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## Oil of rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* Linnaeus)

*Huile essentielle de romarin (Rosmarinus officinalis Linnaeus)*

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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 1342 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 54, *Essential oils*.

It cancels and replaces ISO Recommendation R 1342 : 1971, of which it constitutes a technical revision.

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# Oil of rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* Linnaeus)

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies certain characteristics of oil of rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* Linnaeus), with a view to facilitating the assessment of its quality.

## 2 References

ISO 210, *Essential oils — Packing.*<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 211, *Essential oils — Labelling and marking containers.*<sup>2)</sup>

ISO 212, *Essential oils — Sampling.*

ISO 279, *Essential oils — Determination of relative density at 20 °C (Reference method).*

ISO 280, *Essential oils — Determination of refractive index.*

ISO 592, *Essential oils — Determination of optical rotation.*

ISO 709, *Essential oils — Determination of ester value.*

ISO 875, *Essential oils — Determination of miscibility with ethanol.*

ISO 1242, *Essential oils — Determination of acid value.*

ISO 3794, *Essential oils (containing tertiary alcohols) — Estimation of free alcohols content by determination of ester value after acetylation.*

## 3 Definition

**oil of rosemary** : The oil obtained by steam distillation of the twigs and blossoming tips of *Rosmarinus officinalis* Linnaeus.

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Appearance

Clear, mobile liquid.

### 4.2 Colour

France, North Africa,  
Portugal

Spain

Almost colourless to pale yellow.

Pale yellow to pale yellowish green.

### 4.3 Odour

Characteristic, refreshing, pleasant, more or less camphoraceous according to the origin.

### 4.4 Relative density at 20/20 °C

	France, North Africa, Spain	Portugal
Minimum...	0,895	0,860
Maximum...	0,920	0,880

### 4.5 Refractive index at 20 °C

Minimum...	1,467 0	1,466 0
Maximum...	1,474 0	1,475 0

### 4.6 Optical rotation at 20 °C

Since the optical rotation of this essential oil can vary according to its origin and the harvest time, the values given are indicative only.

Between...	– 3°	– 4°
and...	+ 16°	+ 25°

### 4.7 Miscibility with 80 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C

Miscible with less  
than 10 volumes.

Miscible with less  
than 20 volumes.

1) At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO/R 210-1961.)

2) At present at the stage of draft. (Revision of ISO/R 211-1961.)

**4.8 Acid value**

	France, North Africa, Spain	Portugal
Maximum...	1,0	1,0

**4.9 Ester value**

Minimum...	2	2
Maximum...	20	10

**4.10 Ester value after acetylation**

Minimum...	30	19
Maximum...	76	56

**4.11 Flash point**

41 °C (as a guide only)

**4.12 Chromatographic profile**

See the annex for typical chromatograms for the principal origins.

**5 Sampling**

See ISO 212.

Minimum volume of final sample : 50 ml

NOTE — This volume is sufficient to carry out, at least once, each of the tests specified in this International Standard.

**6 Methods of test**

**6.1 Relative density at 20/20 °C**

See ISO 279.

**6.2 Refractive index at 20 °C**

See ISO 280.

**6.3 Optical rotation at 20 °C**

See ISO 592.

**6.4 Miscibility with 80 % (V/V) ethanol at 20 °C**

See ISO 875.

**6.5 Acid value**

See ISO 1242.

**6.6 Ester value**

See ISO 709.

Saponification time : 30 min

**6.7 Ester value after acetylation**

See ISO 3794.

**7 Packing, labelling and marking**

See ISO 210 and ISO 211.

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## Annex

### Chromatographic profile and typical chromatograms

(This annex does not form part of the Standard.)

#### Chromatographic profile (Portugal)

Constituent	min.	max.
$\alpha$ -Pinene .....	.....	.....
Camphene .....	.....	.....
$\beta$ -Pinene .....	.....	.....
Myrcene .....	.....	.....
Limonene .....	.....	.....
1,8-Cineole .....	.....	.....
$\gamma$ -Terpinene .....	.....	.....
<i>p</i> -Cymene .....	.....	.....
Terpinolene .....	.....	.....
Camphor .....	.....	.....
Terpinene-1 ol-4 .....	.....	.....
$\alpha$ -Terpineol .....	.....	.....
Borneol .....	.....	.....
Verbenone .....	.....	.....

The corresponding limits will be added later.

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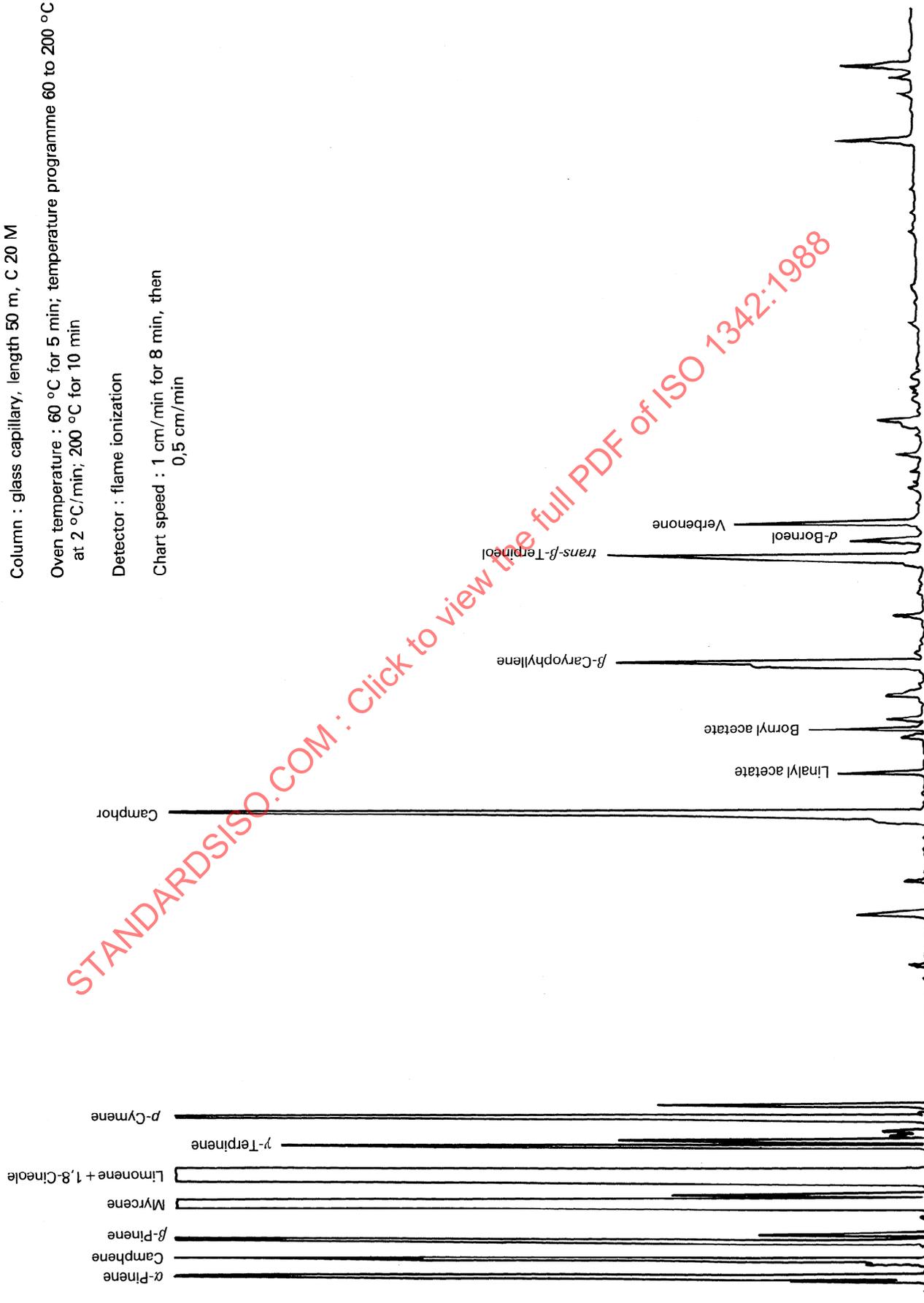
**Sample : oil of rosemary, Portugal**

Column : glass capillary, length 50 m, C 20 M

Oven temperature : 60 °C for 5 min; temperature programme 60 to 200 °C at 2 °C/min; 200 °C for 10 min

Detector : flame ionization

Chart speed : 1 cm/min for 8 min, then 0,5 cm/min



Sample : oil of rosemary, Portugal

Column : packed, steel, length 4 m

Stationary phase : C 20 M Chromosorb W 80/100, 15 %

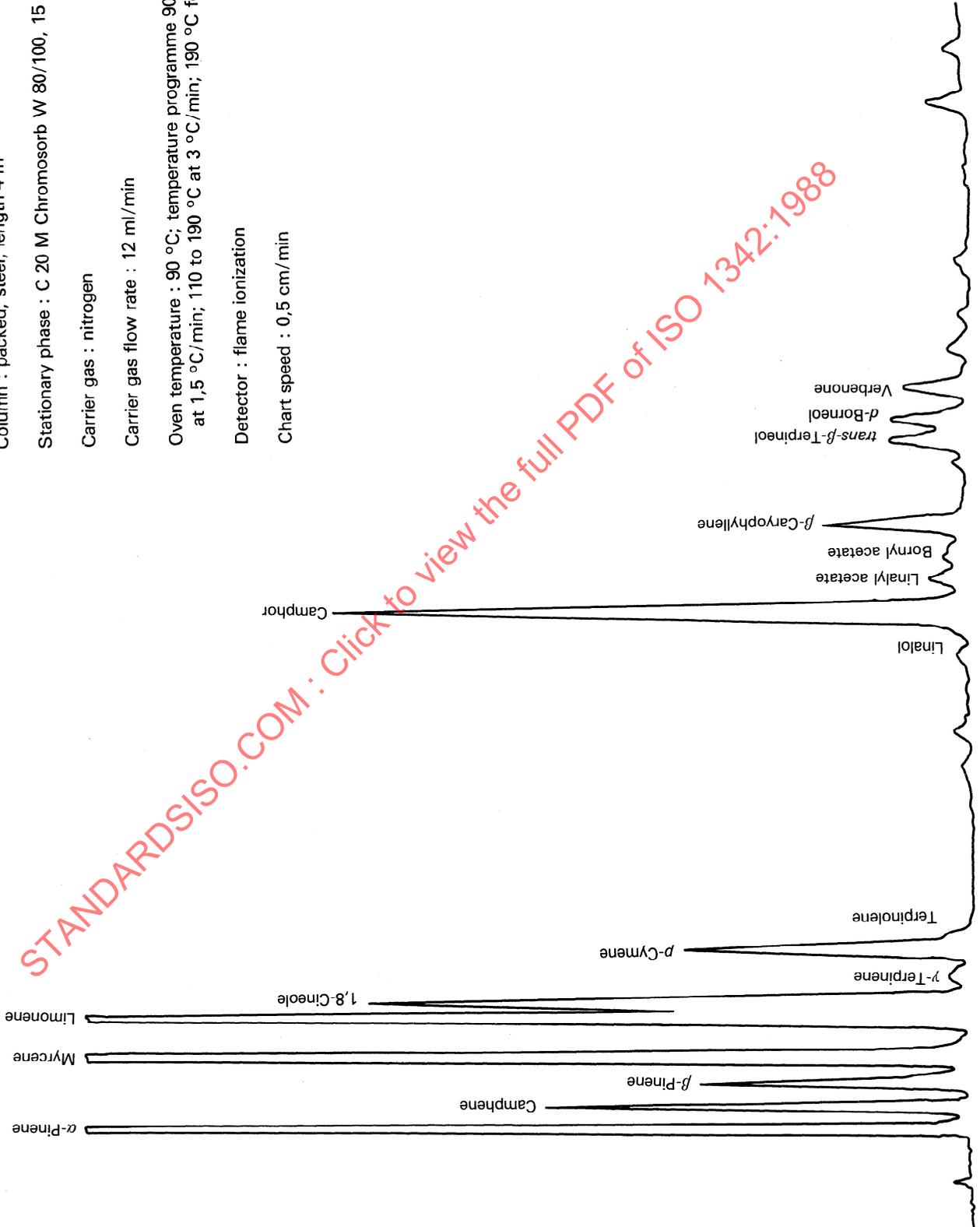
Carrier gas : nitrogen

Carrier gas flow rate : 12 ml/min

Oven temperature : 90 °C; temperature programme 90 to 110 °C at 1,5 °C/min; 110 to 190 °C at 3 °C/min; 190 °C for 5 min

Detector : flame ionization

Chart speed : 0,5 cm/min



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**Sample : oil of rosemary, France**

Column : fused silica capillary, length 50 m, internal diameter 0,32 mm

Stationary phase : OV 101 (polydimethyl siloxane)

Injector : glass with division  
Split : 1/100

Carrier gas : helium

Carrier gas flow rate : 1 ml/min

Injection temperature : 200 °C

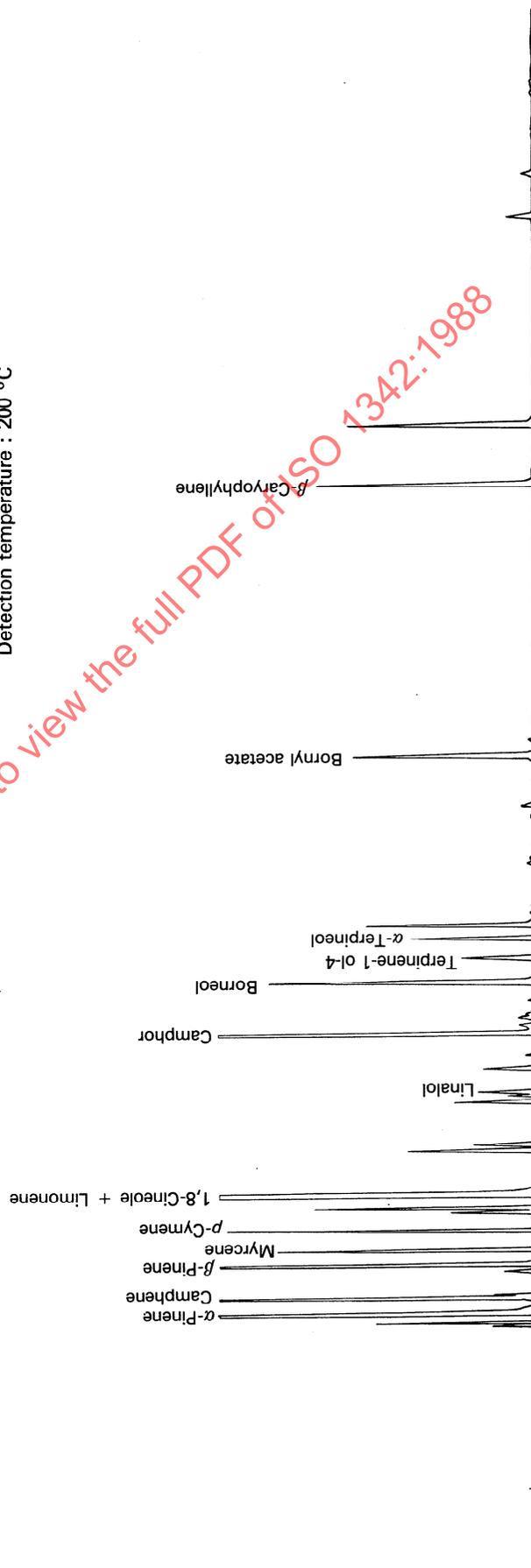
Volume injected : 0,05 µl

Oven temperature : 65 °C; temperature programme 65 to 190 °C  
at 1,5 °C/min

Detector : flame ionization

Detection temperature : 200 °C

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**Sample : oil of rosemary, Spain**

Column : fused silica capillary, length 50 m, internal diameter 0,32 mm

Stationary phase : OV 101 (polydimethyl siloxane)

Injector : glass with division  
Split : 1/100

Carrier gas : helium

Carrier gas flow rate : 1 ml/min

Injection temperature : 200 °C

Volume injected : 0,05 µl

Oven temperature : 65 °C; temperature programme 65 to 190 °C  
at 1,5 °C/min

Detector : flame ionization

Detection temperature : 200 °C

