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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13032:2012), which has been technically revised.

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

- extension of the Scope to include hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO), synthetic fuel Gas To Liquid (GTL) and neat fatty acid methyl ester (FAME);
- update of the precision details.

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Introduction

This document is directed specifically at the lower end of the concentration range covered in ISO 20847. By selecting the instrument type, a better signal-to-background ratio for sulfur K L_{2,3} emission is assured. A knowledge of the general composition of the sample for analysis is advantageous in obtaining the best test result. Compared to the previous version new fuels have been added to the scope. In addition, the precision and bias statements as well as the concentration range were updated based on results of a new interlaboratory study. This has been done for gasoline and diesel type fuels as well as for FAME type samples.

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Petroleum and related products — Determination of low concentration of sulfur in automotive fuels — Energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence spectrometric method

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1 Scope

This document specifies an energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence (EDXRF) test method for the determination of sulfur content in automotive gasoline containing up to 3,7 % oxygen by mass [including those blended with ethanol up to 10 % by volume] having sulfur contents in the range of 6,9 mg/kg to 56,7 mg/kg, and in diesel fuels [including those containing up to about 30 % fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) by volume], in synthetic fuels such as Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), Gas To Liquid (GTL) and neat FAME having sulfur contents in the range of 5,0 mg/kg to 60,2 mg/kg.

When analysing FAME, the corresponding procedures are followed (5.2.6, [9.1](#), and [9.4.5](#)).

The sulfur content in other products can be determined according to this test method; however, no precision data for products other than automotive fuels and for results outside the specified range have been established for this document.

For reasons of spectral overlap, this document is not applicable to leaded automotive gasoline, gasoline having a content of greater than 8 mg/kg lead or to product and feedstock containing lead, silicon, phosphorus, calcium, potassium or halides at concentrations greater than one tenth of the concentration of sulfur measured or more than 10 mg/kg, whichever is the greater.

NOTE 1 IUPAC X ray line notation (S K-L_{2,3}) is used in this document; the corresponding Siegbahn X-ray line notation (S K α or Σ K $\alpha_{1,2}$) is being phased out.

NOTE 2 This document is based on IP test method PM DU^[3] developed originally by the Energy Institute, London, UK.

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 17034, *General requirements for the competence of reference material producers*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

4 Principle

The test portion, in a cup fitted with an X-ray transparent window, is placed in a beam of exciting radiation from an X-ray tube. The intensity of the sulfur K-L_{2,3} characteristic X-radiation is measured and the accumulated number of counts in a given time or a count rate is compared with a calibration curve constructed from sulfur standards covering the range of sulfur contents under examination.

NOTE The excitation radiation can be either direct or indirect via a polarizing or secondary target.

5 Reagents and materials

5.1 Diluent oil

The reference diluent oil is white oil (light paraffin oil) of high purity grade, with a maximum sulfur content of 0,5 mg/kg. However, if only one type of matrix is to be analysed (e.g. motor gasoline), the accuracy of results may be improved by using a matrix-matched diluent. These should match, approximately, the aromatic and oxygen contents of the material to be analysed and should consist of high-purity components of less than 0,5 mg/kg sulfur content.

For the analysis of FAME an adjustment of the oxygen content to the sample matrix shall be done. The use of a mixture of white oil with methyl oleate (see 5.2.6) or organic acid (see 5.2.7) is recommended as diluent oil,

NOTE 1 Suitable components for the matched matrix diluent include n-heptane, 2,2,4-trimethylpentane, toluene, xylenes, ethanol, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE) and tertiary amyl methyl ether (TAME).

NOTE 2 For the analysis of diesel fuels containing FAME, the accuracy of results can be improved by use of a matched matrix composed of a mixture of white oil and methyl oleate (see 5.2.6) or organic acid, to adjust the oxygen content and the sample matrix.

5.2 Sulfur compounds

5.2.1 General

Sulfur compounds of known sulfur content shall be used for the preparation of the primary standards. The compounds given in 5.2.2 to 5.2.5 are suitable and their nominal sulfur contents are given. Where the purity of these compounds is less than 99 % by mass, either the concentrations and nature of all impurities are to be known or certified reference materials (CRMs) (5.3) shall be used instead.

5.2.2 Dibenzothiophene (DBT), with a nominal sulfur content of 17,399 % by mass, or

5.2.3 Dibutylsulfide (DBS), with a nominal sulfur content of 21,915 % by mass, or

5.2.4 Thionaphthene (Benzothiophene) (TNA), with a nominal sulfur content of 23,890 % by mass, or

5.2.5 Dibutyldisulfide (DBDS), with a nominal sulfur content of 35,950 % by mass.

5.2.6 Methyl oleate, for use as a blank solution with a sulfur content of less than 1 mg/kg when FAME is analyzed. Check the blank solution prior to use with the spectrometer (6.1). A signal for sulfur

shall not be detectable (i.e. the intensity shall be lower than the intensity equivalent to 1 mg/kg). Other oxygen containing and sulfur-free blank solutions, such as octanol, may also be used. Methyl oleate may also be used in combination with white oil to make a matrix-matched base for diesel fuels containing FAME.

5.2.7 Organic acid, for use as a blank solution with a sulfur content of less than 1 mg/kg when FAME is analyzed. Check the blank solution prior to use with the spectrometer (6.1). A signal for sulfur shall not be detectable (i.e. the intensity shall be lower than the intensity equivalent to 1 mg/kg). Other oxygen containing and sulfur-free blank solutions, such as octanol, may also be used. Organic acid can also be used in combination with white oil to make a matrix-matched base for diesel fuels containing FAME.

5.3 Reference materials (CRMs)

CRMs from suppliers complying with ISO 17034, containing a range of sulfur concentrations, are suitable alternatives to the calibration standard solutions based on compounds listed in 5.2.2 to 5.2.5 for use as calibration standards.

5.4 Quality control samples

Stable samples representative of the materials being analysed, which have a sulfur content that is known by this test method over a substantial period of time or are supplied commercially with a certified value. Ensure, before use, that the material is within its shelf-life.

6 Apparatus

6.1 Energy-dispersive X-ray fluorescence instrument

6.1.1 Performance characteristics.

For a 10 mg/kg sulfur standard (see 8.3), the instrument shall be capable of meeting the performance characteristics as described by [Formula \(1\)](#) and [Formula \(2\)](#):

$$(R_s - R_b) / \sqrt{R_b} \geq 1,3 \quad (1)$$

and

$$C_V(R_s) < 5 \% \quad (2)$$

where

R_s is the gross count rate (counts per second) for the sulfur region of interest for a 10 mg/kg sulfur standard;

R_b is the gross count rate (counts per second) for the same region of interest for a blank sample [diluent oil (5.1, 5.2.6, 5.2.7 or a mixture of one of the last two mentioned with 5.1)];

C_V is the coefficient of variation (relative standard deviation¹⁾

The predecessor term "relative standard deviation" is deprecated by the term "coefficient of variation".

) based on 10 individual measurements of the calibration standard.

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