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par adsorption en présence d'indicateur fluorescent

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## European foreword

This document (EN 15553:2021) 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.

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This document supersedes EN 15553:2007. It is originally based on IP 156/06 [1]. It is intended as an alternative method to ASTM D1319 [2], which requires a de-pentanization step.

In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modification has been made:

- lot numbers of the to be used reformulated dyed gel (5.2) that are questionable in their use have been excluded and clarification of correct references to the gel have been included.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a fluorescent indicator adsorption method for the determination of hydrocarbon types over the concentration ranges from 5 % (V/V) to 99 % (V/V) aromatic hydrocarbons, 0,3 % (V/V) to 55 % (V/V) olefins, and 1 % (V/V) to 95 % (V/V) saturated hydrocarbons in petroleum fractions that distil below 315 °C. This method can apply to concentrations outside these ranges, but the precision has not been determined.

When samples containing oxygenated blending components are analysed, the hydrocarbon type results can be reported on an oxygenate-free basis or, when the oxygenate content is known, the results can be corrected to a total-sample basis.

This test method is applicable to full boiling range products. Cooperative data have established that the precision statement does not apply to petroleum fractions with narrow boiling ranges near the 315 °C limit. Such samples are not eluted properly, and results are erratic.

It does not apply to samples containing dark-coloured components that interfere with reading the chromatographic bands that cannot be analysed.

NOTE 1 The oxygenated blending components methanol, ethanol, *tert*-butyl methyl ether (MTBE), methyl *tert*-pentyl ether (*TAME*) and *tert*-butyl ethyl ether (ETBE) do not interfere with the determination of hydrocarbon types at concentrations normally found in commercial petroleum blends. These oxygenated compounds are not detected since they elute with the alcohol desorbent. The effects of other oxygenated compounds are individually verified.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this document, the terms “% (m/m)” and “% (V/V)” are used to represent respectively the mass fraction and the volume fraction.

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EN 1601, *Liquid petroleum products - Determination of organic oxygenate compounds and total organically bound oxygen content in unleaded petrol - Method by gas chromatography (O-FID)*

EN 13132, *Liquid petroleum products - Unleaded petrol - Determination of organic oxygenate compounds and total organically bound oxygen content by gas chromatography using column switching*

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)*