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# Standard Practice for Preparing Volumetric Blends of Denatured Fuel Ethanol and Gasoline Blendstocks for Laboratory Analysis<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers and provides instructions on making a volumetric blend of denatured fuel ethanol with gasoline blendstocks, such as a reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB) or a conventional gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (CBOB).

1.2 This practice does not preclude the use of automated volumetric blending systems.

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.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

**D4806** Specification for Denatured Fuel Ethanol for Blending with Gasolines for Use as Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel

**D4814** Specification for Automotive Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel

**D4815** Test Method for Determination of MTBE, ETBE, TAME, DIPE, tertiary-Amyl Alcohol and C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> Alcohols in Gasoline by Gas Chromatography

**D5501** Test Method for Determination of Ethanol and Methanol Content in Fuels Containing Greater than 20% Ethanol by Gas Chromatography

**D5599** Test Method for Determination of Oxygenates in Gasoline by Gas Chromatography and Oxygen Selective Flame Ionization Detection

2.2 *Federal Standard*.<sup>3</sup>

**CFR 40.80 Title 40**—Protection of Environment, Chapter 1—Environmental Protection Agency (continued), Part 80—Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives, Subpart D—Reformulated Gasoline

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *denaturants, n*—materials added to ethanol to make it unsuitable for beverage use under a formula approved by a regulatory agency to prevent the imposition of beverage alcohol tax. **D4806**

3.1.2 *denatured fuel ethanol, n*—fuel ethanol made unfit for beverage use by the addition of denaturants under formula(s) approved by the applicable regulatory agency to prevent the imposition of beverage alcohol tax. **D4806**

3.1.3 *gasoline, n*—volatile mixture of liquid hydrocarbons, generally containing small amounts of additives, suitable for use as a fuel in spark-ignition, internal combustion engines. **D4814**

3.1.4 *gasoline-alcohol blend, n*—fuel consisting primarily of gasoline along with a substantial amount (more than 0.35 % by mass oxygen or more than 0.15 % by mass oxygen if methanol is the only oxygenate) of one or more alcohols. **D4814**

### 3.2 Abbreviations:

3.2.1 *CBOB*—conventional gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending.

3.2.2 *RBOB*—reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending.

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

<sup>3</sup> Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, http://www.access.gpo.gov.