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# Ethanol for industrial use — Methods of test — Part 11 : Test for detection of furfural

## 1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 1388 specifies a test for checking whether or not furfural is present in ethanol for industrial use.

This document should be read in conjunction with ISO 1388/1 (see the annex).

## 2 Principle

Treatment of a test portion with aniline and acetic acid, the presence of furfural leading to the formation of a characteristic red colour.

## 3 Reagents

During the test, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade.

**3.1 Aniline** ( $C_6H_5NH_2$ ), distilled immediately before use.

**3.2 Glacial acetic acid**,  $\rho$  1,05 g/ml.

## 4 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory apparatus.

## 5 Procedure

### 5.1 Test portion

Take 10 ml of the laboratory sample or a different volume agreed between the interested parties.

### 5.2 Test

Place the test portion (5.1) in a test tube, add 0,5 ml of the aniline (3.1) and 1 ml of the acetic acid (3.2). Mix and observe whether or not a red colour develops immediately or within 3 min of carrying out the test.

## 6 Expression of results

Depending on whether or not a red colour is formed in the test (5.2), report, respectively, the presence or absence of furfural.