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Part IV : Determination of bromine number — Titrimetric
method in the presence of mercury(II) chloride**

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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 1848-1970 and found it technically suitable for transformation. Number 1848, however, has been changed to 1843/IV. International Standard ISO 1843/IV therefore replaces ISO Recommendation R 1848-1970, to which it is technically identical.

ISO Recommendation R 1848 had been approved by the member bodies of the following countries :

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Czechoslovakia	Italy	Turkey
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No member body had expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

The member body of the following country disapproved the transformation of the Recommendation into an International Standard :

Netherlands

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This part of ISO 1843 specifies a titrimetric method for the determination of the bromine number, in the presence of mercury(II) chloride, of C₆ to C₁₃ alcohols for industrial use.

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

2 DEFINITION

bromine number: The number of grams of bromine consumed by 100 g of the sample under the conditions of test.

3 PRINCIPLE

Titration of a test portion with standard volumetric potassium bromide/bromate solution in the presence of mercury(II) chloride, using methyl orange as indicator.

4 REAGENTS

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

4.1 Mercury(II) chloride, 20 g/l acid solution.

Dissolve 20 g of mercury(II) chloride (HgCl₂) in water. Add to this solution 15 ml of hydrobromic acid, ρ approximately 1,46 g/ml, and 170 ml of hydrochloric acid, ρ approximately 1,19 g/ml. Dilute to 1 000 ml.

4.2 Potassium bromide/bromate, 0,1 N standard volumetric solution.

Dissolve 10 g of potassium bromide (KBr) and 2,784 g of potassium bromate (KBrO₃) in water and dilute to the mark in a 1 000 ml one-mark volumetric flask.

4.3 Methyl orange, 0,4 g/l ethanolic solution.

Dissolve 0,04 g of methyl orange in water, add 80 ml of 95 % (V/V) ethanol and dilute to 100 ml with water.

5 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

5.1 Microburette, of capacity 10 ml, graduated in 0,02 ml divisions.

6 PROCEDURE

6.1 Test portion

Transfer 100 ml of the laboratory sample by means of a pipette to a 250 ml conical flask.

6.2 Blank test

Carry out a blank test at the same time as the determination, following the same procedure but omitting the test portion.

6.3 Determination

Add 25 ml of the mercury(II) chloride solution (4.1) to the conical flask containing the test portion (6.1) and mix. Add 2 or 3 drops of the methyl orange solution (4.3) and titrate with the potassium bromide/bromate solution (4.2) from the microburette (5.1), until the indicator is decolorized.