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## Introduction

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of the air saturated vapour pressure (ASVP) (total vapour pressure), exerted *in vacuo*, by volatile, low viscosity petroleum products, components, ethanol blends up to 85 % (V/V), and feedstocks containing air. A dry vapour pressure equivalent (DVPE) can be calculated from the air containing vapour pressure (ASVP) measurement.

The conditions used in the test described in this standard are a vapour-to-liquid ratio of 4:1 and a test temperature of 37,8 °C.

The equipment is not wetted with water during the test, and the method described is therefore suitable for testing samples with or without oxygenates; no account is taken of dissolved water in the sample.

This method described is suitable for testing air saturated samples with a DVPE between 15,5 kPa and 106,0 kPa; vapour pressures outside this range can be measured but the precision has not been determined.

This document is applicable to fuels containing oxygenated compounds up to the limits stated in the relevant Council Directive 85/536/EEC [10], and for ethanol-fuel blends up to 85 % (V/V) ethanol.

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

**WARNING — The use of this standard can involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of users of this standard to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety and health of personnel prior to application of the standard, and fulfil statutory and regulatory requirements for this purpose.**

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EN ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling (ISO 3170)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **air saturated vapour pressure**

ASVP

observed pressure exerted *in vacuo* consisting of the partial pressure of petroleum products, components and feedstocks, in the absence of non-dissolved water, and the partial pressure of dissolved air

### 3.2

#### **dry vapour pressure equivalent**

DVPE

vapour pressure equivalent value calculated by a statistical correlation formula to a dry Reid vapour pressure as measured by ASTM D4953 [4]

## 4 Principle

A cooled air saturated sample of known volume is injected into a thermostatically controlled evacuated chamber, or into a chamber that is evacuated by means of a moveable piston after sample introduction, the internal volume of which is five times that of the total test portion introduced into the chamber. After