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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of sediment in crude oils and fuel oils by extraction with toluene. The precision applies to a range of sediment levels from 0.01 % to 0.40 % mass, although higher levels may be determined.

NOTE 1—Precision on recycled oils and crankcase oils is unknown and additional testing is required to determine that precision.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific warning statements, see 6.1.1.6 and 7.1.

1.4 *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:²

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D02 on Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants and the API Committee on Petroleum Measurement, and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D02.02 /COMQ, the joint ASTM-API Committee on Hydrocarbon Measurement for Custody Transfer (Joint ASTM-API). This test method has been approved by the sponsoring committees and accepted by the Cooperating Societies in accordance with established procedures.

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² 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.

[D4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products \(API MPMS Chapter 8.1\)](#)

[D4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants](#)

[D4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products \(API MPMS Chapter 8.2\)](#)

[D5854 Practice for Mixing and Handling of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products \(API MPMS Chapter 8.3\)](#)

[E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

2.2 API Standards:³

[Chapter 1 Terms and Definitions Database](#)

[Chapter 8.1 Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products \(ASTM Practice D4057\)](#)

[Chapter 8.2 Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products \(ASTM Practice D4177\)](#)

[Chapter 8.3 Mixing and Handling of Liquid Samples of Petroleum and Petroleum Products \(ASTM Practice D5854\)](#)

2.3 ISO Standard:⁴

[5272 Toluene for industrial use—Specifications](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms used in this standard test method, refer to Terminology [D4175](#) and the API *MPMS* Chapter 1 Terms and Definitions Database.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Extract test portion of a representative oil sample, contained in a refractory thimble, with hot toluene until the residue reaches constant mass. The mass of residue, calculated as a percentage, is reported as *sediment by extraction*.

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