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**Petroleum products — Determination of  
boiling range distribution — Gas  
chromatography method**

*Produits pétroliers — Détermination de la répartition dans l'intervalle de  
distillation — Méthode par chromatographie en phase gazeuse*

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International Standard ISO 3924 prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 28, *Petroleum products and lubricants*.

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# Petroleum products — Determination of boiling range distribution — Gas chromatography method

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the boiling range distribution of petroleum products. The method is applicable to petroleum products and fractions with a final boiling point of 538 °C or lower at atmospheric pressure as determined by this International Standard. This International Standard is not applicable to gasoline samples or gasoline components. The method is limited to products having a boiling range greater than 55 °C and having a vapour pressure sufficiently low to permit sampling at ambient temperature.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3170:1988, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*.

ISO 3171:1988, *Petroleum liquids — Automatic pipeline sampling*.

ISO 4259:1992, *Petroleum products — Determination and application of precision data in relation to methods of test*.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### initial boiling point

##### IBP

temperature corresponding to the point at which a cumulative area count equal to 0,5 % of the total area under the chromatogram is obtained

### 3.2

#### final boiling point

##### FBP

temperature corresponding to the point at which a cumulative area count equal to 99,5 % of the total area under the chromatogram is obtained

## 4 Principle

A sample is introduced into a gas chromatographic column which separates hydrocarbons in the order of increasing boiling point. The column temperature is raised at a reproducible rate and the area under the chromatogram is recorded throughout the analysis. Boiling temperatures are assigned to the time axis from a calibration curve, obtained under the same conditions by running a known mixture of hydrocarbons covering the boiling range expected in the sample. From these data, the boiling range distribution is obtained.

## 5 Reagents and materials

### 5.1 Stationary phase for columns, non-polar, that elutes hydrocarbons in boiling point order.

NOTE The following materials have been used successfully as liquid phases:

Silicone gum rubber UC-W98

Silicone gum rubber GE-SE-30

Silicone gum rubber OV-1

Silicone gum rubber OV-101

### 5.2 Solid support for packed columns, usually consisting of crushed fire brick or chromatographic diatomaceous earth.

The particle size and support loading shall be such as to give optimum resolution and analysis time.

NOTE In general, support loadings of 3 % to 10 % have been found most satisfactory.

### 5.3 Carrier gas, constituted of helium or hydrogen for use with thermal conductivity detectors, or nitrogen, helium or argon for use with flame ionization detectors.

### 5.4 Calibration mixture, consisting of an accurately weighed mixture of hydrocarbons covering the range from C<sub>5</sub> to C<sub>44</sub> and dissolved in carbon disulfide (5.6).

The following mixture of alkanes has been found to be satisfactory for most samples: C<sub>5</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>7</sub>, C<sub>8</sub>, C<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>12</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>, C<sub>16</sub>, C<sub>18</sub>, C<sub>20</sub>, C<sub>24</sub>, C<sub>28</sub>, C<sub>32</sub>, C<sub>36</sub>, C<sub>40</sub>, C<sub>44</sub>. At least one component of the mixture shall have a boiling point lower than the initial boiling point of the sample and at least one component shall have a boiling point higher than the final boiling point of the sample. The boiling points of alkanes are listed in Table 1.

NOTE 1 For packed columns, the final concentration should be approximately 10 parts of the hydrocarbon mixture to 100 parts of carbon disulfide. For capillary columns, the final concentration should be approximately 1 part of the hydrocarbon mixture to 100 parts of carbon disulfide.

NOTE 2 If the test sample contains significant quantities of *n*-alkanes which can be identified on the chromatogram, these peaks may be used as internal boiling point calibration points. However, it is advisable to use the calibration mixture to be sure of peak identifications.

NOTE 3 Propane and butane can be added non-quantitatively to the calibration mixture, if necessary, to comply with 5.4. This may be done by bubbling a small amount of the gaseous hydrocarbon into a septum-sealed vial of the calibration mixture using a gas syringe.

NOTE 4 If stationary phases other than those listed in the note in 5.1 are used, the retention times of a few alkylbenzenes across the boiling range such as *o*-xylene, *n*-butylbenzene, 1,3,5-tri-isopropylbenzene, *n*-decylbenzene and *n*-tetradecylbenzene shall also be checked to make certain that the column is separating according to the boiling point order (see annex A).

### 5.5 Reference material

The primary reference material used shall be the ASTM Reference Gas Oil No.1.

### 5.6 Carbon disulfide, reagent grade.

Table 1 — Boiling points of normal alkanes

Carbon No.	Boiling point °C	Carbon No.	Boiling point °C
2	-89	24	391
3	-42	25	402
4	0	26	412
5	36	27	422
6	69	28	431
7	98	29	440
8	126	30	449
9	151	31	458
10	174	32	466
11	196	33	474
12	216	34	481
13	235	35	489
14	254	36	496
15	271	37	503
16	287	38	509
17	302	39	516
18	316	40	522
19	330	41	528
20	344	42	534
21	356	43	540
22	369	44	545
23	380		

NOTE These data were obtained from API Project 44, October 31, 1972.

## 6 Apparatus

### 6.1 Chromatograph

Any gas chromatograph that has the following performance characteristics may be used.

#### 6.1.1 Detector, of either the flame ionization or thermal conductivity type.

The detector shall have sufficient sensitivity to detect a mass fraction of 1,0 % of dodecane with a peak height of at least 10 % of full scale on the recorder under the conditions specified in this International Standard, and without loss of resolution as defined in 8.3. When operating at this sensitivity level, detector stability shall be such that a baseline drift of not more than 1 % of full scale per hour is obtained. The detector shall be capable of operating continuously at a temperature equivalent to the maximum column temperature employed. The detector shall be connected to the column in such a way that any cold spots between the detector and the column are avoided.

NOTE 1 It is not desirable to operate thermal conductivity detectors at a temperature higher than the maximum column temperature employed. Operation at higher temperatures only serves to shorten the useful life of the detector, and generally contributes to higher noise levels and greater drift.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this International Standard, the term “%(m/m)” is used to represent the mass fraction of a material.

**6.1.2 Column temperature programmer**, capable of programmed temperature operation over a range sufficient to establish a retention time of at least 1 min for the initial boiling point and to elute the entire sample within the temperature ramp.

The programming rate shall be sufficiently reproducible to obtain retention time repeatability of 6 s for each component in the calibration mixture (5.4).

If the initial boiling point is less than approximately 93 °C, an initial column temperature below ambient may be required. However, excessively low initial column temperatures shall be avoided, to ensure that the stationary phase remains liquid. The initial temperature of the column shall be only low enough to obtain a calibration curve meeting the requirements of this International Standard.

**6.1.3 Sample inlet system**, either be capable of operating continuously at a temperature equivalent to the maximum column temperature employed or provide on-column injection with some means of programming the entire column, including the point of sample introduction, up to the maximum temperature required.

The sample inlet system shall be connected to the chromatographic column in such a way that any cold spots between the inlet system and the column are avoided.

## 6.2 Column

Any column and conditions may be used, provided that, under the conditions of the test, separations are in the order of boiling points and the column resolution,  $R$ , is at least 3 but not more than 10 (see 8.3).

## 6.3 Recorder/plotter

This apparatus is used for plotting the chromatogram. This may be accomplished using a 0 mV to 1 mV recording potentiometer having a full-scale response time of 2 s or less and a minimum chart width of approximately 120 mm. Alternatively, a computer or other device may be used, provided it is capable of graphics presentation of the same or better quality as a potentiometric recorder.

## 6.4 Integrator/computer

This apparatus is used for determining the accumulated area under the chromatogram. This may be achieved by using a computer-based chromatography data system or an electronic integrator. The integrator/computer system shall have normal chromatographic software for measuring the retention times and areas of eluting peaks. In addition, the system shall be capable of converting the continuously integrated detector signal into area slices of fixed duration. These contiguous area slices, collected for the entire analysis, shall be stored for later processing. The electronic range of the integrator/computer (e.g. 1 V) shall be within the linear range of the detector/electrometer system used. The system shall be capable of subtracting the area slice of a blank run from the corresponding area slice of a sample run.

**NOTE** Some gas chromatographs have an algorithm built into their operating software that allows a mathematical model of the baseline profile to be stored in the memory. This profile can be automatically subtracted from the detector signal on subsequent sample analyses to compensate for any baseline offset. Some integration systems also store and automatically subtract a blank analysis from subsequent sample analyses.

## 6.5 Flow/pressure controllers

**6.5.1** If a packed column is used, the chromatograph shall be equipped with constant-flow controllers capable of maintaining the carrier gas flow constant to  $\pm 1\%$  over the full operating temperature range.

**6.5.2** If a wide-bore capillary column is used, the chromatograph shall be equipped with a controller of carrier gas flow or pressure appropriate for the inlet used.

## 6.6 Micro-syringe

This apparatus is used to introduce the sample into the chromatograph.

**NOTE** Sample injection may be either manual or automatic. Automatic sample injection is preferred because it gives better retention time precision.

## 7 Sampling

Obtain samples in accordance with ISO 3170 or ISO 3171.

## 8 Preparation of apparatus

### 8.1 Column preparation

Any satisfactory method that will produce a column meeting the requirements of 6.2 may be used. The column shall be conditioned at the maximum operating temperature to reduce baseline shifts due to bleeding of the column substrate.

#### 8.1.1 Packed columns

An acceptable method of column conditioning, which has been found effective for columns with an initial loading of 10 % liquid phase, consists of purging the column with carrier gas at the normal flow rate while holding the column at the maximum operating temperature for 12 h to 16 h.

#### 8.1.2 Capillary columns

Capillary columns may be conditioned using the following procedure.

- Install the column following the manufacturer's instructions. Set the column and detector gas flows. Ensure that the system is leak free.
- Allow the system to purge with carrier gas at ambient temperature for at least 30 min. Then increase the oven temperature by approximately 5 °C/min to 10 °C/min to the final operating temperature and hold for approximately 30 min.
- Cycle the chromatograph through its temperature programme several times until a stable baseline is obtained.

NOTE Capillary columns with cross-linked and bonded phases are available from many manufacturers and are usually preconditioned. These columns have much lower column bleed than packed columns.

### 8.2 Chromatograph

Place the chromatograph in service in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Typical operating conditions are shown in Tables 2 and 3.

If a flame ionization detector is used, the deposits formed in the detector from combustion of the silicone decomposition products shall be removed regularly, as they change the response characteristics of the detector.

### 8.3 Column resolution

Analyse the calibration mixture under the same conditions as those used for the samples. Using the procedure illustrated in Figure 1, calculate the resolution,  $R$ , from the time between the  $C_{16}$  and  $C_{18}$  alkane peaks at the peak maxima  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  and the widths  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  of the peaks at half height, as follows:

$$R = \frac{2(t_2 - t_1)}{1,699(y_1 + y_2)}$$

where

- $R$  is the column resolution;
- $t_1$  is the retention time, in seconds, for  $C_{16}$  peak maximum;
- $t_2$  is the retention time, in seconds, for  $C_{18}$  peak maximum;
- $y_1$  is the width, in seconds, at half height of  $C_{16}$  peak;
- $y_2$  is the width, in seconds, at half height of  $C_{18}$  peak.

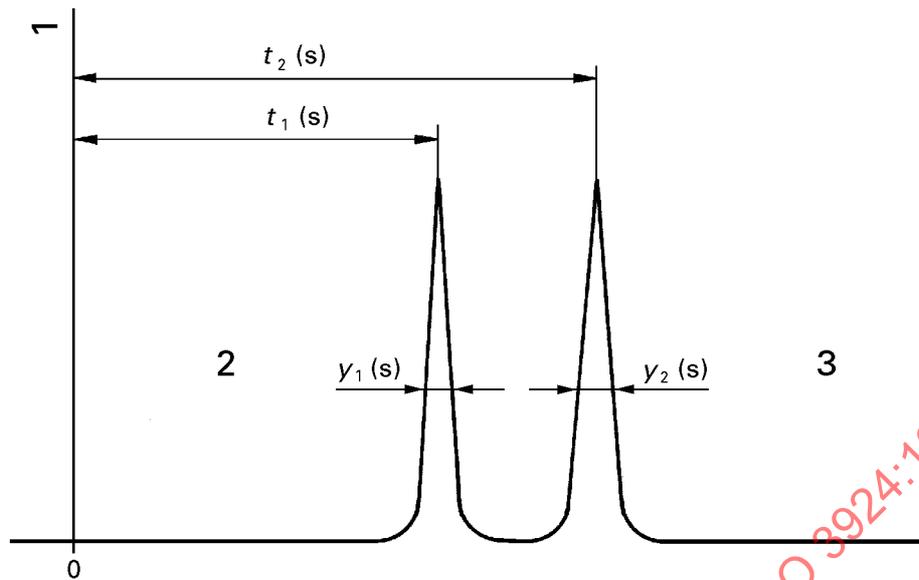
The resolution,  $R$ , obtained from the above equation, shall be at least 3 but not more than 10.

**Table 2 — Typical operating conditions for packed columns**

<b>Packed columns</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Column length, (m)	0,7	0,5
Column outside diameter, (mm)	3,2	3,2
Stationary phase	OV-101	UC-W98
Percent stationary phase	5	10
Support material	G <sup>a</sup>	P <sup>b</sup>
Support mesh size (µm)	80/100	80/100
Initial column temperature, (°C)	-40	-30
Final column temperature, (°C)	350	360
Programming rate, (°C/min)	10	10
Carrier gas	Helium	Nitrogen
Carrier gas flow, (ml/min)	30	25
Detector	FID	FID
Detector temperature, (°C)	370	360
Injection-port temperature, (°C)	370	350
Sample size, (µl)	0,5	1
<sup>a</sup> Chromosorb® G (AW-DMS). <sup>b</sup> Chromosorb® P (AW).		

**Table 3 — Typical operating conditions for capillary columns**

<b>Capillary columns</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Column length (m)	7,5	5	10
Column inner diameter (mm)	0,53	0,53	0,53
Stationary phase	DB-1	HP-1	HP-1
Stationary phase thickness (µm)	1,5	0,88	2,65
Carrier gas	Nitrogen	Helium	Helium
Carrier gas flow rate (ml/min)	30	12	20
Initial column temperature (°C)	40	35	40
Final column temperature (°C)	340	350	350
Programming rate (°C/min)	10	10	15
Detector	FID	FID	FID
Detector temperature (°C)	350	380	350
Injector temperature (°C)	340	Cool on-column type	Programmed temperature vaporization type
Sample size (µl)	0,5	1	0,2
Sample concentration [%( <i>m/m</i> )]	25	10	Neat

**Key**

- 1 Sample injection
- 2 Hexadecane
- 3 Octadecane

Figure 1 — Column resolution parameters

#### 8.4 Detector response check

This method assumes that the detector response to petroleum hydrocarbons is proportional to the mass of individual components. This shall be verified when the system is put into service and whenever any changes are made to the system or operational parameters. Analyse the calibration mixture using the same conditions as those used for the samples. Calculate the response factor for each alkane relative to decane using the following equation:

$$F_n = \frac{m_n / A_n}{m_{10} / A_{10}}$$

where

- $F_n$  is the relative response factor;
- $m_n$  is the mass of the alkane in the mixture;
- $A_n$  is the peak area of the alkane;
- $m_{10}$  is the mass of decane in the mixture;
- $A_{10}$  is the area of decane.

The relative response factor,  $F_n$ , of each alkane shall not deviate from 1,0 by more than  $\pm 0,05$ .

#### 8.5 Peak skewness

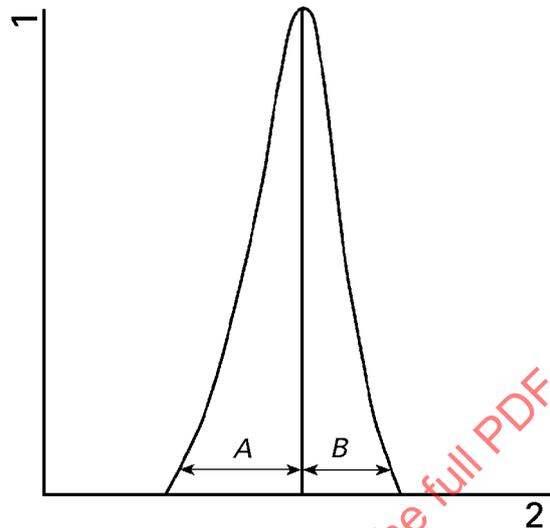
Determine the peak skewness (the ratio  $A/B$ ) of the largest peak in the calibration mixture as shown in Figure 2,

where

- $A$  is the width of the leading part of the peak at 5 % of peak height;
- $B$  is the width of the trailing part of the peak at 5 % of peak height.

The peak skewness shall be not less than 0,5 and not more than 2,0. If peak skewness is outside these parameters, reanalyse the calibration mixture using a smaller sample size or a more dilute solution, if necessary, to avoid peak distortion.

**NOTE** Skewness is often an indication of overloading the sample capacity of the column, that results in displacement of the peak apex relative to non-overloaded peaks. Distortion in retention time measurement and hence errors in boiling point determination will be likely if column overloading occurs. The column liquid phase loading has a direct bearing on the acceptable sample size.



#### Key

- 1 Response
- 2 Time

**Figure 2 — Peak skewness**

## 9 Calibration

### 9.1 Analysis sequence protocol

**9.1.1** Define and use for all runs a predetermined schedule of analysis events to achieve maximum reproducibility. The schedule shall include cooling the oven to the initial starting temperature, equilibration time, sample injection and system start, analysis and final temperature hold time.

**9.1.2** After the chromatographic conditions have been set to meet performance requirements, programme the column temperature upward to the maximum temperature to be used and hold that temperature for the selected time. Following the analysis sequence protocol, cool the column to the initial starting temperature.

**9.1.3** During the cool down and equilibration time, prepare the integrator/computer system for data acquisition. If a retention time or detector response calibration is being performed, use the peak detection mode. For samples and baseline compensation determinations, use the area slice mode of integration. The recommended slice rate for this method is 1 Hz (one slice per second).

**9.1.4** At the exact time set by the schedule, inject either the calibration mixture or sample into the chromatograph; or make no injection (baseline blank). At the time of injection, start the chromatograph time cycle and the integrator/computer data acquisition. Follow this analysis sequence protocol for all subsequent analyses, blanks or calibrations.

### 9.2 Baseline compensation analysis

A baseline compensation analysis, or baseline blank, shall be performed at least once each day that the test is run, using the same technique for a sample analysis except that no injection is made.

NOTE 1 The blank analysis is necessary due to the normal occurrence of chromatographic baseline rise near the maximum column temperature. Factors that influence baseline stability are column bleed, septum bleed, detector temperature control, constancy of carrier and detector gas flows, leaks, instrument drift, etc.

Subtract the blank analysis from the sample analyses to remove any non-sample slice area from the chromatographic data.

NOTE 2 The blank analysis is typically performed prior to sample analyses, but may be useful if determined between samples or at the end of a sample sequence to provide additional data regarding instrument operation or residual sample carry-over from previous sample analyses.

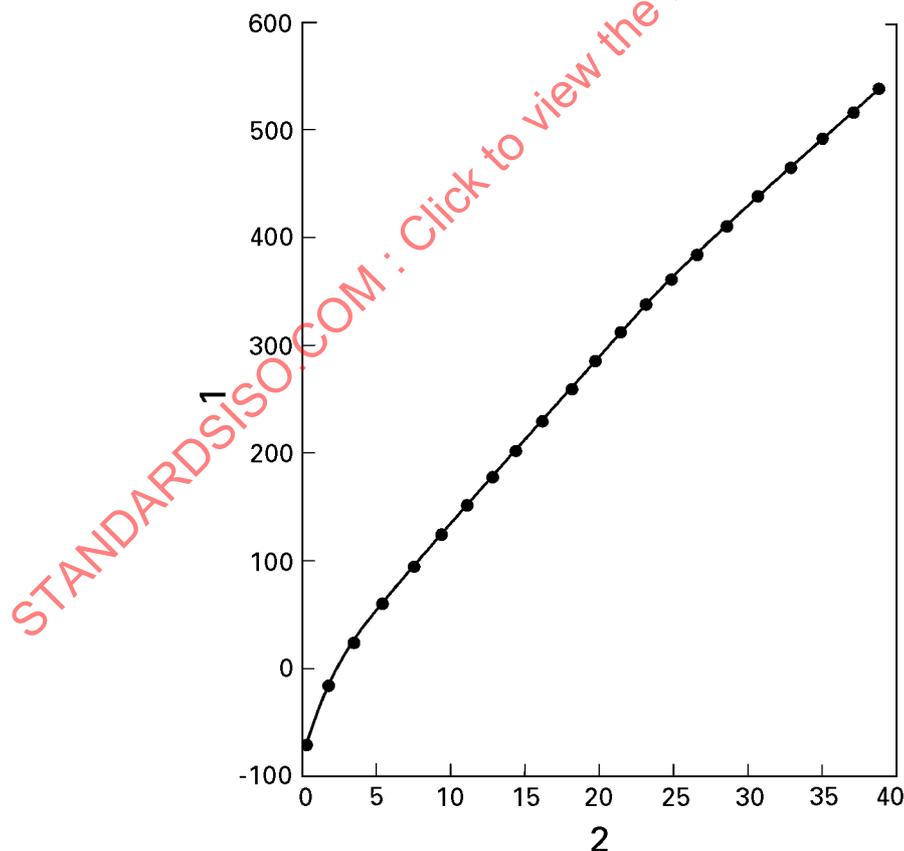
Carry out periodic baseline blank analyses in accordance with the analysis sequence protocol to give an indication of baseline stability.

### 9.3 Retention time versus boiling point calibration

9.3.1 A retention time versus boiling point calibration shall be performed at least once each day that the test is run. Inject an appropriate aliquot (0,2 µl to 2,0 µl) of the calibration mixture into the chromatograph following the analysis sequence protocol.

9.3.2 Prepare a calibration table based on the results of the analysis of the calibration mixture by recording the retention time and the normal boiling point temperature for each component in the mixture. Boiling point temperatures of alkanes are listed in Table 1.

9.3.3 Plot the retention time of each peak versus the corresponding boiling point temperature for that component. A typical calibration curve is shown in Figure 3.



#### Key

- 1 Boiling point (°C)
- 2 Retention time (min)

Figure 3 — Typical calibration curve

**9.3.4** Ensure that calibration points bracket the boiling range of the sample at both the low and high ends. Ideally, the calibration plot of retention time versus boiling point temperature should be linear, but it is impractical to operate the chromatograph such that curvature is eliminated completely.

**NOTE** The greatest potential for deviation from linearity is associated with the lower boiling point alkanes, which elute from the column relatively fast and have the largest difference in boiling point temperatures. In general, the lower the sample initial boiling point, the lower the starting point of the analysis will be.

## 9.4 Analysis of reference material

**9.4.1** The reference material (5.5) is used to verify both the chromatographic and calculation processes involved in this method.

A secondary reference material may be used, providing it satisfies the following criteria:

- a) it is similar in nature and boiling range to the samples to be analysed;
- b) the boiling range distribution values assigned to it are obtained by averaging multiple analyses of the secondary reference material on a system that is first shown to be operating properly with the primary reference material (5.5).

**9.4.2** Analyse the primary reference material (5.5) or a secondary reference material at least once each day that the test is run. Perform an analysis of the reference material following the analysis sequence protocol (see 9.1). Collect the area slice data and provide a boiling point distribution report in accordance with 12.1.

**9.4.3** The results of the analysis of the reference material shall agree with the values given in Table 4 within the range specified by the reproducibility of this International Standard (see 13.3).

**Table 4 — Specified temperature-recovery values for ASTM Gas Oil No. 1**

Percent recovered	Batch No. 1	Batch No. 2
	Temperature °C	Temperature °C
IBP <sup>a</sup>	114	115
5	143	151
10	169	176
15	196	201
20	221	224
30	258	259
40	287	289
50	312	312
60	332	332
70	354	354
80	376	378
90	404	407
95	425	428
FBP <sup>b</sup>	475	475

<sup>a</sup> IBP = Initial boiling point  
<sup>b</sup> FBP = Final boiling point

## 10 Procedure

### 10.1 Sample preparation

**10.1.1** The amount of sample injected shall not overload the column stationary phase capacity nor exceed the detector linear range.

NOTE A narrow boiling range sample will require the injection of a smaller amount than a wider boiling range sample.

**10.1.2** The column stationary phase capacity can be estimated from the chromatogram of the calibration mixture (5.4). Different volumes of the calibration mixture can be injected to find the maximum amount of a component that the stationary phase can tolerate without overloading (see the note in 8.5). Note the peak height for this amount of sample. The maximum sample signal intensity shall not exceed this peak height.

**10.1.3** Samples that are of low enough viscosity to be sampled with a syringe at ambient temperature shall be injected undiluted. Samples that are too viscous or waxy to be sampled with a syringe may be diluted with carbon disulfide (5.6).

**10.1.4** Typical sample injection volumes are shown in Tables 5 and 6.

**Table 5 — Typical sample injection volumes for packed columns**

Stationary phase loading %	Neat sample volume $\mu\text{l}$
10	1,0
5	0,5

**Table 6 — Typical sample injection volumes for capillary columns**

Film thickness $\mu\text{m}$	Neat sample volume $\mu\text{l}$
0,8 to 1,5	0,1 to 0,2
1,8 to 3,0	0,1 to 0,5
3,0 to 5,0	0,2 to 1,0

### 10.2 Sample analysis

Using the analysis sequence protocol (see 9.1), inject a sample aliquot into the gas chromatograph. At the time of injection, start the chromatograph time cycle and the integrator/computer data acquisition.

## 11 Calculation

**11.1** Correct the sample area slices for non-sample detector response by subtracting each blank analysis area slice from each sample area slice at the equivalent slice time. Sum the corrected area slices to obtain the cumulative corrected areas for each time interval during the run.

**11.2** At the point on the chromatogram where the baseline at the end of the run first becomes steady, record the total cumulative area counts. Move back along the chromatogram until the cumulative area equals 99,5 % of the total area. Mark this point as the final boiling point (FBP).

**NOTE** Location of the final boiling point may be the most difficult step in this method. Some samples have extremely long tail-end portions due to gradually decreasing amounts of heavy material. This fact, coupled with the natural tendency of the chromatographic baseline to rise at the end of the run due to septum or column bleed or elution of traces of heavy components from previous samples, can preclude the possibility of the chromatogram returning precisely to the original baseline established prior to the initial boiling point of the sample. Thus, the most satisfactory procedure is to inspect the chromatogram and the area counts at each interval near the end of the run to determine the point at which the rate of change of the chromatographic signal has reached a constant low value of no greater than 0,000 01 % of the total area counts per second.

**11.3** Observe the area counts at the start of the run until the point is reached where the cumulative area count is equal to 0,5 % of the total area. Mark this point as the initial boiling point (IBP) of the sample. If carbon disulfide is used as the solvent, its response shall be ignored in the calculations.

**11.4** Divide the cumulative area at each interval between the initial and final boiling points by the total area and multiply by 100 to give the percentage of the sample recovered at each time interval.

**11.5** Tabulate the cumulative percentage recovered at each interval and the retention time at the end of the interval. Using linear interpolation where necessary, determine the retention time associated with each percentage between 1 % and 99 %.

**11.6** For each percentage and its associated retention time, determine the corresponding boiling point temperature from the calibration table (see 9.3.2). Use linear interpolation between data points.

## 12 Expression of results

**12.1** Report the temperature to the nearest 0,5 °C at 1 % intervals between 1 % and 99 % and at the IBP and the FBP.

**12.2** If a plot of the boiling point distribution curve is required, use graph paper with uniform subdivisions and plot each boiling temperature against its corresponding percentage recovered. Plot the initial boiling point at 0 % and the final boiling point at 100 % recovered. Draw a smooth curve connecting the points.

## 13 Precision

### 13.1 General

The precision, as determined by statistical examination in accordance with ISO 4259 of interlaboratory test results, is given in 13.2 and 13.3.

### 13.2 Repeatability

The difference between two test results, obtained by the same operator with the same apparatus under constant operating conditions on identical test material would, in the long run, in the normal and correct operation of the test method, exceed the values given in Table 7 in only one case in twenty.

### 13.3 Reproducibility

The difference between two single and independent test results, obtained by different operators working in different laboratories on identical test material would, in the long run, in the normal and correct operation of the test method, exceed the values given in Table 8 in only one case in twenty.

**Table 7 — Repeatability values**

Percent recovered	Repeatability °C
IBP	0,011X
5 %	0,0032(X + 100)
10 % to 20 %	0,8
30 %	0,8
40 %	0,8
50 % to 90 %	1,0
95 %	1,2
FBP	3,2

where X is the average of the two results, in degrees Celsius.

**Table 8 — Reproducibility values**

Percent recovered	Reproducibility °C
IBP	0,066X
5 %	0,015(X + 100)
10 % to 20 %	0,015(X + 100)
30 %	0,013(X + 100)
40 %	4,3
50 % to 90 %	4,3
95 %	5,0
FBP	11,8

where X is the average of the two results, in degrees Celsius.

## 14 Test report

The test report shall contain at least the following information:

- a reference to this International Standard;
- the type and complete identification of the product tested;
- the result of the test (see clause 12);
- any deviation, by agreement or otherwise, from the procedure specified;
- the date of the test.