



## Standard Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuels<sup>1</sup>

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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 D6615 to replace Specification D1655 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:<sup>2</sup>

D56 Test Method for Flash Point by Tag Closed Cup Tester

D86 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure

D93 Test Methods for Flash Point by Pensky-Martens Closed Cup Tester

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

D129 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products (General Bomb Method)

D130 Test Method for Corrosiveness to Copper from Petroleum Products by Copper Strip Test

D156 Test Method for Saybolt Color of Petroleum Products (Saybolt Chromometer Method)

D240 Test Method for Heat of Combustion of Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels by Bomb Calorimeter

D323 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Reid Method)

D381 Test Method for Gum Content in Fuels by Jet Evaporation

D445 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)

D1094 Test Method for Water Reaction of Aviation Fuels

D1266 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products (Lamp Method)

D1298 Test Method for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method

D1319 Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Liquid Petroleum Products by Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption

D1322 Test Method for Smoke Point of Kerosine and Aviation Turbine Fuel

D1405 Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels

D1660 Method of Test for Thermal Stability of Aviation Turbine Fuels<sup>3</sup>

D1840 Test Method for Naphthalene Hydrocarbons in Aviation Turbine Fuels by Ultraviolet Spectrophotometry

D2276 Test Method for Particulate Contaminant in Aviation Fuel by Line Sampling

D2386 Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels

D2622 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry

D2624 Test Methods for Electrical Conductivity of Aviation and Distillate Fuels

D2887 Test Method for Boiling Range Distribution of Petroleum Fractions by Gas Chromatography

D2892 Test Method for Distillation of Crude Petroleum

<sup>3</sup> Withdrawn.

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

- (15-Theoretical Plate Column)
- D3120** Test Method for Trace Quantities of Sulfur in Light Liquid Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Oxidative Microcoulometry
- D3227** Test Method for (Thiol Mercaptan) Sulfur in Gasoline, Kerosine, Aviation Turbine, and Distillate Fuels (Potentiometric Method)
- D3240** Test Method for Undissolved Water In Aviation Turbine Fuels
- D3241** Test Method for Thermal Oxidation Stability of Aviation Turbine Fuels (JFTOT Procedure)
- D3242** Test Method for Acidity in Aviation Turbine Fuel
- D3338** Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
- D3343** Test Method for Estimation of Hydrogen Content of Aviation Fuels
- D3701** Test Method for Hydrogen Content of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Low Resolution Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometry
- D3828** Test Methods for Flash Point by Small Scale Closed Cup Tester
- D3948** Test Method for Determining Water Separation Characteristics of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Portable Separometer
- D4052** Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter
- D4057** Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products
- D4171** Specification for Fuel System Icing Inhibitors
- D4176** Test Method for Free Water and Particulate Contamination in Distillate Fuels (Visual Inspection Procedures)
- D4294** Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum and Petroleum Products by Energy Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
- D4306** Practice for Aviation Fuel Sample Containers for Tests Affected by Trace Contamination
- D4529** Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
- D4809** Test Method for Heat of Combustion of Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels by Bomb Calorimeter (Precision Method)
- D4865** Guide for Generation and Dissipation of Static Electricity in Petroleum Fuel Systems
- D4952** Test Method for Qualitative Analysis for Active Sulfur Species in Fuels and Solvents (Doctor Test)
- D4953** Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Gasoline and Gasoline-Oxygenate Blends (Dry Method)
- D5001** Test Method for Measurement of Lubricity of Aviation Turbine Fuels by the Ball-on-Cylinder Lubricity Evaluator (BOCLE)
- D5006** Test Method for Measurement of Fuel System Icing Inhibitors (Ether Type) in Aviation Fuels
- D5190** Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Automatic Method)
- D5191** Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products (Mini Method)
- D5452** Test Method for Particulate Contamination in Aviation Fuels by Laboratory Filtration
- D5453** Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Light Hydrocarbons, Spark Ignition Engine Fuel, Diesel Engine Fuel, and Engine Oil by Ultraviolet Fluorescence
- D5972** Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Phase Transition Method)
- D6045** Test Method for Color of Petroleum Products by the Automatic Tristimulus Method
- D6379** Test Method for Determination of Aromatic Hydrocarbon Types in Aviation Fuels and Petroleum Distillates—High Performance Liquid Chromatography Method with Refractive Index Detection
- D6469** Guide for Microbial Contamination in Fuels and Fuel Systems
- D6615** Specification for Jet B Wide-Cut Aviation Turbine Fuel
- D7153** Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Laser Method)
- D7154** Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Fiber Optical Method)
- D7566** Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuel Containing Synthesized Hydrocarbons
- E29** Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
- 2.2 *Energy Institute Standards:*<sup>4</sup>
- 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:*<sup>5</sup>
- ANSI 863** Report of Test Results
- 2.4 *Other Standards:*
- Defence Standard 91-91 (DERD 2494)** Turbine Fuel, Aviation Kerosine Type, Jet A-1<sup>6</sup>
- IATA Guidance Material on Microbiological Contamination in Aircraft Fuel Tanks Ref. No: 9680-02<sup>7</sup>

### 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.

<sup>4</sup> Available from Energy Institute, 61 New Cavendish St., London, WIG 7AR, U.K.

<sup>5</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

<sup>6</sup> Available from Procurement Executive DFS (Air), Ministry of Defence, St. Giles Court 1, St. Giles High St., London WC2H 8LD.

<sup>7</sup> Available from International Air Transport Association (IATA), (Head Office) 800 Place Victoria, PO Box 113, Montreal, H4Z 1M1, Quebec, Canada. [www.iata-online.com](http://www.iata-online.com).

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 [D6615](#).

## 5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 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 [D4171](#), Type III, may be used in concentrations of 0.10 to 0.15 volume %.

(2) Test Method [D5006](#) 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 [E29](#). Where multiple determinations are made, the average result, rounded in accordance with Practice [E29](#), 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.

## 8. Sampling

8.1 Because of the importance of proper sampling procedures in establishing fuel quality, use the appropriate procedures in Practice [D4057](#) 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 [D4306](#).

## 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 [D1298](#) or [D4052](#).

10.1.2 *Distillation*—Test Method [D86](#). For Jet A and Jet A-1, Test Method [D2887](#) can be used as an alternate. Results from Test Method [D2887](#) shall be reported as estimated [D86](#) results by application of the correlation in [Appendix X5](#) on Correlation for Jet and Diesel Fuel in Test Method [D2887](#). In case of dispute, Test Method [D86](#) shall be the referee method (see [X1.6.1.1](#)).

10.1.3 *Flash Point*—Test Method [D56](#) or [D3828](#).

10.1.4 *Freezing Point*—Test Method [D5972](#), [D7153](#), [D7154](#), or [D2386](#). Any of these test methods can be used to certify and recertify jet fuel. However, Test Method [D2386](#) is the referee method. An interlaboratory study (RR: D02-1572<sup>8</sup>) that evaluated the ability of freezing point methods to detect jet fuel contamination by diesel fuel determined that Test Methods [D5972](#) and [D7153](#) provided significantly more consistent

<sup>8</sup> Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report D02-1572.

**TABLE 1 Detailed Requirements of Aviation Turbine Fuels<sup>A</sup>**

Property		Jet A or Jet A-1	ASTM Test Method <sup>B</sup>
<b>COMPOSITION</b>			
Acidity, total mg KOH/g	max	0.10	D3242
1. Aromatics, vol %	max	25	D1319
2. Aromatics, vol %	max	26.5	D6379
Sulfur, mercaptan, <sup>C</sup> mass %	max	0.003	D3227
Sulfur, total mass %	max	0.30	D1266, D2622, D4294, or D5453
<b>VOLATILITY</b>			
Distillation temperature, °C:			D86, <sup>D</sup> D2887 <sup>E</sup>
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	
Flash point, °C	min	38 <sup>F</sup>	D56 or D3828 <sup>G</sup>
Density at 15°C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>		775 to 840	D1298 or D4052
<b>FLUIDITY</b>			
Freezing point, °C	max	−40 Jet A <sup>H</sup> −47 Jet A-1 <sup>H</sup>	D5972, D7153, D7154, or D2386
Viscosity −20°C, mm <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>I</sup>	max	8.0	D445
<b>COMBUSTION</b>			
Net heat of combustion, MJ/kg	min	42.8 <sup>J</sup>	D4529, D3338, or D4809
One of the following requirements shall be met:			
(1) Smoke point, mm, or	min	25	D1322
(2) Smoke point, mm, and	min	18	D1322
Naphthalenes, vol, %	max	3.0	D1840
<b>CORROSION</b>			
Copper strip, 2 h at 100°C	max	No. 1	D130
<b>THERMAL STABILITY</b>			
JFTOT (2.5 h at control temperature of 260°C min)			
Filter pressure drop, mm Hg	max	25 <sup>K</sup>	D3241
Tube deposits less than		3 <sup>L</sup>	
		No Peacock or Abnormal Color Deposits	
<b>CONTAMINANTS</b>			
Existent gum, mg/100 mL	max	7	D381, IP 540
Microseparator, <sup>M</sup> Rating			D3948
Without electrical conductivity additive	min	85	
With electrical conductivity additive	min	70	
<b>ADDITIVES</b>			
Electrical conductivity, pS/m		See 5.2 <sup>N</sup>	D2624

<sup>A</sup> For compliance of test results against the requirements of Table 1, see 6.2.

<sup>B</sup> The test methods indicated in this table are referred to in Section 10. <https://standards.iteh.ai/>

<sup>C</sup> The mercaptan sulfur determination may be waived if the fuel is considered sweet by the doctor test described in Test Method D4952.

<sup>D</sup> D86 distillation of jet fuel is run at Group 4 conditions, except Group 3 condenser temperature is used.

<sup>E</sup> D2887 results shall be converted to estimated D86 results by application of the correlation in Appendix X5 on Correlation for Jet and Diesel Fuel in Test Method D2887.

Distillation residue and loss limits provide control of the distillation process during the use of Test Method D86, and they do not apply to Test Method D2887. Distillation residue and loss shall be reported as “not applicable” (N/A) when reporting D2887 results.

<sup>F</sup> A higher minimum flash point specification may be agreed upon between purchaser and supplier.

<sup>G</sup> Results obtained by Test Methods D3828 may be up to 2°C lower than those obtained by Test Method D56, which is the preferred method. In case of dispute, Test Method D56 will apply.

<sup>H</sup> Other freezing points may be agreed upon between supplier and purchaser.

<sup>I</sup> 1 mm<sup>2</sup>/s = 1 cSt.

<sup>J</sup> For all grades use either Eq 1 or Table 1 in Test Method D4529 or Eq 2 in Test Method D3338. Test Method D4809 may be used as an alternative. In case of dispute, Test Method D4809 shall be used.

<sup>K</sup> Preferred SI units are 3.3 kPa, max.

<sup>L</sup> Tube deposit ratings shall always be reported by the Visual Method.

<sup>M</sup> At point of manufacture.

<sup>N</sup> 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.

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

**TABLE 2 Detailed Requirements for Additives in Aviation Turbine Fuels**

Additive	Dosage
<b>Fuel Performance Enhancing Additives</b>	
Antioxidants <sup>A,B</sup> <i>One of the following:</i> 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	24.0 mg/L max <sup>C</sup>
Metal Deactivator <sup>A</sup> N,N-disalicylidene-1,2-propane diamine On initial blending After field reblending cumulative concentration	2.0 mg/L max <sup>C,D</sup> 5.7 mg/L max
Fuel System Icing Inhibitor <sup>E</sup> Diethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether (see Specification <b>D4171</b> )	0.10 vol % min 0.15 vol % max
<b>Fuel Handling and Maintenance Additives</b>	
Electrical Conductivity Improver <sup>F</sup> Stadis 450 <sup>G</sup> On initial blending After field reblending, cumulative concentration If the additive concentration is unknown at time of retreatment, additional concentration is restricted to 2 mg/L max	3 mg/L max 5 mg/L max
Leak Detection Additive Tracer A (LDTA-A) <sup>H</sup>	1 mg/kg max
Biocidal Additives <sup>E,I</sup> Corrosion Inhibitor/Lubricity Improvers <sup>J</sup> <i>One of the following:</i> Apollo PRI-19 HITEC 580 Octel DCI-4A Nalco 5403	23 mg/L max 23 mg/L max 23 mg/L max 23 mg/L max

<sup>A</sup> The active ingredient of the additive must meet the composition specified.

<sup>B</sup> Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR: D02:1125.

<sup>C</sup> Active ingredient (not including weight of solvent).

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

<sup>E</sup> The quantity must be declared by the fuel supplier and agreed to by the purchaser.

<sup>F</sup> 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.

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

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

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

<sup>I</sup> 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.

<sup>J</sup> More information concerning minimum treat rates of corrosion inhibitor/lubricity improver additives is contained in **X1.10.2**.

detection of freeze point changes caused by contamination than Test Methods **D2386** and **D7154**. It is recommended to certify and recertify jet fuel using either Test Method **D5972** or Test Method **D7153**, or both, on the basis of the reproducibility and cross-contamination detection reported in D02-1572.<sup>8</sup> 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 **D2386**) are within the specification limit.

10.1.5 *Viscosity*—Test Method **D445**.

10.1.6 *Net Heat of Combustion*—Test Method **D4529**, **D3338**, or **D4809**.

10.1.7 *Corrosion (Copper Strip)*—Test Method **D130**.

10.1.8 *Total Acidity*—Test Method **D3242**.

10.1.9 *Sulfur*—Test Method **D1266**, **D2622**, **D4294**, or **D5453**.

10.1.10 *Mercaptan Sulfur*—Test Method **D3227**.

10.1.11 *Water Reaction*—Test Method **D1094**.

10.1.12 *Existent Gum*—Test Method **D381** or **IP 540**. Test Method **D381**, using steam jet operating conditions, shall be the referee test method.

10.1.13 *Thermal Stability*—Test Method **D3241**.

10.1.14 *Aromatics*—Test Method **D1319** or **D6379**. Test Method **D1319** shall be the referee test method.

10.1.15 *Smoke Point*—Test Method **D1322**.

10.1.16 *Naphthalene Content*—Test Method **D1840**.

10.1.17 *Electrical Conductivity*—Test Method **D2624**.

## 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

A1.1.1 Jet fuel has contained synthesized hydrocarbons since the inception of Specification D1655. 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 D1655, **Table 1** 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 D1655, **Table 1** requirements. While the use of synthesized hydrocarbons is known and an acceptable practice, the use of synthesized hydrocarbons from new sources requires specific guidance that is currently outside the scope of Specification D1655. This guidance is found in Specification **D7566**.

A1.1.2 Specification **D7566** provides control for jet fuel produced with non-petroleum, non-shale, non-oil sands derived synthesized components. This specification will guide the preparation of fuel blends that are compositionally similar to the refined fuels generated to Specification D1655 and can be controlled thereby in the distribution system. 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 and that have been approved by a coordinated specification authority.

A1.1.3 The SASOL fully synthetic fuel, a blend of up to five synthetic streams, specified in D.4.2 of **Defence Standard 91-91 (DERD 2494)**/Issue 6, reprinted Aug. 25, 2008, is recognized as meeting the requirements of Specification D1655.

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### APPENDIXES

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### (Nonmandatory Information)

#### X1. PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF AVIATION TURBINE FUELS

##### X1.1 Introduction

X1.1.1 This appendix describes the performance characteristics of aviation turbine fuels. A more detailed discussion of the individual test methods and their significance is found in ASTM Manual No. 1.<sup>9</sup> Additional information on aviation turbine fuel and its properties is found in ASTM's MNL 37, *Fuels and Lubricants Handbook: Technology, Properties, Performance, and Testing*<sup>10</sup> and the *Handbook of Aviation Fuel Properties*.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> *Manual on Significance of Tests for Petroleum Products*, MNL 1, ASTM International, 2003.

<sup>10</sup> MNL 37, *Fuels and Lubricants Handbook: Technology, Properties, Performance, and Testing*, Eds., Totten, George E., Westbrook, Steven R., and Shah, Rajesh J., ASTM International, W. Conshohocken, PA, 2003.

<sup>11</sup> *Handbook of Aviation Fuel Properties*, Third Edition, *CRC Report 635*, Coordinating Research Council, Atlanta, GA, 2004.

##### X1.2 Significance and Use

X1.2.1 Specification D1655 defines two grades of jet fuel for civil use. Limiting values for the two grades of fuel covered are placed on fuel properties believed to be related to the performance of the aircraft and engines in which they are most commonly used.

X1.2.2 The safe and economical operation of aircraft requires fuel that is essentially clean and dry and free of any contamination prior to use. It is possible to measure a number of jet fuel characteristics related to quality.

X1.2.3 The significance of standard tests for fuel properties may be summarized for convenience in terms of the technical relationships with performance characteristics as shown in **Table X1.1**.

X1.2.4 The acceptability of additives for use must ultimately be determined by the engine and aircraft type certificate holder and must be approved by his certifying authority. In the