crude oil, natural gas liquid condensates, heavy oil, shale oil, and oil sands. The use of jet fuel blends, containing components from other sources, are only permitted on a specific, individual basis (see~~ Aviation turbine fuel, except as otherwise specified in this specification, shall consist of refined hydrocarbons (see Note 1) derived from conventional sources including crude oil, natural gas liquid condensates, heavy oil, shale oil, and oil sands. The use of jet fuel blends containing components from other sources are permitted only on a specific, individual basis. For example, components derived from synthesis gas and Fischer-Tropsch processing are approved in principle as being fit for purpose, but they are currently only on a specific, individual basis (see Annex A1~~).~~).

NOTE 1—Conventionally refined jet fuel contains trace levels of materials that are not hydrocarbons, including organosulfur and nitrogenous compounds.

5.1.1 Fuels used in certified engines and aircraft are ultimately approved by the certifying authority subsequent to formal submission of evidence to the authority as part of the type certification program for that aircraft and engine model. Additives to be used as supplements to an approved fuel must also be similarly approved on an individual basis (see X1.2.4 and X1.10.1).

5.2 *Additives*—May be added to each type of aviation turbine fuel in the amount and of the composition specified in Table 2 or the following list of approved material:

5.2.1 Other additives are permitted under 5.1 and 7.1. These include fuel system icing inhibitor, other antioxidants, inhibitors, and special purpose additives. The quantities and types must be declared by the fuel supplier and agreed to by the purchaser. Only additives approved by the aircraft certifying authority are permitted in the fuel on which an aircraft is operated.

5.2.1.1 Biocidal additives are available for controlled usage. Where such an additive is used in the fuel, the approval status of the additive and associated conditions must be checked for the specific aircraft and engines to be operated.

5.2.1.2 *Fuel System Icing Inhibitor* :

(1) Diethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether (DiEGME), conforming to the requirements of Specification D 4171, Type III, may be used in concentrations of 0.10 to 0.15 volume %.

(2) Test Method D 5006 may be used to determine the concentration of DiEGME in aviation fuels.

5.3 Guidance material is presented in Appendix X2 concerning the need to control processing additives in jet fuel production.

6. Detailed Requirements

6.1 The aviation turbine fuel shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 1.

6.2 Test results shall not exceed the maximum or be less than the minimum values specified in Table 1. No allowance shall be made for the precision of the test methods. To determine conformance to the specification requirement, a test result may be rounded to the same number of significant figures as in Table 1 using Practice E 29. Where multiple determinations are made, the average result, rounded in accordance with Practice E 29, shall be used.

7. Workmanship, Finish and Appearance

7.1 The aviation turbine fuel specified in this specification shall be visually free of undissolved water, sediment, and suspended matter. The odor of the fuel shall not be nauseating or irritating. No substance of known dangerous toxicity under usual conditions of handling and use shall be present, except as permitted in this specification.

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[6] Available from Procurement Executive DFS (Air), Ministry of Defence, St. Giles Court 1, St. Giles High St., London WC2H 8LD.

[7] ~~Supporting data (Guidelines for Approval or Disapproval of Additives) have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR: D02-1125.~~

[7] Available from International Air Transport Association (IATA), (Head Office) 800 Place Victoria, PO Box 113, Montreal, H4Z 1M1, Quebec, Canada. www.iataonline.com.

TABLE 1 Detailed Requirements of Aviation Turbine Fuels[A]

Property		Jet A or Jet A-1	ASTM Test Method[B]
COMPOSITION			
Acidity, total mg KOH/g	max	0.10	D 3242
1. Aromatics, vol %	max	25	D 1319
2. Aromatics, vol %	max	26.5	D 6379
Sulfur, mercaptan,[C] mass %	max	0.003	D 3227
Sulfur, total mass %	max	0.30	D 1266, D 2622, D 4294, or D 5453
VOLATILITY			
~~Distillation: one of the following requirements shall be met.~~			
Distillation temperature, °C:			
~~1. Physical Distillation~~			D 86[D]
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~~Distillation temperature, °C:~~			
10 % recovered, temperature	max	205	
50 % recovered, temperature		report	
90 % recovered, temperature		report	
Final boiling point, temperature	max	300	
Distillation residue, %	max	1.5	
Distillation loss, %	max	1.5	
~~2. Simulated Distillation~~			~~D 2887~~
~~Distillation temperature, °C~~			
~~10% recovered, temperature~~	~~max~~	~~185~~	
~~50 % recovered, temperature~~		~~report~~	
~~90 % recovered, temperature~~		~~report~~	
~~Final boiling point, temperature~~	~~max~~	~~340~~	
Flash point, °C	min	38[E]	D 56 or D 3828[F]
Flash point, °C	min	38[F]	D 56 or D 3828[G]
Density at 15°C, kg/m^3		775 to 840	D 1298 or D 4052
FLUIDITY			
~~Freezing point, °C~~	~~max~~	~~–40 Jet A[G]~~	~~D 5972, D 7153, D 7154, or D 2386~~
Freezing point, °C	max	–40 Jet A[H] ~~–47 Jet A-1[G]~~ –47 Jet A-1[H]	D 5972, D 7153, D 7154, or D 2386
~~Viscosity –20°C, mm^2/s[H]~~	~~max~~	~~8.0~~	~~D 445~~
Viscosity –20°C, mm^2/s[I]	max	8.0	D 445
COMBUSTION			
~~Net heat of combustion, MJ/kg~~	~~min~~	~~42.8[I]~~	~~D 4529, D 3338, or D 4809~~
Net heat of combustion, MJ/kg	min	42.8[J]	D 4529, D 3338, or D 4809
One of the following requirements shall be met:			
(*1*) Smoke point, mm, or	min	25	D 1322
(*2*) Smoke point, mm, and	min	18	D 1322
Naphthalenes, vol, %	max	3.0	D 1840
CORROSION			
Copper strip, 2 h at 100°C	max	No. 1	D 130
THERMAL STABILITY			
JFTOT (2.5 h at control temperature of 260°C min)			
~~Filter pressure drop, mm Hg~~	~~max~~	~~25[J]~~	~~D 3241~~
Filter pressure drop, mm Hg	max	25[K]	D 3241
~~Tube deposits less than~~		~~3[K]~~	
Tube deposits less than		3[L]	
		No *Peacock* or *Abnormal* Color Deposits	
CONTAMINANTS			
Existent gum, mg/100 mL	max	7	D 381, IP 540
~~Microseparometer,[L] Rating~~			~~D 3948~~
Microseparometer,[M] Rating			D 3948
Without electrical conductivity additive	min	85	
With electrical conductivity additive	min	70	
ADDITIVES		See 5.2	
~~Electrical conductivity, pS/m~~		~~[M]~~	~~D 2624~~
Electrical conductivity, pS/m		[N]	D 2624

[A] For compliance of test results against the requirements of Table 1, see 6.2.

[B] The test methods indicated in this table are referred to in Section 10.

[C] The mercaptan sulfur determination may be waived if the fuel is considered sweet by the doctor test described in Test Method D 4952.

[D] D 86 distillation of jet fuel is run at Group 4 conditions, except Group 3 condenser temperature is used.

[E] ~~AD~~ D 2887 results ~~shigh~~shall be conver~~mted~~ted to esti~~nimated~~mated D 86 resu~~m flatsh~~m by ap~~e~~plication of t~~-sp~~she correlati~~f~~on ~~ien~~ Appendix X5 on Correlation ~~m~~ for Jet a~~y b~~nd Diesel Fuel in Test Method D 2887. Distillagtion re~~e~~sidue and loss limits pro~~n b~~vide contwrol of th~~ee~~ distillation p~~u~~rocess during the use of Test Method D 86, and they do not apply to Test Method D 2887. Distillation residue and los~~us~~ shall be reported as "not applicable" (N/A) when reporting D 2887 results.

[F] A higher minimum flash point specification may be agreed upon between purchaser and supplier.

[G] Results obtained by Test Methods D 3828 may be up to 2°C lower than those obtained by Test Method D 56, which is the preferred method. In case of dispute, Test Method D 56 will apply.

~~[G]~~[H] Other freezing points may be agreed upon between supplier and purchaser.

~~[H]~~[I] 1 mm^2/s = 1 cSt.

~~[I]~~[J] For all grades use either Eq 1 or Table 1 in Test Method D 4529 or Eq 2 in Test Method D 3338. Test Method D 4809 may be used as an alternative. In case of dispute, Test Method D 4809 shall be used.

~~[J]~~[K] Preferred SI units are 3.3 kPa, max.

~~[K]~~[L] Tube deposit ratings shall always be reported by the Visual Method~~; a rating by the Tube Deposit Rating (TDR) optical density method is desirable but not mandatory~~.

~~[L]~~[M] At point of manufacture.

~~[M]~~[N] If electrical conductivity additive is used, the conductivity shall not exceed 600 pS/m at the point of use of the fuel. When electrical conductivity additive is specified by the purchaser, the conductivity shall be 50 to 600 pS/m under the conditions at point of delivery.

1 pS/m = 1×10^{-12} Ω^{-1} m^{-1}

TABLE 2 Detailed Requirements for Additives in Aviation Turbine Fuels

Additive	Dosage
Fuel Performance Enhancing Additives	
Antioxidants[A,B]	24.0 mg/L max[C]
One of the following:	
2,6 ditertiary-butyl phenol	
2,6 ditertiary-butyl-4-methyl phenol	
2,4 dimethyl-6-tertiary-butyl-phenol	
75 % minimum, 2,6 ditertiary-butyl phenol plus 25 % maximum mixed tertiary and tritertiary butyl-phenols	
55 % minimum 2,4 dimethyl-6-tertiary-butyl phenol plus 15 % minimum 2,6 ditertiary-butyl-4-methyl phenol, remainder as monomethyl and dimethyl tertiary-butyl phenols	
72 % minimum 2,4 dimethyl-6-tertiary-butyl phenol plus 28 % maximum monomethyl and dimethyl-tertiary-butyl-phenols	
Metal Deactivator[A]	
N,N-disalicylidene-1,2-propane diamine	
On initial blending	2.0 mg/L max[C,D]
After field reblending cumulative concentration	5.7 mg/L max
Fuel System Icing Inhibitor[E]	0.10 vol % min
Diethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether (see Specification D 4171)	0.15 vol % max
Fuel Handling and Maintenance Additives	
Electrical Conductivity Improver[F]	
Stadis 450[G]	
On initial blending	3 mg/L max
After field reblending, cumulative concentration	5 mg/L max
If the additive concentration is unknown at time of retreatment, additional concentration is restricted to 2 mg/L max	
Leak Detection Additive	1 mg/kg max
Tracer A (LDTA-A)[H]	
Biocidal Additives[E,I]	
Corrosion Inhibitor/Lubricity Improvers[J]	
One of the following:	
Apollo PRI-19	23 mg/L max
HiTEC 580	23 mg/L max
Octel DCI-4A	23 mg/L max
Nalco 5403	23 mg/L max

[A] The active ingredient of the additive must meet the composition specified.

[B] Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR: D02:1125.

[C] Active ingredient (not including weight of solvent).

[D] If copper contamination is suspected, initial treatment may exceed 2.0 mg/L but cumulative total must be below 5.7 mg/L.

[E] The quantity must be declared by the fuel supplier and agreed to by the purchaser.

[F] If electrical conductivity improver is used, the conductivity shall not exceed 600 pS/m at the point of use of the fuel. When electrical conductivity additive is specified by the purchaser, the conductivity shall be 50 to 600 pS/m under the conditions at point of delivery.

$$1\ \text{pS/m} = 1 \times 10^{-12}\ \Omega^{-1} m^{-1}$$

[G] Stadis 450 is a registered trademark marketed by Innospec Inc., Innospec Manufacturing Park, Oil Sites Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH65 4EY, UK.

[H] Tracer A (LDTA-A) is a registered trademark of Tracer Research Corp., 3755 N. Business Center Dr., Tucson, AZ 85705.

[I] Biocidal additives are available for controlled usage. Where such an additive is used in the fuel, the approval status of the additive and associated conditions must be checked for the specific aircraft and engines to be operated.

[J] More information concerning minimum treat rates of corrosion inhibitor/lubricity improver additives is contained in X1.10.2.

8. Sampling

8.1 Because of the importance of proper sampling procedures in establishing fuel quality, use the appropriate procedures in Practice D 4057 to obtain a representative sample from the batch of fuel for specification compliance testing. This requirement is met by producing fuel as a discrete batch then testing it for specification compliance. This requirement is not satisfied by averaging online analysis results.

8.2 A number of jet fuel properties, including thermal stability, water separation, electrical conductivity, and others, are very sensitive to trace contamination, which can originate from sample containers. For recommended sample containers, refer to Practice D 4306.

9. Report

9.1 The type and number of reports to ensure conformance with the requirements of this specification shall be mutually agreed upon by the seller and the purchaser of the aviation turbine fuel.

9.2 A suggested form for reporting inspection data on aviation turbine fuels is given in Appendix X3.

10. Test Methods

10.1 Determine the requirements enumerated in this specification in accordance with the following ASTM test methods.

10.1.1 *Density*—Test Method D 1298 or D 4052.

10.1.2 *Distillation*—Test Method D 86. For Jet A and Jet A-1, Test Method D 2887 ~~can be used as an alternate with the limits listed in Table 1~~can be used as an alternate. Results from Test Method D 2887 shall be reported as estimated D 86 results by application of the correlation in Appendix X5 on Correlation for Jet and Diesel Fuel in Test Method D 2887. In case of dispute, Test Method D 86 shall be the referee method (see X1.6.1.1).

10.1.3 *Flash Point*—Test Method D 56 or D 3828.

10.1.4 *Freezing Point*—Test Method D 5972, D 7153, D 7154, or D 2386. Any of these test methods can be used to certify and recertify jet fuel. However, Test Method D 2386 is the referee method. An interlaboratory study (RR: D02–1572[8]) that evaluated the ability of freezing point methods to detect jet fuel contamination by diesel fuel determined that Test Methods D 5972 and D 7153 provided significantly more consistent detection of freeze point changes caused by contamination than Test Methods D 2386 and D 7154. It is recommended to certify and recertify jet fuel using either Test Method D 5972 or Test Method D 7153, or both, on the basis of the reproducibility and cross-contamination detection reported in RR: D02–1572.[8] The cause of freezing point results outside specification limits by automated methods should be investigated, but such results do not disqualify the fuel from aviation use if the results from the referee method (Test Method D 2386) are within the specification limit.

10.1.5 *Viscosity*—Test Method D 445.

10.1.6 *Net Heat of Combustion*—Test Method D 4529, D 3338, or D 4809.

10.1.7 *Corrosion (Copper Strip)*—Test Method D 130.

10.1.8 *Total Acidity*—Test Method D 3242.

10.1.9 *Sulfur*—Test Method D 1266, D 2622, D 4294, or D 5453.

10.1.10 *Mercaptan Sulfur*—Test Method D 3227.

10.1.11 *Water Reaction*—Test Method D 1094.

10.1.12 *Existent Gum*—Test Method D 381 or IP 540. Test Method D 381, using steam jet operating conditions, shall be the referee test method.

10.1.13 *Thermal Stability*—Test Method D 3241.

10.1.14 *Aromatics*—Test Method D 1319 or D 6379. Test Method D 1319 shall be the referee test method.

10.1.15 *Smoke Point*—Test Method D 1322.

10.1.16 *Naphthalene Content*—Test Method D 1840.

10.1.17 *Electrical Conductivity*—Test Method D 2624.

11. Keywords

11.1 aviation turbine fuel; avtur; Jet A; Jet A-1; jet fuel; turbine fuel

ANNEX

(Mandatory Information)

A1. FUELS FROM NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES

A1.1 Introduction

~~A1.1.1Jet fuels containing synthetic hydrocarbons have been previously allowed under Specification D1655. However, the fraction of these hydrocarbons was not limited, and there were no requirements or restrictions placed on either these hydrocarbons or the final blend. It has been recognized that synthetic blends represent a potential departure from experience and from key assumptions on which the fuel property requirements defined in~~

A1.1.1 Jet fuel has contained synthesized hydrocarbons since the inception of Specification D 1655. However, these synthesized materials are generated from petroleum, oil, sand, or shale derived feedstocks in the refinery and exhibit properties substantially similar to historically refined kerosine. The fuel property requirements defined in Specification D 1655, Table 1~~have been based.~~

~~A1.1.2The longer-term strategy is to revise Specification D1655 to fully encompass fuels from non-conventional sources, but this has yet to be defined. As an interim solution, it has been deemed necessary to recognize, on an individual basis, fuels from non-conventional sources whose performance complies with the intent of this specification.~~

~~A1.2*Acceptable Fuels from Non-Conventional Sources*—The SASOL semi-synthetic fuel, a blend of conventionally produced kerosine and a synthetic kerosine and specified in Defence Standard 91-91/Issue 5, dated Feb. 8, 2005, is recognized as meeting the requirements of Specification D1655.~~ are batch-to-batch quality control tests which historically have provided fit-for-purpose jet fuel but assume that the jet fuel has a composition that is substantially similar to historical compositions. There is no basis to assume that fuels having novel compositions provide fit-for-purpose performance in current aviation hardware even if they appear to satisfy Specification D 1655, Table 1requirements. While the use of synthesized hydrocarbons is known and an acceptable

[8] Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR: D02–1572.