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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the cloud point of petroleum products which are transparent in layers 40 mm in thickness and have a cloud point below 49 °C.

The inside diameter of the jar may range from 30 mm to 32,4 mm, within the constraint that the wall thickness be no greater than 1,6 mm. The jar shall be marked with a line to indicate a sample height 54 mm  $\pm$  3 mm above the inside bottom.

## 2 Definition

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definition applies.

**4.2 Thermometers**, partial-immersion type, conforming to the specifications in table 1.

**2.1 cloud point:** The temperature at which a cloud of wax crystals first appears in a liquid when it is cooled under specified conditions.

**4.3 Cork**, to fit the test jar, bored centrally to take the test thermometer.

## 3 Principle

A sample is cooled at a specified rate and examined periodically. The temperature at which a cloud is first observed at the bottom of the test jar is recorded as the cloud point.

**4.4 Jacket**, watertight, cylindrical, metal, flat-bottomed, about 115 mm in depth, with an inside diameter of 44,2 mm to 45,8 mm. It shall be supported in a vertical position in a cooling bath (4.7) so that not more than 25 mm projects out of the cooling medium, and it shall be capable of being cleaned.

## 4 Apparatus (see figure 1)

**4.1 Test jar**, cylindrical, of clear glass, flat-bottomed, 33,2 mm to 34,8 mm in outside diameter and 115 mm to 125 mm in height.

**4.5 Disc**, of cork or felt, 6 mm in thickness, to fit loosely inside the jacket.

**4.6 Gasket**, ring form, about 5 mm in thickness, to fit snugly on the outside of the test jar and loosely inside the jacket.

This gasket may be made of rubber, leather or other suitable material, elastic enough to cling to the test jar and hard enough to hold its shape. The purpose of the ring gasket is to prevent the test jar from touching the jacket.

Dimensions in millimetres

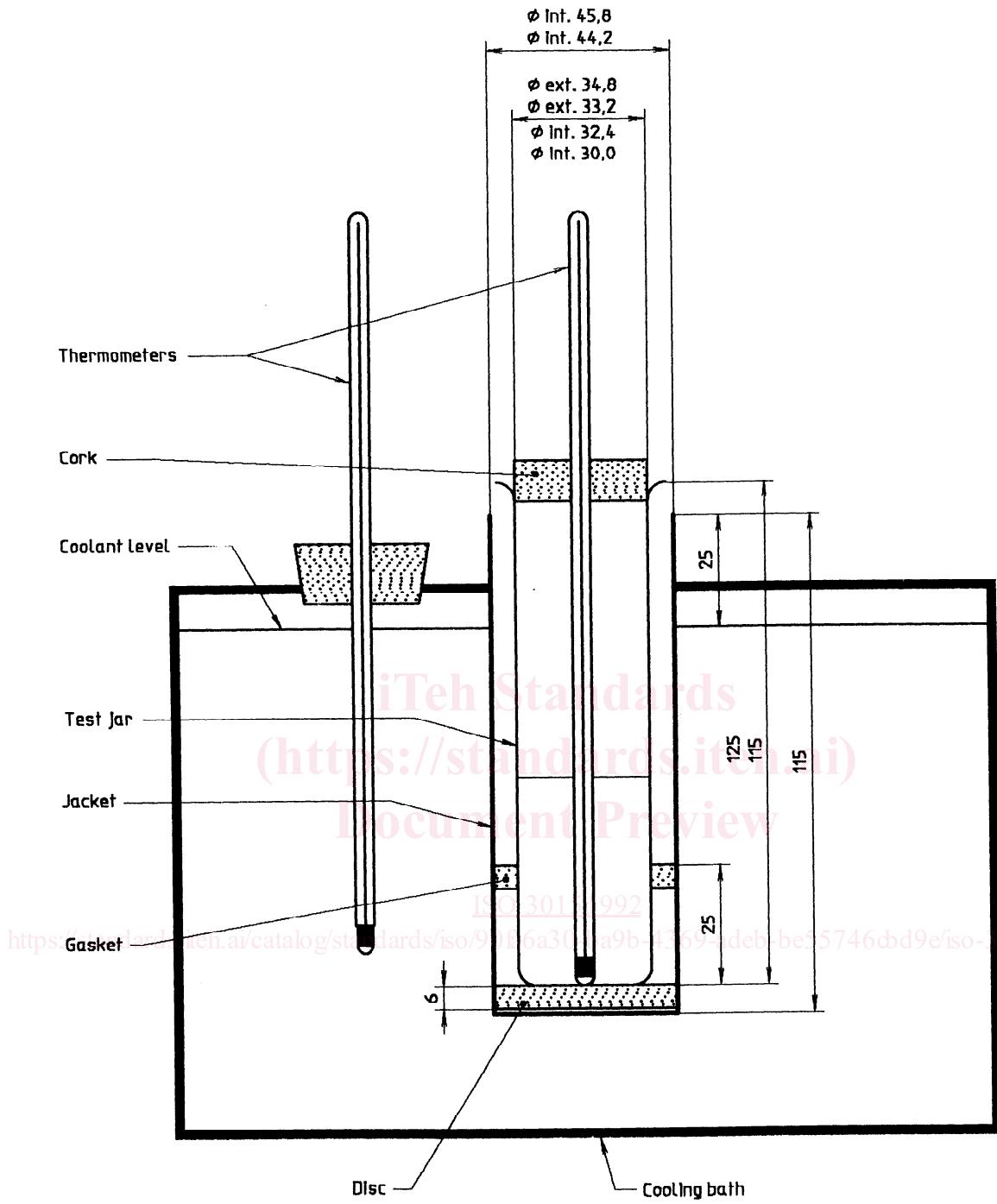


Figure 1 — Apparatus for cloud-point test