



Standard Test Method for Dynamic Viscosity and Density of Liquids by Stabinger Viscometer (and the Calculation of Kinematic Viscosity)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers and specifies a procedure for the concurrent measurement of both the dynamic viscosity, η , and the density, ρ , of liquid petroleum products and crude oils, both transparent and opaque. The kinematic viscosity, ν , can be obtained by dividing the dynamic viscosity, η , by the density, ρ , obtained at the same test temperature.

1.2 The result obtained from this test method is dependent upon the behavior of the sample and is intended for application to liquids for which primarily the shear stress and shear rate are proportional (Newtonian flow behavior).

1.3 The precision has only been determined for those materials, viscosity ranges, density ranges, and temperatures as indicated in Section 15 on Precision and Bias. The test method can be applied to a wider range of materials, viscosity, density, and temperature. For materials not listed in Section 15 on Precision and Bias, the precision and bias may not be applicable.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D445 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D975 Specification for Diesel Fuel Oils

D2162 Practice for Basic Calibration of Master Viscometers and Viscosity Oil Standards

D2270 Practice for Calculating Viscosity Index from Kinematic Viscosity at 40 and 100°C

D4052 Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter

D6299 Practice for Applying Statistical Quality Assurance and Control Charting Techniques to Evaluate Analytical Measurement System Performance

D6300 Practice for Determination of Precision and Bias Data for Use in Test Methods for Petroleum Products and Lubricants

D6617 Practice for Laboratory Bias Detection Using Single Test Result from Standard Material

D6708 Practice for Statistical Assessment and Improvement of Expected Agreement Between Two Test Methods that Purport to Measure the Same Property of a Material

2.2 ISO Standards:³

ISO 5725 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results

ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories

2.3 Other Documents:⁴

NIST Technical Note 1297 Guideline for Evaluating and Expressing the Uncertainty of NIST Measurement Results

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *density* (ρ), n —mass per unit volume.

3.1.2 *dynamic viscosity* (η), n —the ratio between the applied shear stress and rate of shear of a liquid.

3.1.2.1 *Discussion*—It is sometimes called the coefficient of dynamic viscosity or, simply, viscosity. Thus, dynamic viscosity is a measure of the resistance to flow or to deformation of a liquid under external shear forces.

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

⁴ Available from National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Dr., Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070, <http://www.nist.gov>.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

3.1.2.2 *Discussion*—The term dynamic viscosity can also be used in a different context to denote a frequency-dependent quantity in which shear stress and shear rate have a sinusoidal time dependence.

3.1.3 *kinematic viscosity* (ν), n —the ratio of the dynamic viscosity (η) to the density (ρ) of a liquid.

3.1.3.1 *Discussion*—For gravity flow under a given hydrostatic head, the pressure head of a liquid is proportional to its density (ρ). Therefore the kinematic viscosity (ν) is a measure of the resistance to flow of a liquid under gravity.

3.1.4 *relative density (also called specific gravity (SG))*, n —the ratio of the density of a material at a stated temperature to the density of a reference material (usually water) at a stated temperature.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The test specimen is introduced into the measuring cells, which are at a closely controlled and known temperature. The measuring cells consist of a pair of rotating concentric cylinders and an oscillating U-tube. The dynamic viscosity is determined from the equilibrium rotational speed of the inner cylinder under the influence of the shear stress of the test specimen and an eddy current brake in conjunction with adjustment data. The density is determined by the oscillation frequency of the U-tube in conjunction with adjustment data. The kinematic viscosity is calculated by dividing the dynamic viscosity by the density.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Many petroleum products, and some non-petroleum materials, are used as lubricants and the correct operation of the equipment depends upon the appropriate viscosity of the liquid being used. In addition, the viscosity of many petroleum fuels is important for the estimation of optimum storage, handling, and operational conditions. Thus, the accurate determination of viscosity is essential to many product specifications.

5.2 Density is a fundamental physical property that can be used in conjunction with other properties to characterize both the light and heavy fractions of petroleum and petroleum products.

5.3 Determination of the density or relative density of petroleum and its products is necessary for the conversion of measured volumes to volumes at the standard temperature of 15°C.

6. Apparatus

6.1 Stabinger Viscometer^{5,6}

⁵ The Stabinger viscometer is covered by a patent. Interested parties are invited to submit information regarding the identification of an alternative to this patented item to the ASTM International headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend.

⁶ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Anton Paar GmbH, Anton-Paar-Str. 20, A-8054 Graz, Austria. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend.

6.1.1 *Viscosity Measurement*—The Stabinger viscometer uses a rotational coaxial cylinder measuring system. The outer cylinder (tube) is driven by a motor at a constant and known rotational speed. The low-density inner cylinder (rotor) is held in the axis of rotation by the centrifugal forces of the higher density sample and in its longitudinal position by the magnet and the soft iron ring. Consequently, the system works free of bearing friction as found in rotational viscometers. A permanent magnet in the inner cylinder induces eddy currents in the surrounding copper casing. The rotational speed of the inner cylinder establishes itself as the result of the equilibrium between the driving torque of the viscous forces and the retarding eddy current torque. This rotational speed is measured by an electronic system (Hall effect sensor) by counting the frequency of the rotating magnetic field (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, No. 2).

6.1.2 *Density Measurement*—The digital density analyzer uses a U-shaped oscillating sample tube and a system for electronic excitation and frequency counting (see Fig. 2, No. 3).

6.1.3 *Temperature Control*—The copper block surrounds both the viscosity and the density measuring cell in a way that both cells are held at the same temperature. A thermoelectric heating and cooling system (see Fig. 2, No. 1) ensures the temperature stability of the copper block within $\pm 0.005^\circ\text{C}$ from the set temperature at the position of the viscosity cell over the whole temperature range. The uncertainty ($k = 2$; 95 % confidence level) of the temperature calibration shall be no more than $\pm 0.03^\circ\text{C}$ over the range from 15 to 100°C . Outside this range the calibration uncertainty shall be no more than $\pm 0.05^\circ\text{C}$.

6.1.4 The thermal equilibration time depends on the heat capacity and conductivity of the liquid and on the difference between injection temperature and test temperature. Adequate temperature equilibration of the test specimen is automatically determined when successive viscosity values are constant within $\pm 0.07\%$ over 1 min and successive density values are constant within $\pm 0.00003\text{ g/cm}^3$ over 60 s.

NOTE 1—The Stabinger Viscometer, manufactured by Anton Paar GmbH, fulfills the stated requirements when operated in the most precise mode of operation.

6.2 *Syringes*, commercially available, at least 5 mL in volume, with a Luer tip. All construction materials for syringes

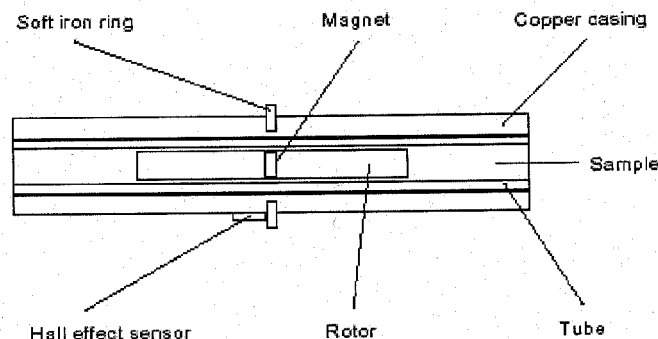


FIG. 1 Viscosity Cell

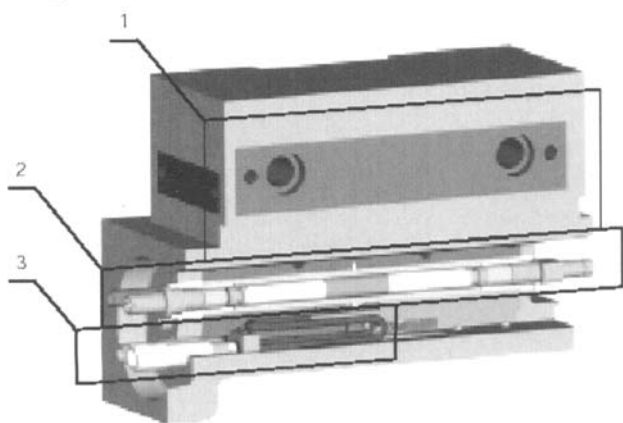


FIG. 2 Cell Block

shall be fully compatible with all sample liquids and cleaning agents, which contact them.

6.3 *Flow-Through or Pressure Adapter*, for use as an alternative means of introducing the test specimen into the measuring cells either by pressure or by suction, provided that sufficient care and control is used to avoid any bubble formation in the test specimen. All construction materials for adaptors shall be fully compatible with all sample liquids and cleaning agents, which contact them.

6.4 *Autosampler*, for use in automated injection analyses. The autosampler shall be designed to ensure the integrity of the test specimen prior to and during the analysis and be equipped to transfer a representative portion of test specimen into the measuring cells. The autosampler shall transfer the test specimen from the sample vial to the measuring cells of the apparatus without interfering with the integrity of the test specimen. The autosampler shall be able to mimic the procedure for sample handling as set forth in 11.1 and 11.2. The autosampler may have heating capability as a means to lower the viscosity of the sample for filling the measuring cells.

6.5 *Screen*, with an aperture of 75 μm , to remove particles from the sample.

6.6 *Magnet*, strong enough to remove iron fillings from the sample. Magnetic stirring rods are suitable.

7. Reagents and Materials

7.1 *Sample Solvent*, completely miscible with the sample.

7.1.1 For most samples, a volatile petroleum spirit or naphtha is suitable. If the solvent dries up without residues in an applicable time frame, the use of a separate drying solvent is not required.

7.1.2 For residual fuels, a prewash with an aromatic solvent such as toluene or xylene may be necessary to remove asphaltic material.

7.2 *Drying Solvent*, a volatile solvent miscible with the sample solvent (see 7.1).

7.2.1 Highly concentrated ethanol (96 % or higher) is suitable.

7.3 *Dry Air or Nitrogen*, for blowing the measuring cells.

7.3.1 If the measuring cell temperature is below or near the dew point temperature of the ambient air, the use of an appropriate desiccator is required.

8. Sampling, Test Specimens, and Test Units

8.1 Sampling is defined as all the steps required to obtain an aliquot of the contents of any pipe, tank, or other system, and to place the sample into the laboratory test container. The laboratory test container and sample volume shall be of sufficient capacity to mix the sample and obtain a homogeneous sample for analysis.

8.2 *Particles*—For samples that are likely to contain particles (for example, used oils or crude oils) pass the sample through a 75- μm screen to remove the particles. For the removal of iron filings the use of a magnet is appropriate. Waxy samples must be heated to dissolve the wax crystals prior to filtration and a preheated filter shall be used.

8.3 *Test Specimen*—A portion or volume of sample obtained from the laboratory sample and delivered to the measuring cells. The test specimen is obtained as follows:

8.3.1 Mix the sample, if required, to homogenize. Mixing at room temperature in an open container can result in the loss of volatile material; mixing in closed, pressurized containers, or at sub-ambient temperatures is recommended.

8.3.2 Draw the test specimen from a properly mixed laboratory sample using an appropriate syringe. Alternatively, if the proper attachments and connecting tubes are used, the test specimen may be delivered directly to the measuring cells using a flow through or pressure adapter (see 6.3) or autosampler (see 6.4) from the mixing container. For waxy or other samples with a high pour point, before drawing the test specimen, heat the laboratory sample to the desired test temperature, which has to be high enough to dissolve the wax crystals.

9. Calibration and Verification

9.1 Use only a calibrated apparatus as described in 6.1. The calibration shall be checked periodically using certified reference standards as described in 9.2 and 9.3. The recommended interval for viscosity and density calibration is once a month, for temperature control once a year. For the calibration procedure follow the instructions of the manufacturer of the apparatus.

9.2 *Certified Viscosity and Density Reference Standards*—These are for use as confirmatory checks on the procedure in the laboratory. Certified viscosity and density reference standards shall be certified by a laboratory, which has shown to meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 or a corresponding national standard by independent assessment. Viscosity standards shall be traceable to master viscometer procedures described in Test Method D2162. Density standards shall have a certified uncertainty of the density values of 0.0001 g/cm^3 . The uncertainty of the reference standards shall be stated for each certified value ($k = 2$; 95 % confidence level). See ISO 5725 or NIST Technical Note 1297.

9.3 Thermometer—For calibration and adjustment of the temperature control, a digital thermometer with a probe diameter of 6.25 mm and a maximal length of 80 mm shall be used. For smaller probes the use of an adapter is suitable. The uncertainty ($k = 2$; 95 % confidence level) of this thermometer must be no more than $\pm 0.01^\circ\text{C}$ and has to be certified by a laboratory which has shown to meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 or a corresponding national standard by independent assessment. A suitable thermometer is available from the manufacturer of the apparatus.

9.4 Acceptable Tolerance—If the determined values of a calibration check measurement do not agree within the acceptable tolerance band of the certified values, as calculated from **Annex A1**, re-check each step in the procedure, including the special cleaning procedure from **12.2**, to locate the source of error.

NOTE 2—Values exceeding the acceptable tolerance are generally attributable to deposits in the measuring cells that are not removed by the routine flushing procedure.

10. Adjustment

10.1 An adjustment has to be carried out when repeated calibration check measurements do not agree with the Acceptable Tolerance Band as stated in **9.4** and the error cannot be located elsewhere. For the adjustment procedure follow the instructions of the manufacturer of the apparatus.

10.2 For an adjustment, use only certified viscosity and density reference standards that fulfill the requirements as stated in **9.2**. The reference standards have to be within the viscosity, density, and temperature range specified by the manufacturer of the apparatus.

10.3 After an adjustment procedure a calibration check measurement shall be performed.

11. Procedure

11.1 Standard procedure (rinsing and drying)

11.1.1 Set the internal temperature control to the desired measuring temperature.

11.1.2 Set the determinability limits and temperature stability criteria to the values stated in **Table 1** for the specific product.

11.1.3 Make sure that the measuring cells are clean and dry as described in **12.1**.

11.1.4 Load a minimum of 3 mL of the test specimen to the syringe if enough sample is available it is recommended to fill the entire syringe. Pour at least 2 mL of the test specimen into the measuring cells. Leave the syringe in the inlet opening and start the measurement. Wait for the instrument to indicate that the determination is valid and record the values.

11.1.5 Inject a further 1 mL without taking off the syringe and repeat the measurement.

11.1.6 If the deviation between two consecutive determinations exceeds the determinability limits as stated in **Table 1** for this product, repeat step **11.1.5** until the deviation is within these limits. Discard all previously determined values and report the values of the last determination as the result.

11.1.6.1 For products not listed in the precision section, it is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish reasonable determinability limits by a series of tests.

11.1.6.2 If the syringe is empty before obtaining a valid determination, rinse and dry the measuring cells as described in **12.1** and repeat step **11.1.4**. If it is not possible to obtain a valid result within an applicable number of repetitions, report the robust mean value and the standard deviation ($k = 2$; 95 % confidence level) together with a remark indicating that the determinability exceeded the limits stated in **15.2.1** for this product.

11.1.7 Remove the test specimen immediately, rinse and dry the measuring cells as described in **12.1**.

11.2 Alternative Procedure (sample displacement)—For a series of samples that are mutually soluble (for example, various diesel fuels). It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to determine the applicability of this procedure to each class of samples.

11.2.1 Set the internal temperature control to the desired measuring temperature.

11.2.2 Set the determinability limits and temperature stability criteria to the values stated in **Table 1** for the specific product.

11.2.3 Make sure that the measuring cells are clean and dry as described in **12.1**.

11.2.4 Load a minimum of 5 mL of the test specimen to the syringe if enough sample is available it is recommended to use a 10 mL or larger syringe and to fill the entire syringe. Pour slowly at least 3 mL of the test specimen into the measuring cells. A slow flow ensures that the new test specimen displaces the old one rather than merging with it. Leave the syringe in the

TABLE 1 Determinability Limits and Temperature Stability Criteria

NOTE 1—X is the average results being compared.

Base Oils, Formulated Oil, Diesel Fuel, and Jet Fuel at -20°C	-20°C	15°C	40°C	100°C
Determinability Limit, viscosity, η^A	0.001 X (0.1 %)	not available	0.001 X (0.1 %)	0.001 X (0.1 %)
Determinability Limit, density, ρ^A	0.0002 g/cm ³	not available	0.0002 g/cm ³	0.0002 g/cm ³
Temperature equilibration viscosity	1 min within $\pm 0.07\%$	not available	1 min within $\pm 0.07\%$	1 min within $\pm 0.07\%$
Temperature equilibration density	1 min within ± 0.00003 g/cm ³	not available	1 min within ± 0.00003 g/cm ³	1 min within ± 0.00003 g/cm ³

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inlet opening and start the measurement. Wait for the instrument to indicate that the determination is valid and record the values.

11.2.5 Inject slowly a further 2 mL without taking off the syringe and repeat the measurement.

11.2.6 If the deviation between two consecutive determinations exceeds the determinability limits as stated in [Table 1](#) for this product, repeat step [11.2.5](#) until the deviation is within these limits. Discard all previously determined values and report the values of the last determination as the result.

11.2.6.1 For products not listed in the precision section it is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish reasonable determinability limits by a series of tests.

11.2.6.2 If the syringe is empty before obtaining a valid determination repeat step [11.2.4](#). If it is not possible to obtain a valid result within an applicable number of repetitions, report the robust mean value and the standard deviation ($k = 2$; 95 % confidence level) together with a remark indicating that the determinability exceeded the limits stated in [15.1.1](#) for this product.

11.2.7 For the next sample of this series repeat the steps [11.2.4](#) – [11.2.6](#).

11.2.8 After the last sample of a series perform a cleaning procedure as described in [12.1](#).

11.3 Procedure for Use with Autosampler:

11.3.1 Set the determinability and temperature stability criteria to values in [Table 1](#) for the corresponding testing parameter(s) and temperature(s) of interest. Temperature control/stability requirements at the test temperatures of interest are provided in [6.1.3](#). For all other sample types, see [11.3.2](#) for guidance.

11.3.2 For products not listed in the precision section, it is the responsibility of the user of this test method to establish reasonable determinability and temperature stability criteria by a series of tests.

11.3.3 Configure the cleaning and drying routines for the autosampler for sufficient cleaning efficiency of the product being tested.

NOTE 3—For specific information on proper configuration, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

11.3.4 Configure the autosampler for a minimum of two consecutive determinations per sample.⁷

11.3.5 Transfer a portion of the sample into the appropriate sample vial. Cap or cover the vials as necessary.

11.3.5.1 Load sample(s) vial onto vial tray or holder and analyze the test specimens.

11.3.5.2 Evaluate the data. Rerun samples which exceed the determinability criteria established for the sample type being analyzed. (See [11.3.1](#) and [11.3.2](#).)

12. Cleaning of the Measuring Cells

12.1 Fill the measuring cells with at least 3 mL of the sample solvent (see [7.1](#)). Check if the density cell is filled completely by examining the displayed density value. Start the

motor for at least 10 s. For poorly soluble samples, extend this time and repeat the procedure. Then rinse the measuring cells with the drying solvent (see [7.2](#)) and pass through a stream of dry air or nitrogen until the last trace of solvent is removed. Make sure that the measuring cells are clean and dry by checking if the air density value is lower than 0.0020 g/cm³. If the value exceeds this limit repeat the procedure or parts of it.

12.2 *Special Cleaning Procedure*—If necessary, clean the viscosity measuring cell by manually wiping and brushing the measuring rotors using a suitable sample solvent. If necessary clean the density oscillator using suitable cleaning agents. This procedure must be carried out when repeated calibration check measurements do not agree with the acceptable tolerance as stated in [9.4](#). Follow the instructions of the manufacturer of the apparatus.

13. Calculation of Results

13.1 The recorded values are the final results, expressed either as dynamic viscosity in mPa·s or as kinematic viscosity in mm²/s and as density in g/cm³ or kg/m³.

13.2 *Viscosity Index*—If results are available from the same sample at 40 and at 100°C the Viscosity Index (VI) can be calculated according to Test Method [D2270](#) from the kinematic viscosity results at the above temperatures.

13.3 *Density Extrapolation*—If results are available from the same sample at 40 and at 100°C density values at other temperatures can be calculated by linear extrapolation from the density results at the above temperatures. The limit for this extrapolation temperature is given by the point where changes of state (for example, cloud point or gassing) of the involved sample occur. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to determine the applicability of this calculation to each class of samples.

14. Report

14.1 Report the following information:

14.1.1 The type and identification of the product tested.

14.1.2 The reference to this test method.

14.1.3 Any deviation, by agreement or otherwise, from the procedure specified.

14.1.4 The test results for the dynamic or kinematic viscosity, or both, to four significant figures, optionally also for the density to three decimal places in g/cm³ or integer in kg/cm³ (example: 0.877 g/cm³ or 877 kg/cm³), together with the test temperature to the second decimal place.

14.1.5 Date and time of the test.

14.1.6 Name and address of the test laboratory.

15. Precision and Bias

15.1 *Comparison of Results:*

15.1.1 *Determinability, (d)*—Quantitative measure of the variability associated with the same operator in a given laboratory, obtaining successive determined values using the same apparatus for a series of operations leading to a single result. It is defined as that difference between two such single determined values as would be exceeded in the long run, in only one case in 20, in the normal and correct operation of the test method.⁷ (See [Table 1](#).)

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15.2 Comparison of Results:

15.2.1 Repeatability (*r*)—The difference between successive results obtained by the same operator in the same laboratory with the same apparatus under constant operating conditions on identical test material would, in the long run, in the normal and correct operation of this test method, exceed the values indicated only in one case in twenty. (See [Table 2](#).)

15.2.2 Reproducibility (*R*)—The difference between two single and independent results obtained by different operators working in different laboratories on nominally identical test material would, in the long run, in the normal and correct operation of this test method, exceed the values indicated only in one case in twenty. (See [Table 3](#).)

15.3 Bias—No information can be presented on the bias of the procedure in this test method, because no material having an accepted reference value has been tested.

15.4 Relative Bias—No bias to Test Methods [D445](#) and [D4052](#) was found to exist for base oils (see [Appendix X1](#) and [Appendix X2](#)).

15.4.1 Degree of Agreement between Results by Test Method D7042 and Test Method [D445](#)—Results on the same materials produced by Test Method D7042 and Test Method [D445](#) have been assessed in accordance with procedures outlined in Practice [D6708](#). The findings are:

15.4.2 For formulated oils, RR:D02-1741⁸ suggests a bias correction of:

$$Y - \text{Estimate} = 0.996 X \text{ at } 40^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (1)$$

$$Y - \text{Estimate} = X - 2.3538e - 02 \text{ at } 100^{\circ}\text{C}$$

where:

Y-Estimate = estimated [D445](#) result using D7042 result.

Bias-corrected kinematic viscosity results from Test Method D7042, as per the bias correction equation that follows, may be considered as practically equivalent to results from Test Method [D445](#), for sample types and property ranges studied. No sample-specific bias, as defined in Practice [D6708](#), was observed after the bias-correction for the materials studied.

$$\text{bias} - \text{corrected } X (\text{predicted } Y) = m X + b; \quad (2)$$

$$m = 0.996;$$

$$b = 0 \text{ at } 40^{\circ}\text{C}$$

and

$$\text{bias} - \text{corrected } X (\text{predicted } Y) = m X + b; \quad (3)$$

$$m = 1;$$

$$b = -2.3538e - 02 \text{ at } 100^{\circ}\text{C}$$

where:

X = result obtained by Test Method D7042, and

bias-corrected X = predicted *Y* result that would have been obtained by Test Method [D445](#) on the same sample.

Differences between bias-corrected results from Test Method D7042 and Test Method [D445](#), for the sample types and property ranges studied, are expected to exceed the following between methods reproducibility (RXY), as defined in Practice [D6708](#), about 5% of the time. The RXY at 40 mm²/s was found to be 0.52156 mm²/s at 40°C and RXY at 10 mm²/s was found to be 0.08819 mm²/s at 100°C.

15.4.3 For diesel fuels, RR:D02-1742⁹ suggests a bias correction of:

$$Y - \text{Estimate} = 0.9872 X - 0.00015 \text{ at } 40^{\circ}\text{C} \quad (4)$$

where:

Y-Estimate = estimated [D445](#) result using D7042 result.

Bias-corrected kinematic viscosity results from Test Method D7042, as per the bias correction equation that follows, may be considered as practically equivalent to results from Test Method [D445](#), for sample types and property ranges studied. No sample-specific bias, as defined in Practice [D6708](#), was observed after the bias-correction, for the materials studied.

$$\text{bias} - \text{corrected } X (\text{predicted } Y) = m X + b; \quad (5)$$

$$m = 0.9872;$$

$$b = -0.00015$$

⁸ Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR:D02-1741.

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TABLE 2 Repeatability (95 %)

NOTE 1—*X* is the average of results being compared.

		−20°C	15°C	40°C	100°C
Dynamic viscosity of base oils,	mPa·s	not available	not available	0.00101 <i>X</i> (0.10 %)	0.0003516 (<i>X</i> +5)
Kinematic viscosity of base oils,	mm ² /s	not available	not available	0.00094 <i>X</i> (0.09 %)	0.0003473 (<i>X</i> +5)
Density of base oils,	g/cm ³	not available	0.00046	0.00030	0.00033
Dynamic viscosity of formulated oils,	mPa·s	not available	not available	6.279E-03X (0.63%)	1.209E-02X^0.5
Kinematic viscosity of formulated oils,	mm ² /s	not available	not available	0.6E-02(<i>X</i> + 10.6)	0.2068E-02(<i>X</i> +7.77)
Density of formulated oils,	g/cm ³	not available	not available	0.00030	0.00020
Dynamic viscosity of diesel fuels,	mPa·s	not available	not available	0.006705X (0.67%)	not available
Kinematic viscosity of diesel fuels,	mm ² /s	not available	not available	0.782E-02X^0.778	not available
Density of diesel fuels,	g/cm ³	not available	not available	0.14E-02 * (1.03 − <i>X</i>)	not available
Dynamic viscosity of jet fuel,	mPa·s	0.06477	not available	not available	not available
Kinematic viscosity of jet fuel,	mm ² /s	0.08560	not available	not available	not available
Density of jet fuel,	g/cm ³	0.00100	not available	not available	not available

TABLE 3 Reproducibility (95 %)

NOTE 1—X is the average of results being compared.

		−20°C	15°C	40°C	100°C
Dynamic viscosity of base oils,	mPa·s	not available	not available	0.00540 X (0.54 %)	0.002563 (X+5)
Kinematic viscosity of base oils,	mm ² /s	not available	not available	0.00584 X (0.58 %)	0.002889 (X+5)
Density of base oils,	g/cm ³	not available	0.00177	0.00147	0.00131
Dynamic viscosity of formulated oils,	mPa·s	not available	not available	0.5076E-02 * X ^{1.2}	0.8223E-02X ^{1.0288}
Kinematic viscosity of formulated oils,	mm ² /s	not available	not available	0.1087E-01(X + 10.6)	0.6346E-02(X+7.77)
Density of formulated oils,	g/cm ³	not available	not available	0.00130	0.00120
Dynamic viscosity of diesel fuels,	mPa·s	not available	not available	0.29822E-01X (2.98%)	not available
Kinematic viscosity of diesel fuels,	mm ² /s	not available	not available	0.3374E-01X ^{0.778}	not available
Density of diesel fuels,	g/cm ³	not available	not available	0.7E-02(1.03-X)	not available
Dynamic viscosity of jet fuel,	mPa·s	0.1085	not available	not available	not available
Kinematic viscosity of jet fuel,	mm ² /s	0.14850	not available	not available	not available
Density of jet fuel,	g/cm ³	0.00270	not available	not available	not available

where:

X = result obtained by Test Method D7042, and

bias-corrected X = predicted Y result that would have been obtained by Test Method D445 on the same sample.

Differences between bias-corrected results from Test Method D7042 and Test Method D445, for the sample types and property ranges studied, are expected to exceed the following between methods reproducibility (RXY), as defined in Practice D6708, about 5% of the time. The RXY at 2 mm²/s was found to be:

$$\sqrt{(5.5480e - 04 * X^{1.5558e00} + 8.3839e - 04 * Y^{2.6000e00})} \text{ mm}^2/\text{s at } 40^\circ\text{C}$$

15.4.4 For jet fuel at −20°C, RR:D02-1750¹⁰ has determined relative bias as follows:

Bias-corrected kinematic viscosity results from Test Method D7042, as per the bias correction equation that follows, may be considered as practically equivalent to results from Test Method D445, for sample types and property ranges studied. No sample-specific bias, as defined in Practice D6708, was observed after the bias-correction for the materials studied.

$$\text{bias - corrected } X (\text{predicted } Y) = mX + b; m = 1; b = -0.013373 \quad (6)$$

where:

X = result obtained by Test Method D7042, and

bias-corrected X = predicted Y result that would have been obtained by Test Method D445 on the same sample.

Differences between results from Test Method D7042 and Test Method D445, for the sample types and property ranges studied, are expected to exceed the following between methods reproducibility (RXY), as defined in Practice D6708, about 5% of the time. RXY = 0.162 mm²/s at −20°C.

15.5 *Interlaboratory Study*—Precision values for base oils were obtained by statistical examination of interlaboratory

results obtained by twelve laboratories from ten mineral oils (base oils without additive package) in the dynamic viscosity range from 2.05 to 456 mPa·s at 40°C and from 0.83 to 31.6 mPa·s at 100°C and in the density range from 0.82 to 0.92 g/cm³ at 15°C. Density results at 15°C were calculated by linear extrapolation from the results obtained at 40 and 100°C. The number of replicates was two, obtained in the shortest possible time interval, typically 10 min, using the standard procedure described in 11.1.

15.5.1 Precision values for base oils were first published in 2003.¹¹

NOTE 4—Base oil precision values were determined on instruments using manual sample introduction only.

15.5.2 Precision values for formulated oils (commercially available formulated oils like motor oils, hydraulic oils, and synthetic gear oils) were obtained by statistical examination of interlaboratory results as follows:

15.5.2.1 The dynamic viscosity range from 34 to 411 mPa·s at 40°C from 10 formulated oils by 19 laboratories and from 5.24 to 39.2 mPa·s at 100°C from 10 formulated oils by 18 laboratories.

15.5.2.2 The kinematic viscosity range from 40.164 mm²/s to 150.71 mm²/s at 40°C from 9 formulated oils by 19 laboratories and from 6.4682 mm²/s to 48.292 mm²/s at 100°C from 10 formulated oils by 18 laboratories.

15.5.2.3 The density range from 0.82989 to 0.87300 g/cm³ at 40°C from 10 formulated oils by 20 laboratories and from 0.79192 to 0.83512 g/cm³ at 100°C from 10 formulated oils by 19 laboratories.

15.5.2.4 Precision values for formulated oils were first published in 2012.

15.5.3 Precision values for diesel fuels were obtained by statistical examination of interlaboratory results obtained by 18 laboratories from eight diesel fuel grades (#1, #2, and #4 diesel fuels according to Specification D975) in the dynamic viscosity range from 1 to 6 mPa·s at 40°C (kinematic viscosity range from 1.6477 mm²/s to 7.2315 mm²/s at 40°C) and ten diesel fuel grades (#1, #2, and #4 diesel fuels according to Specification D975) in the density range from 0.76920 to 0.89174 g/cm³ at 40°C.

¹⁰ Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR:D02-1750.

¹¹ Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR:D02-1555.

15.5.3.1 Precision values for diesel fuels were first published in 2012.

15.5.4 Precision values for jet fuel at -20°C were obtained by statistical examination of interlaboratory results obtained by:

13 laboratories from 12 jet fuel grades (Jet-A, Jet-A1, JP8, SPK, SPK blend, and N2B viscosity standard) in the dynamic viscosity range from 3.1705 mPa·s to 6.7489 mPa·s at -20°C.

13 laboratories from 12 jet fuel grades (Jet-A, Jet-A1, JP8, SPK, SPK blend and N2B viscosity standard) in the kinematic viscosity range from 3.8087 mm²/s to 7.9824 mm²/s at -20°C.

13 laboratories from 12 jet fuel grades (Jet-A, Jet-A1, JP8, SPK, SPK blend and N2B viscosity standard) in the density range from 0.78672 g/cm³ to 0.85998 g/cm³ at -20°C. The degrees of freedom associated with the reproducibility estimate from this round robin study are 18. Since the minimum

requirement of 30 (in accordance with Practice **D6300**) is not met, users are cautioned that the actual reproducibility may be significantly different than these estimates.

15.5.4.1 Precision values for jet fuel at -20°C were first published in 2012.¹⁰

15.5.5 The interlaboratory studies were performed according to Practices **D6300** and **D6708**. For the determination of the relative bias the samples were also tested by kinematic viscometers according to Test Method **D445** and for base oils by digital density meters according to ASTM **D4052** in the same laboratories.

16. Keywords

16.1 density; dynamic viscosity; kinematic viscosity; Sta-binger viscometer; viscosity; viscosity index

ANNEX

(Mandatory Information)

A1. CALCULATION OF ACCEPTABLE TOLERANCE ZONE¹² (BAND) TO DETERMINE CONFORMANCE WITH A CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL

A1.1 Determine the standard deviation for site uncertainty,¹³ σ_{site} , from a laboratory quality control program.

A1.1.1 If the standard deviation for site uncertainty, σ_{site} , is not known, use the value 0.30 % for viscosity and 0.0005 g/cm³ for density.

A1.2 Determine the combined extended uncertainty, CEU, of the accepted reference value (ARV) of the certified reference material (CRM) from the supplier's label or included documentation. If the density uncertainty is not known use the value 0.0005 g/cm³ for the CEU.

A1.3 Calculate the standard error of the accepted reference value, SE_{ARV} , by dividing the CEU by the coverage factor, k , listed on the supplier's label or included documentation.

A1.3.1 If the coverage factor, k , is not known, use the value 2.

A1.4 Construct the acceptable tolerance zone:

$$TZ = \pm 1.44 \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{site}}^2 + SE_{\text{ARV}}^2} \quad (\text{A1.1})$$

A1.4.1 Worked out example for viscosity tolerance band:

$$\sigma_{\text{site}} = 0.30 \% \quad (\text{A1.2})$$

$$CEU_{\text{ARV}} = 0.35 \%$$

$$TZ = \pm 1.44 \sqrt{0.30^2 + 0.175^2} = \pm 1.44 \sqrt{0.09 + 0.03} = \pm 0.50 \%$$

A1.4.2 Worked out example for density tolerance band:

$$\sigma_{\text{site}} = 0.0005 \text{ g/cm}^3 \quad (\text{A1.3})$$

$$CEU_{\text{ARV}} = 0.0005 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$TZ = \pm 1.44 \sqrt{0.0005^2 + 0.00025^2} = \pm 1.44 \times 0.00056 = \pm 0.0008 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

¹² These calculations are based on Test Method **D6617**.

¹³ See Test Method **D6299**.

APPENDIXES**(Nonmandatory Information)****X1. KINEMATIC VISCOSITY BIAS AT 100°C COMPARED TO TEST METHOD D445**

X1.1 The bias calculation in accordance with Test Method **D6708** applied to the results of the interlaboratory study on base oils (see **15.5**) suggested a bias correction of ($Y = 0.998 X$) at 100°C. This corresponds to a deviation of 0.2 % of the measured value. A comparison to the precision data from this test method and from the reference test method shows that the suggested bias correction is less than even the repeatability of

both test methods over the whole viscosity range tested in this interlaboratory study and also less than the uncertainty of certified viscosity reference standards (see **Table X1.1**). Therefore the bias can be considered insignificant.

X1.2 The kinematic viscosity bias at 40°C was found to be 1.000 X, corresponding to 0.0 %.

TABLE X1.1 Kinematic Viscosity Precision versus Bias (Base Oils at 100°C)

NOTE 1—X is the average of results being compared.

	Test Method D445	Test Method D445 at this study	Test Method D7042
Reproducibility, <i>R</i> (95 %)	0.0065 X (0.65 %)	0.008916 X (0.89 %)	0.002889 (X+5)
Repeatability, <i>r</i> (95 %)	0.0011 X (0.11 %)	0.002299 X (0.23 %)	0.000347 (X+5)
Bias against Test Method D445			0.998 X (0.2 %)
Reference standard oil uncertainty	0.30 % to 0.32 % for the viscosity range of this study		

X2. DENSITY BIAS AT 40°C COMPARED TO TEST METHOD **D4052**

X2.1 The bias calculation in accordance with Practice **D6708** applied to the results of the interlaboratory study (see **15.5**) suggested a bias correction of ($Y = 1.0053 X - 0.0046 \text{ g/cm}^3$) at 40°C. This corresponds to a maximum deviation of 0.0003 g/cm³ over the density range tested in this interlaboratory study. A comparison to the precision data from this test method and from the reference test method shows that the suggested bias correction is less than even the repeatability of

this test method over the whole density range tested in this interlaboratory study and also less than the uncertainty of certified viscosity reference standards (see **Table X2.1**). Therefore the bias can be considered insignificant.

X2.2 The density bias at 15°C was found to be 0.0000 g/cm³.

TABLE X2.1 Density Precision versus Bias (Base Oils at 40°C)

NOTE 1—X is the average of results being compared.

	Test Method D4052	Test Method D4052 at this study	Test Method D7042
Reproducibility, <i>R</i> (95 %)	0.0005 g/cm ³	0.00044 g/cm ³	0.0015 g/cm ³
Repeatability, <i>r</i> (95 %)	0.0001 g/cm ³	0.00010 g/cm ³	0.0003 g/cm ³
Bias against Test Method D4052			1.0053 X – 0.0046 g/cm ³
Reference standard oil uncertainty	Typically 0.0005 g/cm ³		

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Subcommittee D02.07 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D7042–12) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved Nov. 1, 2012.)

- (1) Added **15.4.4** Relative Bias estimates to referee method, **D445**
- (2) Added **15.5.4**, information on jet fuel at -20°C Inter Laboratory Study
- (3) Revised **Table 1** to include Determinability jet fuel at -20°C

- (4) Revised **Table 2**, to include Repeatability data for jet fuel at -20°C
- (5) Revised **Table 3**, to include Reproducibility data for jet fuel at -20°C

Subcommittee D02.07 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D7042–11a) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved April 15, 2012.)

- (1) Revised **1.3** to generally reference materials with precision and bias statements in this test method.
- (2) Added **15.4.1** to and including **15.4.3** bias estimates to referee method, Test Method **D445**.
- (3) Revised **15.5.1** to be specific for base oils.
- (4) Added **15.5.2**, information on formulated oils Interlaboratory Study.
- (5) Added **15.5.2.4**, information on Diesel fuel Interlaboratory Study.

- (6) Revised **15.5.5** to describe Interlaboratory Studies in plural and limit Test Method **D4052** study to base oils only.
- (7) Revised **Table 1** to include Determinability for formulated oils and Diesel fuel.
- (8) Revised **Table 2** to include Repeatability data for Diesel fuel and formulated oils.
- (9) Revised **Table 3** to include Reproducibility data for Diesel fuel and formulated oils.

Subcommittee D02.07 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D7042–11) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved Oct. 1, 2011.)

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| (1) Added 6.4 to specify requirements to autosampler(s) used under this test method. | (3) Added 11.3 procedure for use of autosampler(s). |
| (2) Revised 8.3.2 to include autosampler(s). | (4) Added 15.5.1 and Note 4 with regard to base oil precision values. |

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