
**Petroleum and related products —
Determination of the shear stability of
polymer-containing oils using a diesel
injector nozzle**

*Pétrole et produits connexes — Détermination de la stabilité au
cisaillement de fluides contenant des polymères au moyen d'un
injecteur pour moteur diesel*

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- correction of deficiencies of the former standard and alignment with CEC L-14-93 have been introduced;
- the requirements concerning reagents ([Clause 5](#)) has been updated as the former reference fluid is no longer available;
- a requirement on minimum test volume availability ([7.2](#)) has been introduced based on field experience;
- the preparation of the test rig ([Clause 8](#) and [Annex A](#)) and subsequently the referencing ([Clause 9](#)) have been improved and technically revised.

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WARNING — The use of this International Standard may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This International Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this International Standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method to assess the resistance to shear stresses applied to mineral oils, synthetic oils, and other fluids containing polymers, when passed through a specified diesel injector nozzle. The shear stability is measured by the change in viscosity of the fluid under test, brought about by the polymer degradation during stress. Under normal circumstances, this International Standard is applied to hydraulic fluids of categories HR and HV as defined in ISO 6743-4^[1] and specified in ISO 11158^[2], but it may also be applied to fire-resistant hydraulic fluids within categories HFA, HFB, HFC, and HFD, with modified conditions as specified in ISO 12922^[3].

No formal correlation has been established between the viscosity loss, or the absence of viscosity loss, obtained using the procedures described in this International Standard and that of oils and fluids in actual service. However, it provides standardized conditions for the evaluation of polymer stability under minimized thermal and oxidative stresses. It is normally used by manufacturers of fluids and additives, and users, as a means of ranking existing and potential formulations.

NOTE Changes to properties other than viscosity are specified in some specifications, but these are not covered by the procedures specified in this International Standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3104, *Petroleum products — Transparent and opaque liquids — Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity*

ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 4113, *Road vehicles — Calibration fluids for diesel injection equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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shear stability

mechanically-induced viscosity shear loss at 40 °C of a fluid, expressed as percentage

Note 1 to entry: Viscosity measurements at other temperatures may be specified by some users.