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## Standard Test Method for Carbon Black—Iodine Adsorption Number<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the iodine adsorption number of carbon black.

1.1.1 Method A is the original test method for this determination and Method B is an alternate test method using automated sample processing and analysis.

1.2 The iodine adsorption number of carbon black has been shown to decrease with sample aging. New SRB HT Iodine Standards have been produced that exhibit stable iodine number upon aging. One or more of these SRB HT Iodine Standards are recommended for daily monitoring (x-charts) to ensure that the results are within the control limits of the individual standard. Use all SRB HT Iodine Standards for standardization of iodine testing (see Section 8) when target values cannot be obtained.

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

1.4 *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:*<sup>2</sup>

D1799 [Practice for Carbon Black Sampling Packaged Shipments](#)

D1900 [Practice for Carbon Black Sampling Bulk Shipments](#)

D4483 [Practice for Evaluating Precision for Test Method Standards in the Rubber and Carbon Black Manufacturing Industries](#)

D4821 [Guide for Carbon Black Validation of Test Method Precision and Bias](#)

### 3. Summary of Test Methods

3.1 In Test Method A, a weighed sample of carbon black is treated with a portion of standard iodine solution and the mixture shaken and centrifuged. The excess iodine is then titrated with standard sodium thiosulfate solution, and the adsorbed iodine is expressed as a fraction of the total mass of black.

3.2 In Test Method B, a weighed sample of carbon black is treated with a portion of standard iodine solution using an automated sample processor where the mixture is stirred, settled and aliquoted for automatic titration. The excess iodine is titrated with standard sodium thiosulfate solution, and the adsorbed iodine is expressed as a fraction of the total mass of black.

### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 The iodine adsorption number is useful in characterizing carbon blacks. It is related to the surface area of carbon blacks and is generally in agreement with nitrogen surface area. The presence of volatiles, surface porosity, or extractables will influence the iodine adsorption number. Aging of carbon black can also influence the iodine number.

### 5. Apparatus

5.1 *Vials*, glass, optically clear type, with polyethylene stoppers, 45 cm<sup>3</sup>.

5.2 *Gravity Convection Drying Oven*, capable of maintaining 125 ± 5°C.

5.3 *Buret*, either of the following may be used:

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

- 5.3.1 *Digital Buret*, 25-cm<sup>3</sup> capacity, with 0.01-cm<sup>3</sup> increment counter and zero reset control, or
- 5.3.2 *Buret*, glass 25-cm<sup>3</sup>, Class A, side-arm filling, graduated in 0.05 cm<sup>3</sup> and with automatic zero.
- 5.4 *Repetitive Dispenser*, 25-cm<sup>3</sup> capacity,  $\pm 0.1\%$  reproducibility and calibrated to within  $\pm 0.03\text{-cm}^3$  accuracy.
- 5.5 *Balance*, analytical, with 0.1-mg sensitivity.
- 5.6 *Centrifuge*, with minimum speed of 105 rad/s (1000 r/min).
- 5.7 *Volumetric Flask*, 2000-cm<sup>3</sup> with standard taper stopper.
- 5.8 *Funnel*, large diameter, with standard taper joint to fit the 2000-cm<sup>3</sup> flask.
- 5.9 *Glass Bottle*, amber, 2000-cm<sup>3</sup>, with standard taper stopper.
- 5.10 *Glass Jug*, approximate capacity 20-dm<sup>3</sup>.
- 5.11 *Stirrer*, approximately 300 by 300 mm for mixing.
- 5.12 *Stirrer*, approximately 100 by 100 mm for titrating.
- 5.13 *Desiccator*.
- 5.14 *Miscellaneous Class A Glassware*, and equipment necessary to carry out the test as written.
- 5.15 *Mechanical Shaker*, with at least 1 in. stroke length and a minimum of 240 strokes/min.
- 5.16 *Automatic Titrator*.
- 5.17 *Redox Electrode*, combined platinum ring electrode with an Ag/AgCl/KCl reference electrode and a ceramic frit.
- 5.18 *Volumetric Flask*, 500 cm<sup>3</sup> with standard taper stopper.
- 5.19 *Flask*, 250 cm<sup>3</sup> with ground glass stopper.
- 5.20 *Automatic Sample Processor and Titration Apparatus*, equipped with disposable filter.<sup>3</sup>

## 6. Reagents and Solutions

6.1 *Purity of Reagents*—Unless otherwise stated, all chemicals shall be of reagent grade.

6.2 The preparation of the solutions listed below is described in Annex A1. Pre-mixed 0.04728 *N* iodine solution and 0.0394 *N* sodium thiosulfate may be purchased from commercial sources. It is recommended that the normality of pre-mixed solutions be verified before use.

- 6.3 *Iodine Solution*,  $c(\text{I}_2) = 0.02364 \text{ mol/dm}^3$  (0.04728 *N*), containing 57.0 g potassium iodide KI per dm<sup>3</sup>.
- 6.4 *Potassium Iodate Solution*,  $c(\text{KIO}_3) = 0.00657 \text{ mol/dm}^3$  (0.0394 *N*) containing 45.0 g potassium iodide per dm<sup>3</sup>.
- 6.5 *Potassium Dichromate Solution*,  $c(\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7) = 0.006567$  (0.0394 *N*), containing 1.932 g potassium dichromate (certified/traceable primary standard) per dm<sup>3</sup>. (**Warning**—Potassium dichromate is carcinogenic.)
- 6.6 *Sodium Thiosulfate Solution*,  $c(\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3) = 0.0394 \text{ mol/dm}^3$  (0.0394 *N*), containing 5 cm<sup>3</sup> n-amy alcohol per dm<sup>3</sup>.
- 6.7 *Sulfuric Acid*, 10 %.
- 6.8 *Soluble Starch Solution*, 1 %, containing 0.02 g salicylic acid per dm<sup>3</sup>.
- 6.9 *Deionized Water*.

## 7. Standardization of Solutions

7.1 *Sodium Thiosulfate*, 0.0394 *N* ( $\pm 0.00008$ ):

7.1.1 Use potassium dichromate solution as follows:

7.1.1.1 Measure approximately 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of 10 % potassium iodide (see A1.4) solution into a small graduated cylinder and transfer to a 250 cm<sup>3</sup> iodine flask with a ground glass stopper.

7.1.1.2 Measure approximately 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of 10 % sulfuric acid solution (see A1.5) into a small graduated cylinder and add to the KI solution in the iodine flask. The mixture should remain colorless.

NOTE 1—If a yellow color should develop, discard this KI solution.

7.1.1.3 Using a 20 cm<sup>3</sup> pipet, transfer 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of standard 0.0394 *N* potassium dichromate solution (see A1.8) into the 250 cm<sup>3</sup> iodine flask, replace stopper, swirl, and place in the dark for 15 min.

7.1.1.4 Titrate the contents of the iodine flask against the new sodium thiosulfate solution following 7.1.3 or 7.1.4.

7.1.2 Use potassium iodate/iodide solution as follows:

7.1.2.1 Pipet exactly 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.0394 *N* potassium iodate/iodide solution into a 250-cm<sup>3</sup> iodine flask.

7.1.2.2 Measure approximately 5 cm<sup>3</sup> of 10 % sulfuric acid into a small graduated cylinder and add to the iodate/iodide solution.

7.1.2.3 Cap immediately and mix thoroughly.

7.1.2.4 Titrate the contents of the iodine flask against the new sodium thiosulfate solution following 7.1.3 or 7.1.4.

7.1.3 *Digital Buret*:

7.1.3.1 Switch the digital buret to fill mode, fill the reservoir with unstandardized sodium thiosulfate solution, and flush the inlet and delivery tubes.

<sup>3</sup> The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Brinkmann Instruments, Inc., One Cantiague Rd., PO Box 1019, Westbury, NY 11590-0207. The sole source of supply of the filter (disposable filter part #17594 K 5  $\mu\text{m}$  Minisart with luer lock outlet) known to the committee at this time is Sartorius Stedim North America Inc., 131 Heartland Blvd., Edgewood, NY 11717. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend.

7.1.3.2 Change to the titrate mode and zero the counter.

7.1.3.3 Add sodium thiosulfate until the contents of the iodine flask are a pale yellowish (potassium iodate) or pale yellowish-green (potassium dichromate). Wash the buret tip and the walls of the flask with water.

7.1.3.4 Add 5 drops of starch solution to the flask.

7.1.3.5 Continue adding sodium thiosulfate dropwise until the blue or blue-violet color almost disappears.

7.1.3.6 Wash the tip and walls of the flask with water, then advance the counter in 0.01-cm<sup>3</sup> increments. Continue this sequence until the endpoint is reached, indicated by a colorless (potassium iodate) or sea-green (potassium dichromate) solution.

7.1.3.7 Record the titration value and repeat from 7.1.1 or 7.1.2 for a duplicate determination.

7.1.3.8 Calculate the normality of the sodium thiosulfate solution as in 7.1.5 and proceed as in 7.1.6. If the titration is made to standardize the iodine solution as described in 7.2 calculate the normality of the iodine solution as in 7.2.1.2 and proceed as in 7.2.1.3.

7.1.4 *Glass Buret:*

7.1.4.1 Using a conventional glass buret, fill the buret with unstandardized sodium-thiosulfate solution and flush 2 to 3 cm<sup>3</sup> through the tip.

7.1.4.2 Adjust to the mark and titrate to a pale yellowish (potassium iodate) or pale yellowish-green (potassium dichromate).

7.1.4.3 Wash the buret tip and the walls of the flask with water.

7.1.4.4 Add 5 drops of starch solution to the iodine flask.

7.1.4.5 Continue adding sodium thiosulfate dropwise until the endpoint is reached, indicated by a colorless (potassium iodate) or sea-green (potassium dichromate) solution.

7.1.4.6 Record the titration value to the nearest 0.025 cm<sup>3</sup> and repeat from 7.1.1 or 7.1.2 for a duplicate determination.

NOTE 2—To achieve maximum performance from a glass buret, it is necessary to use a small magnifier and to read to the nearest 0.025 cm<sup>3</sup>.

7.1.4.7 Calculate the normality of the sodium thiosulfate solution as in 7.1.5 and proceed as in 7.1.6. If the titration is made to standardize the iodine solution as described in 7.2 calculate the normality of the iodine solution as in 7.2.1.2 and proceed as in 7.2.1.3.

7.1.5 Calculate the normality of the sodium thiosulfate solutions as follows:

$$N = 20 (0.0394)/T \quad (1)$$

where:

$N$  = normality, and

$T$  = titration volume, cm<sup>3</sup>.

7.1.6 If  $N$  is not equal to 0.0394, adjust the solution in the following manner: if the solution is too strong, add water (2.5 cm<sup>3</sup>/dm<sup>3</sup> solution for each 0.0001  $N$  over 0.0394); if the solution is too weak, add solid sodium thiosulfate (0.025 g/dm<sup>3</sup> for each 0.0001  $N$  under 0.0394).

7.2 *Iodine Solution* 0.04728  $N$  ( $\pm 0.00003$ )—This solution may be standardized against the secondary standard sodium-thiosulfate solution (see A1.3) standardized as in 7.1.

7.2.1 Use sodium thiosulfate solution as follows:

7.2.1.1 Pipet exactly 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of iodine solution into a 250-cm<sup>3</sup> iodine flask and cap. Continue as in 7.1.3 or 7.1.4.

7.2.1.2 Calculate the normality of the iodine solution as follows:

$$N = (0.0394) T/20 \quad (2)$$

where:

$N$  = normality, and

$T$  = cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.0394  $N$  sodium thiosulfate solution.

7.2.1.3 If  $N$  is not equal to 0.04728  $N$ , adjust solution in the following manner: if the solution is too concentrated, add water (2.1 cm<sup>3</sup>/dm<sup>3</sup> for each 0.0001  $N$  over 0.04728); if the solution is too diluted, add iodine (12.7 mg/dm<sup>3</sup> for each 0.0001  $N$  under 0.04728). (This iodine may be more conveniently dispensed from a concentrated solution.)

## 8. Normalization Using SRB HT Iodine Standards

8.1 When a laboratory cannot obtain target values for all three SRB HT Iodine Standards within established x-chart tolerances, the user should review recommendations found in Guide D4821. If any one of the three SRB HT Iodine Standards is still outside acceptable tolerances, the method described in 8.2-8.5 should be used to normalize all test results.

8.2 ~~Test the three SRB HT Iodine Standards in duplicate to establish the average measured value. Additional values are added periodically, typically on a daily or weekly basis or when solutions are changed. A rolling average can be calculated from the latest four results. Test the three SRB HT Iodine Standards four times each.~~

8.3 Perform a regression analysis using the target value of the SRB HT Iodine Standards ( $y$  value) and the rolling average of the measured value ( $x$  value).

8.4 Normalize the values of all subsequent test results using this regression equation:

$$\text{Normalized value} = (\text{measured value} \times \text{slope}) + y\text{-intercept} \quad (3)$$

8.5 Alternatively, a table of numbers may be generated based on the regression equation to find the correspondence between a measured value and a normalized value.

8.6 Reevaluate the need for normalization whenever replacement apparatus or new lots of iodine or sodium thiosulfate solutions, or both, are put into use.

## 9. Sampling

9.1 Samples shall be taken in accordance with Practices D1799 and D1900.

## 10. Method A

10.1 Dry an adequate sample of carbon black for 1 h, in a gravity-convection oven set at 125°C, in an open container of suitable dimensions, so that the depth of the black is no more than 10 mm. Cool to room temperature in a desiccator before use.

10.2 Weigh a mass of the dried sample into a glass vial as shown by the following table. All masses must be to the nearest 0.001 g in case of iodine numbers from 0 to 520.9 and to the nearest 0.0001 g in case of iodine numbers from 521.0 and above.

Iodine Number	Sample Mass (g)	Ratio I <sub>2</sub> : Sample Mass
0–130.9	0.500	50:1
131.0–280.9	0.250	100:1
281.0–520.9	0.125	200:1
521.0 and above	0.0625	400:1

10.2.1 Use the sample mass determined by the expected iodine number. If the result falls either above or below the range shown for that sample size, retest using the sample mass specified in 10.2 for the range into which it has fallen.

NOTE 3—Unagitated, unpelleted carbon black may be densified, if desired, before drying, prior to weighing.

10.2.2 The sample mass table given in 10.2 pertains to the 25 cm<sup>3</sup> iodine solution as given in 10.3. Different volumes of iodine solution and of sample masses are permissible only if the iodine solution to sample mass ratio is kept the same as that given by the table in 10.2. The sample mass must be kept to 1.000 g maximum. Should the sample mass and corresponding volume of iodine solution be increased, then a glass vial with a volume that is at least two times the amount of iodine solution used for the test should be used in order to preserve the efficiency of the shaking.

10.3 Pipet (or dispense from a calibrated repetitive dispenser) 25 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.04728 N I<sub>2</sub> solution into the glass vial containing the sample and cap immediately.

10.4 Secure the vial in the mechanical shaker and shake for 1 min at a minimum of 240 strokes/min.

10.5 Centrifuge immediately for 1 min for pelleted black and 3 min for loose black.

10.6 Decant immediately. If more than one sample is being analyzed, the solution should be decanted into small flasks or clean, dry vials and capped immediately.

10.7 Pipet 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of solution into a 250-cm<sup>3</sup> Erlenmeyer flask and titrate with standardized 0.0394 N sodium thiosulfate solution using either the digital or glass buret as follows:

10.7.1 *Using a Digital Buret:*

10.7.1.1 Switch to the fill mode, fill the buret reservoir with solution, and flush the inlet and delivery tubes.

10.7.1.2 Change to the titrate mode, zero the counter, and clean the tip with tissue.

10.7.1.3 Add sodium thiosulfate until the solution is pale yellow. Wash the buret tip and walls of the flask with water.

10.7.1.4 Add 5 drops of starch solution.

10.7.1.5 Continue adding sodium thiosulfate dropwise until the blue or blue-violet color almost disappears.

10.7.1.6 Wash the tip and walls of the flask with water and then advance the counter in 0.01-cm<sup>3</sup> increments. Continue this sequence until the endpoint is reached as indicated by a colorless solution.

10.7.1.7 Record the buret reading to the nearest 0.01 cm<sup>3</sup>.

10.7.1.8 Make a duplicate blank determination as described in 10.7.4.

10.7.2 *Using a Conventional Glass Buret:*

10.7.2.1 Clean the tip with a tissue. Add sodium thiosulfate until the solution is pale yellow. Wash the buret tip and walls of the flask with water.

10.7.2.2 Add 5 drops of starch solution.

10.7.2.3 Continue adding sodium thiosulfate dropwise until the endpoint is reached as indicated by a colorless solution.

10.7.2.4 Record the titration volume to the nearest 0.025 cm<sup>3</sup>.

10.7.2.5 Make a duplicate blank determination as described in 10.7.4.

10.7.3 *Using an Auto-titrator:*

10.7.3.1 Two redox equivalence point titration methods should be programmed into the auto-titrator: 1) a method to store two blank determinations as an average blank value; 2) a method to analyze samples for iodine number.

NOTE 4—Follow the recommendations of the manufacturer when setting the parameters. For good repeatability of the test, special care should be taken when defining the criteria for the detection of the equivalence point.

10.7.3.2 Make duplicate blank determinations as described in 10.7.4 to update stored values.

10.7.3.3 Pipet 20 cm<sup>3</sup> of test solution into an appropriate sample container, place the container on the auto-titrator, and wash the walls of the container, stirrer, and redox electrode with distilled water.

10.7.3.4 Run titration method using standardized 0.0394 N sodium thiosulfate solution.

10.7.3.5 Method should report equivalence point volume to at least 0.01 cm<sup>3</sup> and calculate iodine number to 0.1 mg/g (g/kg).

10.7.4 *Blank Iodine Determination* :

10.7.4.1 Make a blank iodine determination by pipeting 20 cm<sup>3</sup> or dispensing 25 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.04728 N iodine solution into a 125-cm<sup>3</sup> Erlenmeyer flask and titrating with 0.0394 N sodium thiosulfate as in 10.7.1, 10.7.2, or 10.7.3.

10.7.4.2 A 25-cm<sup>3</sup> blank must be multiplied by 0.8 for use in the formula of 12.1.

10.7.4.3 Make a duplicate blank determination and use the average of the two in the calculations.

NOTE 5—A duplicate blank determination need be run only once each day, unless new solutions are introduced during the day.

10.7.4.4 If both solutions are within acceptable limits, the blank will measure 24.00 ± 0.06 cm<sup>3</sup>. If not, the normalities of one or both solutions should be rechecked. If, after the recheck of solutions, normalities are still outside the acceptable limits refer to 7.2.1.3 to adjust iodine solution.

## 11. Method B

11.1 Two redox equivalence point titration methods should be programmed into the Automatic Sample Processor and Titration Apparatus: (1) a method to store two blank determinations as an average blank value; (2) a method to analyze samples for iodine number using calculations found in Section 12.

NOTE 6—Users may choose to titrate different volumes of blank and sample aliquots for testing; also it is possible that equipment functionality may differ. Follow the recommendations of the manufacturer when setting parameters for rinsing times, fill rates, start/stop volumes for titration, etc. For good repeatability of the test, special care should be taken when defining the criteria for the detection of the equivalence point. End-point criterion set to 25 and EP recognition set to “greatest” have been found sufficient.

11.2 *Blank Iodine Determination* :

11.2.1 Place a magnetic stir bar into an empty beaker and place the beaker into automated sample processor.

11.2.2 Initiate the Automatic Sample Processor and Titration Apparatus.

11.2.3 Dispense 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.04728 N iodine solution into the beaker. Treat the blank in the same manner as the sample, refer to 11.3.8 and 11.3.9.

NOTE 7—For different size beakers, ensure stir bar covers the bottom surface of beaker for good mixing.

11.2.4 Measures should be taken to ensure adequate purging of the entire system prior to delivering the final aliquot for titration (see Note 8).

NOTE 8—An example of adequate purging of the system is achieved by double rinsing with the current blank solution followed with a distilled water rinse. This can be done in the following manner: (1) fill the dosing device, which is equipped with a disposable filter, with an aliquot of the blank solution from the beaker, dispense the entire volume into titration vessel, and pump out into the waste container; (2) repeat previous step one more time and fill the dosing device with the final aliquot of blank solution (this aliquot should have an excess amount that will be used to flush the air bubbles, possibly formed during the two previous steps—the volume of aliquot used for titration can vary depending on user’s preference (7 to 20 cm<sup>3</sup> has been found satisfactory)); (3) dispense a small portion of the blank solution into the reaction vessel, ensure that appropriate amount of the solution is left for titration in the dosing device; and (4) clean the reaction (titration) vessel by rinsing with distilled water and pumping out waste repetitively.

11.2.5 Dispense a final aliquot of the blank solution into the reaction vessel for titration and wash the walls of the vessel, stirrer, and redox-electrode with distilled water to ensure that any splashed iodine is washed into the mixture.

11.2.6 Automatically titrate the iodine solution with 0.0394 N sodium thiosulfate.

11.2.7 Make duplicate blank determinations. The average of two determinations is to be used in calculations.

NOTE 9—A duplicate blank determination need be run only once each day, unless new solutions are introduced during the day.

NOTE 10—When the particulate filter is changed adequate measures should be taken to saturate the filter with iodine solution. An example of an adequate measure found to be satisfactory includes running a minimum of five blanks. The fourth and fifth blank are then averaged for the final blank value and use the average of the two in the calculations. If the filter has not been changed use the average of the first and second blanks for calculations.

11.3 *Sample Iodine Determination* :

11.3.1 Dry an adequate sample of carbon black for a minimum of 1 h, in a gravity-convection oven set at 125°C, in an open container of suitable dimensions, so that the depth of the black is no more than 10 mm. Cool to room temperature in a desiccator before use.

11.3.2 Weigh a mass of the dried sample into a 100 mL beaker as shown by the following table. All masses must be to the nearest 0.001 g.

Iodine Number	Sample Mass (g)	Ratio I <sub>2</sub> : Sample Mass
0–130.9	1.000	50:1
131.0–280.9	0.500	100:1
281.0–520.9	0.250	200:1
521.0 and above	0.125	400:1

11.3.3 Use the sample mass determined by the expected iodine number. If the result falls either above or below the range shown for that sample size, retest using the sample mass specified in 11.3.2 for the range into which it has fallen.

NOTE 11—Unagitated, unpeletted carbon black may be densified, if desired, before drying, prior to weighing.



11.3.4 The sample mass table given in 11.3.2 pertains to 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of iodine solution. Different volumes of iodine solution and of sample masses are not permissible since a sufficient volume of iodine solution is necessary to purge the automatic dosing device and associated tubing and still retain an adequate volume of solution for analysis. The sample mass must be kept to 1.000 g maximum.

11.3.5 Carefully place a magnetic stir bar in the beaker with the dried sample and place the beaker into the automated sample processor. Take adequate precautions to prevent any loss of sample from the beaker.

11.3.6 Initiate the Automatic Sample Processor and Titration Apparatus.

11.3.7 Dispense 50 cm<sup>3</sup> of 0.04728 N I<sub>2</sub> solution into the beaker containing the sample and stir bar using a calibrated repetitive dispenser (dosing device).

11.3.8 Stir the sample for 3.0 min then turn off the stir motor.

11.3.9 Allow the slurry to settle for a minimum of 30 s. Longer settling time may be needed for non-pelleted carbon black. Settling times may vary due to additional time caused by the sample processor waiting for previous titrations to complete in the reaction vessel.

11.3.10 Take adequate steps to completely purge the dosing system and reaction vessel. An example cleaning procedure is found in Note 8.

11.3.11 Dispense a final aliquot of iodine solution into the reaction vessel for titration using a calibrated repetitive dispenser (dosing system) which includes a disposable 5 µm filter to remove particulates of carbon black. Wash the walls of the reaction vessel, stirrer, and redox-electrode with distilled water.

11.3.12 Automatically titrate the iodine solution using 0.0394 N sodium thiosulfate.

NOTE 12—A disposable filter's useful life has been reported at approximately 50 samples, but may vary with sample type and physical form. Whenever the filter is changed always insure adequate measures are taken to saturate the filter as described in Note 9.

11.3.13 Report the equivalence point volume to at least 0.01 cm<sup>3</sup> and calculate iodine number to 0.1 mg/g.

11.4 Since Method B may give slightly different results than Method A, the SRB HT Iodine Standards must be analyzed with each lot of both iodine and sodium thiosulfate solutions. If the measured results of the three SRB HT Iodine Standards are not within stated x-chart tolerances, a normalization using the SRB HT Iodine Standards (as described in Section 8) has to be applied to all test results.

## 12. Calculation

12.1 Calculate the iodine adsorption number to the nearest 0.1 g/kg as follows:

$$I = [(B - S)/B] \times (V/W) \times N \times 126.91 \quad (4)$$

where:

*I* = iodine adsorption number, grams of iodine/kilograms of carbon black expressed as g/kg,

*B* = cm<sup>3</sup> of sodium thiosulfate required for the blank,

*S* = cm<sup>3</sup> of sodium thiosulfate required for the sample,

*V* = calibrated volume of the 25-cm<sup>3</sup> iodine pipet or dispenser,

*W* = grams of carbon black sample,

*N* = normality of the iodine solution, meq/cm<sup>3</sup>, and

*126.91* = equivalent mass of iodine mg/meq.

Using the units shown above results in units of milligrams of iodine/grams of carbon black, which is equivalent to grams of iodine/kilograms of carbon black.

## 13. Report

13.1 Report the following information:

13.1.1 Proper identification of the sample,

13.1.2 Sample mass, and

13.1.3 Result obtained from an individual determination, reported to the nearest 0.1 g/kg.

## 14. Precision and Bias

14.1 These precision statements have been prepared in accordance with Practice D4483. Refer to this practice for terminology and other statistical details.

14.2 The precision results in this precision and bias section give an estimate of the precision of this test method with the materials used in the particular interlaboratory program described below. The precision parameters should not be used for acceptance or rejection testing of any group of materials without documentation that they are applicable to those particular materials and the specific testing protocols of the test method. Any appropriate value may be used from Table 1.

14.3 A type 1 interlaboratory precision program was conducted. Both repeatability and reproducibility represent short term (daily) testing conditions. The testing was performed using two operators in each laboratory performing the test once on each material on each of two days (total of four tests). The number of participating laboratories is listed in Table 1.

14.4 The results of the precision calculations for this test are given in Table 1. The materials are arranged in ascending "mean level" order.