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Part IV : Determination of acidity to phenolphthalein —  
Titrimetric method**

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## FOREWORD

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Prior to 1972, the results of the work of the technical committees were published as ISO Recommendations; these documents are in the process of being transformed into International Standards. As part of this process, Technical Committee ISO/TC 47, *Chemistry*, has reviewed ISO Recommendation R 1385-1970 and found it technically suitable for transformation. The technical committee, however, divided the Recommendation into five parts (ISO 1385 Parts I to V), which therefore replace ISO Recommendation R 1385-1970, to which they are technically identical.

ISO Recommendation R 1385 had been approved by the member bodies of the following countries :

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Czechoslovakia	Korea, Rep. of	Switzerland
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Germany	New Zealand	Turkey
Hungary	Poland	United Kingdom
India	Portugal	U.S.S.R.

No member body had expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

The member bodies of the following countries disapproved the transformation of the Recommendation into an International Standard :

France  
Netherlands

# Phthalate esters for industrial use – Methods of test – Part IV : Determination of acidity to phenolphthalein – Titrimetric method

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This part of ISO 1385 specifies a titrimetric method for the determination of the acidity to phenolphthalein of phthalate esters for industrial use.

This document should be read in conjunction with part I (see the annex).

## 2 PRINCIPLE

Titration of the acidity in a test portion, in ethanolic medium, with standard volumetric sodium hydroxide solution, using phenolphthalein as indicator.

## 3 REAGENTS

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

**3.1 Ethanol**, 95 % (V/V).

**3.2 Sodium hydroxide**, 0,1 N standard volumetric solution.

**3.3 Phenolphthalein**, 5 g/l ethanolic solution.

Dissolve 0,5 g of phenolphthalein in 100 ml of the ethanol (3.1) and make faintly pink by the addition of the sodium hydroxide solution (3.2).

## 4 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

**4.1 Conical flask**, of borosilicate glass, of capacity 250 ml, provided with a stopper carrying a soda-lime tube.

**4.2 Microburette**, graduated in 0,02 ml or smaller divisions.

## 5 PROCEDURE

Introduce 50 ml of the ethanol (3.1) into the conical flask (4.1), add 0,5 ml of the phenolphthalein solution (3.3) and make faintly pink by addition of the sodium hydroxide solution (3.2). Add 50 g, weighed to the nearest 0,5 g, of the laboratory sample, and titrate the mixture with the standard volumetric sodium hydroxide solution (4.2), placed in the microburette, until the pink colour persists for 5 s.

## 6 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The acidity (*A*), expressed as a percentage by mass of phthalic acid [ $C_6H_4(COOH)_2$ ], is given by the formula

$$0,008\ 3 \times V \times \frac{100}{m} - \frac{0,83\ V}{m}$$

where

*V* is the volume, in millilitres, of the standard volumetric sodium hydroxide solution (3.2) used;

*m* is the mass, in grams, of the test portion;

0,008 3 is the mass, in grams, of phthalic acid corresponding to 1 ml of an exactly 0,1 N sodium hydroxide solution.

NOTE – If the concentration of the standard volumetric solution used is not exactly as specified in the list of reagents, an appropriate correction should be made.