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Foreword

This document (EN 15376:2014) 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 has originally been prepared under mandate M/344 given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association along with other standards intended to be complementary to the regulatory measures contained in various EU Directives, see [1], [2], [3] and [4].

If (bio)ethanol is meant for use as automotive fuel component, this document applies. It is intended to call up this European Standard in EN 228 [5], in order to define the quality of (bio)ethanol which is added/blended to the petrol.

The major updates of this third version concern the inclusion of newly developed methods for determination of inorganic chloride and sulfate, plus the lowering of their respective limits. As experience with ICP-OES instruments in the market has grown, EN 15837 has become the method in case of dispute for copper and sulfur content.

The former version gave all relevant characteristics, requirements and test methods for (bio)ethanol, which were known at that time to be necessary to define the product to be used up to a maximum 10 % (*V/V*) blending component for automotive petrol fuel. With the actual document, the percentage of use is expanded to allow use at all percentages up to and including 85 % (*V/V*) and the requirements are updated accordingly.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and test methods for marketed and delivered ethanol to be used as an extender for automotive fuel for petrol engine vehicles in accordance with the requirements of EN 228 [5]. It is applicable to ethanol used for blending at all levels up to and including 85 % (*V/V*).

NOTE For the purposes of this document, the term "% (*m/m*)" and "% (*V/V*)" are used to represent the mass fraction, μ, and the volume fraction, φ, respectively.

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.

EN 15485:2007, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of sulfur content — Wavelength dispersive X-ray fluorescence spectrometric method*

EN 15486:2007, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of sulfur content — Ultraviolet fluorescence method*

EN 15487:2007, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of phosphorus content — Ammonium molybdate spectrometric method*

EN 15488:2007, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of copper content — Graphite furnace atomic absorption spectrometric method*

EN 15489:2007, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of water content — Karl Fischer coulometric titration method*

EN 15491:2007, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of total acidity — Colour indicator titration method*

EN 15492:2012, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of inorganic chloride and sulfate content — Ion chromatographic method*

EN 15691:2009, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of dry residue (involatile material) — Gravimetric method*

EN 15692:2009, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of water content — Karl Fischer potentiometric titration method*

EN 15721:2013, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of higher alcohols, methanol and other impurities — Gas chromatographic method*

EN 15769:2009, *Ethanol as a blending component of petrol — Determination of appearance — Visual method*

EN 15837:2009, *Ethanol as a blending component for petrol — Determination of phosphorus, copper and sulfur content — Direct method by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP OES)*

EN 15938:2010, *Automotive fuels — Ethanol blending component and ethanol (E85) automotive fuel — Determination of electrical conductivity*

EN ISO 3170:2004, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling (ISO 3170:2004)*