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# Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products and Liquid Fuels at Atmospheric Pressure (Mini Method)<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This test method covers the procedure for the determination of the distillation characteristics of petroleum products and liquid fuels in the range of 20 °C to 400 °C (68 °F to 752 °F) using miniaturized automatic distillation apparatus.

1.2 This test method is applicable to such products as: light and middle distillates, automotive spark-ignition engine fuels, automotive spark-ignition engine fuels containing up to 10 % ethanol, aviation gasolines, aviation turbine fuels, regular and low sulfur diesel fuels, biodiesel (B100), biodiesel blends up to 20 % biodiesel, special petroleum spirits, naphthas, white spirits, kerosines, burner fuels, and marine fuels.

1.3 This test method is designed for the analysis of distillate products; it is not applicable to products containing appreciable quantities of residual material.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 *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>

[D86 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products and Liquid Fuels at Atmospheric Pressure](#)

[D323 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products \(Reid Method\)](#)

[D1160 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Reduced Pressure](#)

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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.

[D4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products](#)

[D4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products](#)

[D4953 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Gasoline and Gasoline-Oxygenate Blends \(Dry Method\)](#)

[D5190 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products \(Automatic Method\) \(Withdrawn 2012\)<sup>3</sup>](#)

[D5191 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products \(Mini Method\)](#)

[D5482 Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Petroleum Products \(Mini Method—Atmospheric\)](#)

[D6300 Practice for Determination of Precision and Bias Data for Use in Test Methods for Petroleum Products and Lubricants](#)

[D6708 Practice for Statistical Assessment and Improvement of Expected Agreement Between Two Test Methods that Purport to Measure the Same Property of a Material](#)

2.2 *Energy Institute Standards:*<sup>4</sup>

[IP 69 Determination of Vapour Pressure—Reid Method](#)

[IP 394 Determination of Air Saturated Vapour Pressure](#)

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *decomposition, n*—of a hydrocarbon, pyrolysis or cracking of a molecule yielding smaller molecules with lower boiling points than the original molecule.

3.1.1.1 *decomposition point, n*—in distillation, the corrected temperature reading that coincides with the first indications of thermal decomposition of the specimen.

3.1.2 *dynamic holdup, n*—in D7344 distillation, amount of material present in the distillation column, and in the condenser during the distillation.

3.1.3 *end point (EP) or final boiling point (FBP), n*—maximum corrected temperature reading obtained during the test.

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

<sup>4</sup> Available from Energy Institute, 61 New Cavendish St., London, WIG 7AR, U.K., <http://www.energyinst.org.uk>.

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

3.1.4 *initial boiling point (IBP), n—in D7344 distillation*, corrected temperature reading at the instant of the first detection of condensate in the receiver.

3.1.5 *percent evaporated, n—in distillation*, sum of the percent recovered and the percent loss.

3.1.6 *percent loss, n—in distillation*, one hundred minus the percent total recovery.

3.1.6.1 *corrected loss, n—percent loss corrected for barometric pressure*.

3.1.7 *percent recovered, n—in distillation*, the volume of condensate collected relative to the sample charge.

3.1.8 *percent recovery, n—in distillation*, maximum percent recovered relative to the sample charge.

3.1.8.1 *corrected percent recovery, n—in distillation*, the percent recovery, adjusted for the corrected percent loss.

3.1.8.2 *percent total recovery, n—in distillation*, the combined percent recovery and percent residue.

3.1.9 *percent residue, n—in distillation*, the volume of residue relative to the sample charge.

3.1.10 *sample charge, n—the amount of sample used in a test*.

3.1.11 *vapor temperature reading, n—temperature of the saturated vapor measured in the distillation column below the vapor tube, as determined by the prescribed conditions of the test*.

3.1.11.1 *corrected vapor temperature reading, n—temperature reading, as described in 3.1.11, corrected for barometric pressure*.

#### 4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Based on its composition, vapor pressure, expected IBP or expected FBP, or a combination thereof, the sample is placed in one of four groups. Condenser temperature and other operational variables are defined by the group in which the sample falls.

4.2 A specimen of the sample is distilled under prescribed conditions for the group in which the sample falls. The specimen volume for distillation Groups 1 to 3 is 6 mL. For Group 4, the specimen volume is 5.5 mL. The distillation is performed in an automatic, miniaturized distillation apparatus at ambient pressure under conditions that are designed to provide approximately one theoretical plate fractionation. The vapor temperature readings and volumes of condensate are monitored continuously. After the test, specimen losses and residue are recorded.

4.3 After conclusion of the test, the temperatures are automatically corrected for barometric pressure, using the pressure reading of a built-in pressure transducer. The data are examined for conformance to procedural requirements, such as distillation rates. The test has to be repeated if any specified condition has not been met.

4.4 Test results are commonly expressed as percent volume evaporated or percent volume recovered versus corresponding vapor temperature, either in a table or graphically, as a plot of the distillation curve.

4.5 This test method uses a small specimen volume and miniaturized apparatus which can be portable for field testing.

#### 5. Significance and Use

5.1 The distillation (volatility) characteristics of hydrocarbons and other liquids have an important effect on their safety and performance, especially in the case of fuels and solvents. The boiling range gives information on the composition, the properties, and the behavior of the fuel during storage and use. Volatility is the major determinant of the tendency of a hydrocarbon mixture to produce potentially explosive vapors.

5.2 The distillation characteristics are equally important for both automotive and aviation gasolines, affecting starting, warm-up, and tendency to vapor lock at high operating temperatures or high altitude, or both. The presence of high boiling point components in these and other fuels can significantly affect the degree of formation of solid combustion deposits.

5.3 Volatility, as it affects the rate of evaporation, is an important factor in the application of many solvents, particularly those used in paints.

5.4 Distillation limits are often included in petroleum product specifications, in commercial contract agreements, process refinery/control applications, and for compliance to regulatory rules.

#### 6. Apparatus

6.1 *Automatic Distillation Apparatus*—The type of apparatus suitable for this test method employs a heat source, a specimen cup, a stainless steel distillation column, a temperature measuring device, a thermoelectrically controlled condenser and receiver system, a thermoelectrically controlled sample introduction and dosing system, and a system to measure and automatically record the vapor temperature, the associated percent recovered volume in the receiver, the condenser temperature, and the barometric pressure.<sup>5</sup>

6.2 A description of the apparatus is given in [Annex A1](#).

6.3 *Sample Introduction and Dosing System*—A system capable to automatically draw sample from a sample container and fill the specimen container cup with a specimen of 6 mL  $\pm$  0.05 mL or 5.5 mL  $\pm$  0.05 mL.

6.4 *Temperature Measuring Device*—A thermocouple (NiCr-Ni or similar) in stainless steel tube of 1 mm  $\pm$  0.02 mm diameter with a response time of  $t(90) = 3 \text{ s} \pm 1 \text{ s}$  shall be used for measuring the temperature of the vapor. The minimum resolution shall be 0.1 °C (0.2 °F), and the minimum accuracy  $\pm 0.1 \text{ °C}$  (0.2 °F).

6.5 *Pressure Transducer*—A pressure transducer with a minimum range of 0 kPa to 120 kPa with a minimum resolution of 0.1 kPa shall be used. The minimum accuracy shall be  $\pm 0.1 \text{ kPa}$ .

<sup>5</sup> The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Grabner Instruments, A-1220 Vienna, Dr. Otto Neurathgasse 1, Austria. 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,<sup>1</sup> which you may attend.

**TABLE 1 Group Characteristics**

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Sample characteristics				
Distillate type				
Vapor pressure at:				
37.8 °C, kPa	≥65.5	<65.5	<65.5	<65.5
100 °F, psi	≥9.5	<9.5	<9.5	<9.5
(Test Methods <a href="#">D323</a> , <a href="#">D4953</a> , <a href="#">D5190</a> , <a href="#">D5191</a> , <a href="#">D5482</a> , IP 69, or IP 394)				
Distillation:				
IBP	°C		≤100	>100
	°F		≤212	>212
EP	°C	≤250	≤250	>250
	°F	≤482	≤482	>482

**TABLE 2 Sampling, Storage, and Sample Conditioning**

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Temperature of sample bottle	°C <10			
	°F <50			
Temperature of stored bottle	°C <10 <sup>A</sup>	<10 <sup>A</sup>	ambient	ambient
	°F <50 <sup>A</sup>	<50 <sup>A</sup>	ambient	ambient
Temperature of sample after conditioning prior to analysis	°C <10	<10	ambient	ambient
	°F <50	<50	ambient	ambient
If sample is wet <sup>B</sup>	resample	resample	dry <sup>C</sup>	dry <sup>C</sup>
If sample is still wet <sup>B</sup>	dry <sup>D</sup>	dry <sup>D</sup>		

<sup>A</sup> Under certain circumstances, samples can also be stored at temperatures below 20 °C (68 °F). See also [8.3.3](#).

<sup>B</sup> If sample is known to be wet, resampling may be omitted. Dry sample in accordance with [8.5.2](#) and [8.5.3](#).

<sup>C</sup> Dry in accordance with [8.5.3](#).

<sup>D</sup> Dry in accordance with [8.5.2](#).

6.6 *Balance*, with a minimum range of 25 g and a minimum accuracy of ±3 mg.

6.7 *Pressure Measuring Device for Calibration*, capable of measuring local station pressure with an accuracy and a resolution of 0.1 kPa (1 mm Hg) or better, at the same elevation relative to sea level as the apparatus in the laboratory.

## 7. Reagents and Materials

7.1 *Purity of Reagents*—Use chemicals of at least 99 % purity for quality control checks. Quality control check materials used in this test method are toluene (**Warning**—Flammable and a health hazard) and hexadecane (see Section [10](#)). Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society<sup>6</sup> where such specifications are available. Lower purities can be used, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficient purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

NOTE 1—The chemicals in this section are suggested for quality control procedures (see Section [10](#)) and are not used for instrument calibration.

## 8. Sampling, Storage, and Sample Conditioning

8.1 Determine the group characteristics that correspond to the sample to be tested (see [Table 1](#)). Where the procedure is dependent upon the group, the section headings will be so marked.

### 8.2 Sampling:

8.2.1 Only samples that are liquid at room temperature can be tested by this test method.

8.2.2 Sampling shall be done as described in [Table 2](#) and in accordance with Practice [D4057](#) or [D4177](#), except do not use the “Sampling by Water Displacement” section for fuels containing oxygenates.

<sup>6</sup> *Reagent Chemicals, American Chemical Society Specifications*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC. For Suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see *Annual Standards for Laboratory Chemicals*, BDH Ltd., Poole, Dorset, U.K., and the *United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary*, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.

8.2.2.1 *Groups 1 and 2*—Collect the sample as described in [8.2.2](#) at a temperature below 10 °C (50 °F). If this is not possible because, for instance, the product to be sampled is at ambient temperature, the sample shall be drawn into a bottle prechilled to below 10 °C (50 °F), in such a manner that agitation is kept at a minimum. Close the bottle immediately with a tight-fitting closure. (**Warning**—Do not completely fill and tightly seal a cold bottle of sample due to the of the likelihood of breakage upon warming.)

8.2.2.2 *Groups 3 and 4*—Collect the sample at ambient temperature. After sampling, close the sample bottle immediately with a tight-fitting closure.

8.2.2.3 If the sample received by the testing laboratory has been sampled by others and it is not known whether sampling has been performed as described in [8.2](#), the sample shall be assumed to have been so sampled.

8.2.2.4 Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for introducing the test specimen into the measuring chamber.

### 8.3 Sample Storage:

8.3.1 If testing is not to start immediately after collection, store the samples as indicated in [8.3.2](#) and [8.3.3](#) and [Table 2](#). All samples shall be stored away from direct sunlight or sources of direct heat.

8.3.2 *Groups 1 and 2*—Store the sample at a temperature below 10 °C (50 °F).

NOTE 2—If there are no, or inadequate, facilities for storage below or equal 10 °C (50 °F), the sample may also be stored at a temperature below 20 °C (68 °F), provided the operator ensures that the sample container is tightly closed and leak-free.

8.3.3 *Groups 3 and 4*—Store the sample at ambient or lower temperature.

### 8.4 Sample Conditioning Prior to Analysis:

8.4.1 Samples shall be conditioned to the temperature shown in [Table 2](#) before opening the sample container.

8.4.1.1 *Groups 1 and 2*—Samples shall be conditioned to a temperature of less than 10 °C (50 °F) before opening the sample container.

8.4.1.2 *Groups 3 and 4*—Samples shall be conditioned to a temperature not above ambient before opening the sample container.

### 8.5 Wet Samples:

8.5.1 Samples of materials that visibly contain water are not suitable for testing. If the sample is not dry, obtain another sample that is free from suspended water.

8.5.2 *Groups 1, and 2*—If such a sample cannot be obtained, the suspended water can be removed by maintaining the sample at 0 °C to 10 °C (32 °F to 50 °F), adding approximately 10 g of anhydrous sodium sulfate per 100 mL of sample, shaking the mixture for approximately 2 min, and then allowing the mixture to settle for approximately 15 min. Once the sample shows no visible signs of water, use a decanted portion of the sample, maintained between 1 °C and 10 °C (34 °F and 50 °F), for the analysis. Note in the report that the sample has been dried by the addition of a desiccant.

NOTE 3—Suspended water in hazy samples in Groups 1 and 2 can be removed by the addition of anhydrous sodium sulfate and separating the liquid sample from the drying agent by decanting. For Test Method D86, it has been shown that this procedure does not statistically affect the results of the test.<sup>7</sup>

8.5.3 *Groups 3 and 4*—In cases in which a water-free sample is not practical, the suspended water can be removed by shaking the sample with anhydrous sodium sulfate or other suitable drying agent and separating it from the drying agent by decanting. Note in the report that the sample has been dried by the addition of a desiccant.

## 9. Preparation of Apparatus

9.1 Refer to Table 1 and prepare the instrument by choosing the appropriate group in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

9.2 Place a specimen cup whose mass has been determined according to the manufacturer's instructions to be known to be at least  $\pm 3$  mg on the specimen cup support in the apparatus.

## 10. Verification of Calibration and Standardization

10.1 *Temperature Measuring Device*—Verify the calibration of the thermocouple used to monitor the vapor temperature at least every six months, and after the system has been replaced or repaired, against a thermometer which is traceable to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) or national authorities in the country the equipment is used.

10.1.1 The temperature measuring device calibration can be checked by distilling pure toluene (**Warning**—Flammable and a health hazard) in accordance with this test method. The temperature measurement system shall indicate, at 50 % distilled, a temperature of  $110.6\text{ °C} \pm 0.8\text{ °C}$  ( $231\text{ °F} \pm 1.5\text{ °F}$ ).

10.1.2 To check the temperature measuring device at elevated temperatures, perform a distillation with hexadecane (cetane). The temperature measurement system shall indicate at 50 % distilled a temperature of  $281.3\text{ °C} \pm 1.5\text{ °C}$  ( $538.5\text{ °F} \pm 3\text{ °F}$ ) under Group 3 and 4 distillation conditions.

NOTE 4—The melting point of n-hexadecane is 18 °C (64.5 °F). If the sample is solid, heat it to about 25 °C (77 °F) and wait until all the material is liquid before starting the test.

<sup>7</sup> Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR:D02-1455.

10.2 *Pressure Transducer*—Check the calibration of the transducer at intervals of not more than six months, and after the instrument has been repaired. The calibration of the transducer is checked against ambient barometric pressure as measured by the pressure measuring device described in 6.7. If the displayed atmospheric pressure is not equal to the ambient barometric pressure, adjust the transducer control until the appropriate reading is observed. The ambient barometric pressure is the actual station pressure at the location of the tester at the time of measurement. (**Warning**—Many aneroid barometers, such as those used at weather stations and airports, are pre-corrected to give sea level readings. These shall not be used for calibration of the apparatus.)

10.3 *Receiver System*—The percent volume detection system of the apparatus shall have a resolution of 6  $\mu\text{L}$  or better with a maximum error of 18  $\mu\text{L}$  between the 0.3 mL and 6 mL points. The calibration of the assembly shall be verified in accordance with manufacturer's instructions at intervals of not more than six months and after the system has been replaced or repaired.

## 11. Procedure

11.1 Connect the specimen container filling system inlet tubing to the inlet of the apparatus and immerse it in the sample. For samples of Group 1, make provisions to avoid loss of high volatiles in the sample. The overall volume of the sample shall be at least 50 mL for all distillation groups (see Table 1). Follow the manufacturer's instructions for introducing the test specimen into the measuring chamber.

11.2 Regulate the temperatures of the specimen container filling system, the condenser, and the receiver system for the appropriate group of the sample as specified in Table 3. For biodiesel (B100), the condenser and receiver system is regulated to  $60\text{ °C} \pm 0.2\text{ °C}$ .

11.3 *Filling*—Following the manufacturer's instructions, draw in sample, and place a specimen of  $6\text{ mL} \pm 0.05\text{ mL}$  (Groups 1 to 3) or  $5.5\text{ mL} \pm 0.05\text{ mL}$  (Group 4) into the specimen cup.

11.4 *Initial Boiling Point*—Apply heat to the specimen cup and note the start time.

11.5 Regulate the specimen container heating so that the time interval between the first application of heat and the IBP is as specified in Table 3. Record the IBP to the nearest 0.1 °C (0.2 °F).

11.6 Continue to regulate the specimen container heating so that the uniform average rate of condensation from 5 % or 10 % recovered to 95 % recovered is  $0.6\text{ mL} \pm 0.3\text{ mL}$  per min, as specified in Table 3. (**Warning**—Due to the configuration of the distillation column and the conditions of the test, the vapor and liquid around the temperature sensor are not in thermodynamic equilibrium. The distillation rate will consequently have an effect on the measured vapor temperature. The distillation rate shall, therefore, be kept as constant as possible throughout the test.)

NOTE 5—When testing gasoline samples, it is not uncommon to see the condensate suddenly form non-miscible liquid phases and bead up on the temperature sensor and in the neck of the distillation column at a vapor

TABLE 3 Default Conditions During Test Procedure<sup>A</sup>

		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Temperature of filling system <sup>A</sup>	°C	10 ± 0.2	10 ± 0.2	10 ± 0.2	30 ± 0.2
	°F	50 ± 0.4	50 ± 0.4	50 ± 0.4	86 ± 0.4
Temperature of condenser <sup>A</sup>	°C	10 ± 0.2	10 ± 0.2	10 ± 0.2	30 ± 0.2
	°F	50 ± 0.4	50 ± 0.4	50 ± 0.4	86 ± 0.4
Temperature of receiver system <sup>A</sup>	°C	10 ± 0.2	10 ± 0.2	10 ± 0.2	30 ± 0.2
	°F	50 ± 0.4	50 ± 0.4	50 ± 0.4	86 ± 0.4
Time from first application of heat to initial boiling point, min		<7	<8	<8	<12
Uniform rate of condensation at 5 % recovered and 95 % recovered, mL/min		≥0.15	≥0.15	≥0.15	≥0.15
Uniform rate of condensation from 10 % recovered to 90 % recovered, mL/min		0.3–0.9	0.3–0.9	0.3–0.9	0.3–0.9
Time from 95 % recovered to end point, min		<4	<4	<4	<4
Specimen volume of sample (mL)		6 ± 0.05	6 ± 0.05	6 ± 0.05	5.5 ± 0.05
Mean density of liquid residual, g/ccm		0.76	0.76	0.86	0.87

<sup>A</sup> The proper temperature will depend upon the wax content of the sample and of its distillation fractions. The test is generally performed using one single temperature. Wax formation in the condenser can be deduced from (a) the presence of wax particles in the distillate, (b) a higher distillation loss than what would be expected based on the initial boiling point of the specimen, (c) an erratic recovery rate and (d) the presence of wax particles during cleaning of the condenser with a lint-free swab. The minimum temperature that permits satisfactory operation shall be used. In some cases involving grade No. 2 fuel oil, Grade No. 2-D diesel fuel oil, gas oils and similar distillates, it may be necessary to hold the condenser, receiver and filling system temperature in the 30 °C to 60 °C (86 °F to 140 °F) range. Also, for very high volatile Group 1 samples, it may be necessary to decrease the filling and receiving temperature to 5 °C (41 °F).

temperature of around 160 °C (320 °F). This may be accompanied by a sharp (about 3 °C (6 °F)) dip in the vapor temperature and a drop in the recovery rate. The phenomenon, which may be due to the presence of trace water in the sample, may last for 10 s to 30 s before the temperature recovers and the condensate starts flowing smoothly again. This point is sometimes colloquially referred to as the Hesitation Point.

11.7 If a decomposition point is observed, discontinue the heating and proceed as directed in 11.13.

NOTE 6—Characteristic indications of thermal decomposition are evolution of fumes and erratic, typically decreasing, temperature readings that occur during the final stages of the distillation.

11.8 In the interval between the IBP and the end of the distillation, record all volumes in the receiving cylinder to the nearest 5 µL, and all temperature readings to the nearest 0.1 °C (0.2 °F).

11.8.1 Record temperature readings at least at every 0.25 % recovered.

11.9 When the percent recovered is approximately 92 %, make a final adjustment of the heat. The time from the 92 % recovered to the EP (FBP) shall be within the limits prescribed in Table 3. If this condition is not satisfied, repeat the test with appropriate modification of the final heat adjustment.

11.10 Observe and record the EP (FBP) as required, and discontinue the heating.

11.11 Allow the distillate to drain into the receiver, after specimen heating has been discontinued. The apparatus shall continually monitor the percent recovered volume until this volume changes by no more than 10 µL in 1 min.

11.12 Record the volume in the receiver, in mL, as the percent recovered volume.

11.13 After the specimen cup has cooled place the cup on a balance and determine the mass of the cup plus residual specimen to the nearest ±3 mg. (Warning—Take adequate precautions when removing the sample cup to prevent acci-

dental burns. Remove the cup in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.)

11.13.1 If a residue larger than 300 mg is obtained and the distillation was not purposely terminated before the EP, check whether adequate heat was applied towards the end of the distillation and whether conditions during the test conform to those specified in Table 3.

11.14 Repeat any distillation that did not meet the requirements described in 11.5 and 11.6.

NOTE 7—The test method is not designed for the analysis of distillate fuels containing appreciable quantities of residual material (see 1.2).

## 12. Calculations

12.1 Calculate the percent recovery in accordance with the following equation:

$$R = 100 V_R / V_S \quad (1)$$

where:

$R$  = percent recovery,  
 $V_R$  = recovered volume, in mL (see 11.14), and  
 $V_S$  = sample charge, in mL (see 11.3).

12.2 Calculate the percent residue in accordance with the following equation:

$$R_p = 100 (M_t - M_c) / (\rho_R V_S) \quad (2)$$

where:

$R_p$  = percent residue,  
 $M_t$  = total mass of specimen cup and residual specimen in the cup, as determined in 11.13, in g,  
 $M_c$  = mass of the empty specimen cup, in g,  
 $\rho_R$  = mean density of residual specimen (see Table 3), in g/ccm, and  
 $V_S$  = sample charge, in mL (see 11.3).

12.3 The percent total recovery is the sum of the percent recovery (see 12.1) and the percent residue (see 12.2). Deduct the percent total recovery from 100 to obtain the percent loss.

12.4 Correct temperature readings to 101.3 kPa (760 mm Hg) pressure. Obtain the correction to be applied to each temperature reading by means of the Sydney Young equation as given in Eq 3, Eq 4, or Eq 5, as appropriate.

For Celsius temperatures:

$$C_c = 0.0009 (101.3 - P_k) (273 + t_c) \quad (3)$$

$$C_c = 0.00012 (760 - P) (273 + t_c) \quad (4)$$

For Fahrenheit temperatures:

$$C_f = 0.00012 (760 - P) (460 + t_f) \quad (5)$$

where:

- $t_c$  = the observed temperature reading in °C,
- $t_f$  = the observed temperature reading in °F,
- $C_c$  and  $C_f$  = corrections to be added algebraically to the observed temperature readings,
- $P_k$  = barometric pressure, prevailing at the time and location of the test, in kPa, and
- $P$  = barometric pressure, prevailing at the time and location of the test, in mm Hg.

12.4.1 After applying the corrections and rounding each result to the nearest 0.1 °C (0.2 °F), use the corrected temperature readings in all further calculations and reporting.

NOTE 8—Temperature readings are not corrected to 101.3 kPa (760 mm Hg) when product definitions, specifications, or agreements between the parties involved indicate, specifically, that such correction is not required or that correction shall be made to some other base pressure.

12.5 Correct the actual loss to 101.3 kPa (760 mm Hg) pressure when temperature readings are corrected to 101.3 kPa pressure. The corrected loss,  $L_c$ , is calculated from Eq 6 or Eq 7, as appropriate.

$$L_c = 0.5 + (L - 0.5) / \{1 + (101.3 - P_k) / 8.00\} \quad (6)$$

$$L_c = 0.5 + (L - 0.5) / \{1 + (760 - P) / 60.0\} \quad (7)$$

where:

- $L$  = observed loss,
- $L_c$  = corrected loss,
- $P_k$  = pressure, kPa, and
- $P$  = pressure, mm Hg.

NOTE 9—Eq 6 and 7 have been derived from the data in Table 7 and Eqs 5 and 6 in Test Method D86-95 and earlier versions. It is probable that Eq 6 and 7 shown were the original empirical equations from which the table and equations in the Test Method D86-95 and earlier versions were derived.

12.5.1 Calculate the corresponding corrected percent recovery in accordance with the following equation:

$$R_c = R + (L - L_c) \quad (8)$$

where:

- $L$  = percent loss or observed loss,
- $L_c$  = corrected loss,
- $R$  = percent recovery, and
- $R_c$  = corrected percent recovery.

12.6 To obtain the percent evaporated at a prescribed temperature reading, add the percent loss to each of the

observed percent recovered at the prescribed temperature readings, and report these results as the respective percent evaporated, that is:

$$P_e = P_r + L \quad (9)$$

where:

- $L$  = observed loss,
- $P_e$  = percent evaporated, and
- $P_r$  = percent recovered.

12.7 To report a temperature reading at a prescribed percent evaporated, obtain the desired temperature directly from the database as the temperature closest to and within 0.1 volume % of the prescribed percent evaporated.

NOTE 10—The available instruments perform most procedures described in Sections 11 and 12 automatically.

## 13. Report

13.1 Report the following information:

13.2 Report the barometric pressure to the nearest 0.1 kPa (1 mm Hg).

13.3 Report all volumetric readings in percentages to the nearest 0.1 %, and all temperature readings to the nearest 0.1 °C (0.2 °F).

13.4 After barometric corrections of the temperature readings have been made, the following data require no further calculation prior to reporting: IBP, EP (FBP), decomposition point, and all pairs of corresponding values involving percent recovered and temperature readings.

13.5 It is advisable to base the report on relationships between temperature readings and percent evaporated when the sample is a gasoline, or any other product classified under Group 1, or in which the percent loss is greater than 2.0. Otherwise, the report can be based on relationships between temperature readings and percent evaporated or percent recovered. Every report must indicate clearly which basis has been used.

13.6 Report if a drying agent, as described in 8.5.2 or 8.5.3, was used.

## 14. Precision and Bias

14.1 *Precision*—The precision of this test method has been determined by the statistical examination of interlaboratory test results.<sup>8</sup>

NOTE 11—The precisions and bias have been derived according to the group number in the following fashion. Group 1, 2, and 3 samples are labeled as NOT4, and Group 4 samples are labeled GRP4.

NOTE 12—Information on the precision of % evaporated or % recovered at a prescribed temperature can be found in Annex A4.

14.1.1 *Repeatability*—The difference between successive test results obtained by the same apparatus under constant operating conditions on identical test material would, in the long run, in the normal and correct operation of the test method, exceed the following value only in one case in twenty:

<sup>8</sup> Supporting data (the results of the 2005 Interlaboratory Cooperative Test Program) have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR:D02-1621.