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European foreword

This document (prEN 16715:2025) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 19 “Gaseous and liquid fuels, lubricants and related products of petroleum, synthetic and biological origin”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.

This document will supersede EN 16715:2015.

prEN 16715:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 16715:2015:

— introduction of the possibility of using a charge air blending system (6.2) and necessary instructions on the quality control if this is used (under 10.4);

— revision of the correlation equation under Clause 12;

— update of precision statements under Clause 14;

— further clarification of the measurement range towards (39,44 to 62,78) derived cetane number under Clause 1 in line with the revised ISO 4259-1:2017.

Introduction

This document is derived from joint standardization work within the Energy Institute and ASTM International. It is based on and technically equivalent with ASTM D7668 [1].

The described method is an alternative quantitative determination of the cetane number of middle distillate fuels intended for use in compression ignition engines. A correlation study between this method and EN ISO 5165 [2] has been done and the results of this are incorporated in this document.

The basis of this method is the derived cetane number (DCN) correlation equation as given in Clause 12. The on-going validation of the equation is monitored and evaluated through the existing American and European fuel exchange programs. The validation data will be reviewed by CEN/TC 19 with a frequency of at least every two years. As a result of the review, CEN/TC 19 may make the decision to, if necessary, modify the existing equation/correlation or develop a new one. As part of this review, the sample types will be examined, and if certain types are underrepresented, further steps may be taken to evaluate how they perform.

The ignition delay (ID) and combustion delay (CD) values and the DCN value determined by this test method provide a measure of the ignition characteristics of diesel fuel oil used in compression ignition engines. This test is for use by engine manufacturers, petroleum refiners and marketers, and in commerce as a specification aid to relate or match fuels and engines. This test is also applicable to non-conventional diesel fuels, such as paraffinic diesel fuel.[1]

[1] For the original 2013 interlaboratory cooperative test programme results, see [3]. For the exchange programs correlation data analysis see [4].

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for the quantitative determination of ignition and combustion delays of middle distillate fuels intended for use in compression ignition engines. The method utilizes a constant volume combustion chamber with direct fuel injection into heated, compressed synthetic air. A dynamic pressure wave is produced from the combustion of the product under test. An equation is given to calculate the derived cetane number (DCN) from the ignition and combustion delays determined from the dynamic pressure curve.

This document is applicable to middle distillate fuels, fatty acid methyl esters (FAME) and blends of diesel fuels and FAME. The method is also applicable to middle distillate fuels of non-petroleum origin, oil-sands based fuels, blends of fuel containing biodiesel material, diesel fuel oils containing cetane number improver additives and low-sulphur diesel fuel oils. However, users applying this document especially to unconventional distillate fuels are warned that the relationship between derived cetane number and combustion behaviour in real engines is not yet fully understood.

This document covers the ignition delay range from 2,6 ms to 3,9 ms and combustion delay from 3,78 ms to 6,56 ms (62,78 DCN to 39,44 DCN).

NOTE The combustion analyser can measure shorter or longer ignition and combustion delays, but precision is not known.

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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.

EN ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling (ISO 3170)*

EN ISO 3171, *Petroleum liquids — Automatic pipeline sampling (ISO 3171)*

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

ISO 1998-2, *Petroleum industry — Terminology — Part 2: Properties and tests*

IP 537, *Determination of the purity of Derived Cetane Number reference materials — Gas chromatography method*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1998-2 and the following apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp/

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
cetane number
CN
measure of the ignition performance of a diesel fuel in a standardized engine test on a scale defined by reference fuels

Note 1 to entry: It is expressed as the percentage by volume of hexadecane (cetane) in a reference blend having the same ignition delay as the fuel for analysis. The higher the cetane number, the shorter the ignition delay.

3.2
ignition delay
ID
period of time, in milliseconds (ms), between the start of fuel injection and the start of combustion

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this test method, the start of fuel injection is interpreted as the rise in the electronic signal that opens the injector, and the combustion start is interpreted as the first significant increase of the chamber pressure during the combustion cycle, as measured by a pressure sensor in the combustion chamber.

3.3
combustion delay
CD
period of time, in milliseconds (ms), between the start of fuel injection and mid-point of the combustion pressure curve

3.4
Derived cetane number
DCN
number calculated by using an equation that correlates a combustion analyser's *ignition delay [3.2]* and *combustion delay [3.3]* to a cetane number

3.5
accepted reference value
ARV
value agreed upon as a reference for comparison

Note 1 to entry: The value is derived as (1) a theoretical or established value, based in scientific principles, (2) an assigned value, based on experimental work of some national or international organization, or (3) a consensus value, based on collaborative experimental work under the auspices of a scientific or engineering group.

3.6
quality control sample
QC sample
stable and homogenous material(s) similar in nature to the materials under test, properly stored to ensure integrity, and available in sufficient quantity for repeated long-term testing

3.7
calibration reference fluid
stable and homogenous fluid used to calibrate the performance of the combustion analyser

3.8
verification reference fluid
stable and homogenous fluid used to verify the performance of the combustion analyser

4 Principle

A test portion of the material under test is injected into a temperature and pressure controlled, constant volume combustion chamber, which has previously been charged with synthetic air of a specified quality. Each injection produces a compression ignition combustion cycle detected using a pressure sensor. The ignition delay and combustion delay are measured from the rise of the electronic signal that activates the injector solenoid to two specific points along the combustion pressure wave produced by the combustion cycle.

A complete sequence comprises 5 preliminary injection cycles and 15 subsequent injection cycles used for the sample analysis. The ID and CD measurements for the last 15 injection cycles are statistically reviewed and the outlying ID's and CD's are eliminated using Peirce's Criterion [6]. The remaining ID's and CD's are averaged to produce the ID and CD results. An equation is given to calculate the derived cetane number (DCN) from the ignition and combustion delays determined from the dynamic pressure curve. The DCN obtained by this procedure is an estimate of the cetane number (CN) obtained from the conventional large-scale engine test EN ISO 5165 [2].

5 Reagents and materials

5.1 Calibration reference fluid, 40:60 mixture by weight of hexadecane and 2,2,4,4,6,8,8-heptamethylnonane, respectively, measured with an accuracy of 0,01 percent. For peroxide-free material the assigned ID_{ARV} is 2,96 ms and the assigned CD_{ARV} is 4,90 ms

5.1.1 Hexadecane, minimum purity of 99,0 mass fraction percentage

5.1.2 2,2,4,4,6,8,8-Heptamethylnonane, minimum purity of 98,0 mass fraction percentage

IMPORTANT — Hydrocarbons can form peroxides and other free radicals forming contaminants that can influence the ID and CD. Experience has found some 40:60 blends of hexadecane and 2,2,4,4,6,8,8-heptamethylnonane meeting the purity specification can contain peroxides and other free radically form contaminants. Typically, the peroxides and other free radically formed contaminants can be removed from the 40:60 mixture of hexadecane and 2,2,4,4,6,8,8-heptamethylnonane by subjecting the blend to activated 4 Å molecular sieves.

5.2 Verification reference fluid, methylcyclohexane (MCH) of a purity of minimum 99,0 mass fraction percentage to be used as the designated 11,0 ms ignition delay (ID_{ARV}) and the designated 17,0 ms combustion delay (CD_{ARV}) assigned accepted reference value material

If the initial purity is not known the purity shall be checked in accordance with IP 537.

Even if the verification reference fluid meets the purity specification, it might not meet the Ignition and Combustion delay requirements (see Table 2). It is recommended to either pass the suspect MCH through a filter column to remove peroxide-based impurities or to test a bottle of MCH that has been shown to meet the ID and CD requirements. It is recommended that each bottle of MCH is tested prior to its use as a verification reference fluid to confirm it is of acceptable quality.

5.3 Quality control sample, stable and homogenous distillate fuel, similar in nature to the materials under test (see 3.6).

5.4 Charge air, a compressed synthetic air mixture containing (20,0 ± 0,5) volume percent oxygen with the balance nitrogen, less than 0,003 volume fraction percentage hydrocarbons, and less than 0,025 volume fraction percentage water.

NOTE Oxygen content of bottled charge air can vary between batches (cylinders). Significant variation leads to changes in ignition delay and combustion delay (higher oxygen content leads to shorter ignition and combustion delays).

5.5 Heptane, (n-Heptane) with a minimum purity of 99,5 mass fraction percentage.

5.6 Water, unless otherwise specified, shall meet the requirements of grade 3 of EN ISO 3696.

5.7 Coolant system fluid, 50:50 volumetric mixture of commercial grade ethylene glycol-type radiator antifreeze with water (5.6).

5.8 Compressed nitrogen, of minimum purity 99,9 volume fraction percentage

5.9 Instrument air, a compressed air mixture containing (20,0 to 22,0) volume fraction of oxygen with the balance nitrogen, for use with a charge air blending system (6.2).

6 Apparatus

6.1 Combustion analyser

The apparatus is described in more detail in Annex A. For the installation and set-up procedures, and for detailed system description, refer to the manufacturer's manual.

The system described in this document comprises a temperature and pressure-controlled combustion chamber (6.1.1) with fluid cooling of designated areas, chamber inlet and exhaust valves and associated piping, an electronically controlled fuel injection system, a fuel delivery system, a recirculating coolant system, solenoids, sensors, controls and connection fittings for the compressed gas utilities. Figure 1 gives a schematic outline of the analyser.

6.1.1 Combustion chamber, a steel combustion chamber of capacity 0,473 l ± 0,005 l. Annex A gives further details.

6.1.2 Filter medium, a removable polytetrafluoroethylene filter with a 5 µm pore size placed downstream from the sample vessel to filter particulate matter from the test portion.

6.2 Charge air blending system, an instrument air (5.9) and nitrogen (5.8) gas mixer that provides a constant oxygen concentration as prescribed by this document.

NOTE The oxygen content of a new charge air cylinder can differ from that of the previous source, which has a significant effect on the delay measurements, while a charge air blending system provides a constant oxygen content.

7 Sampling

7.1 Unless otherwise specified, obtain samples in accordance with the procedures given in EN ISO 3170 or EN ISO 3171.

7.2 To minimize exposure to UV emissions that can induce chemical reactions, which may affect ignition and combustion delays measurement, collect and store samples in sample containers that are either constructed of materials that minimize light reaching the sample such as a dark brown bottle, metal can or containers that shall be wrapped or boxed in light-proof containers immediately after filling. If the fuel is not to be analysed within 24 h, retain in a dark, cool environment, and preferably under an inert gas.