



Standard Practice for Evaluation of New Aviation Turbine Fuels and Fuel Additives¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This standard practice provides procedures to develop data for use in research reports for new aviation turbine fuels, changes to existing aviation turbine fuels, or new aviation turbine fuel additives. These research reports are intended to support the development and issuance of new specifications or specification revisions for these products. This standard practice has also been used to evaluate the effect of incidental materials on jet fuel properties and performance.

1.2 The procedures, tests, and selection of materials detailed in this practice are based on industry expertise to provide the necessary data to determine if the new or changed fuel or additive is suitable for use on existing aircraft and engines and for use in the current aviation operational and supply infrastructure. As such, it is primarily intended for the evaluation of drop-in fuels, but it can also be used for the evaluation of other fuels.

1.3 Because of the diversity of aviation hardware and potential variation in fuel/additive formulations, not every aspect may be fully covered and further work may be required. Therefore, additional data beyond that described in this practice may be requested by the ASTM task force, Subcommittee J, or Committee D02 upon review of the specific composition, performance, or other characteristics of the candidate fuel or additive.

1.4 Units of measure throughout this practice are stated in International System of Units (SI) unless the test method specifies non-SI units.

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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- A240/A240M Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications
- B36/B36M Specification for Brass Plate, Sheet, Strip, and Rolled Bar
- B93/B93M Specification for Magnesium Alloys in Ingot Form for Sand Castings, Permanent Mold Castings, and Die Castings
- D56 Test Method for Flash Point by Tag Closed Cup Tester
- D86 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products and Liquid Fuels at Atmospheric Pressure
- D93 Test Methods for Flash Point by Pensky-Martens Closed Cup Tester
- D257 Test Methods for DC Resistance or Conductance of Insulating Materials
- D395 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Compression Set
- D412 Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension
- D445 Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)
- D471 Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids
- D790 Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials
- D924 Test Method for Dissipation Factor (or Power Factor) and Relative Permittivity (Dielectric Constant) of Electrical Insulating Liquids

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.

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

- D1002** Test Method for Apparent Shear Strength of Single-Lap-Joint Adhesively Bonded Metal Specimens by Tension Loading (Metal-to-Metal)
- D1298** Test Method for Density, Relative Density, or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method
- D1319** Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Liquid Petroleum Products by Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption
- D1331** Test Methods for Surface and Interfacial Tension of Solutions of Paints, Solvents, Solutions of Surface-Active Agents, and Related Materials
- D1405** Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
- D1414** Test Methods for Rubber O-Rings
- D1655** Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuels
- D2240** Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness
- D2386** Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels
- D2425** Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Middle Distillates by Mass Spectrometry
- D2622** Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
- D2624** Test Methods for Electrical Conductivity of Aviation and Distillate Fuels
- D2717** Test Method for Thermal Conductivity of Liquids (Withdrawn 2018)³
- D2887** Test Method for Boiling Range Distribution of Petroleum Fractions by Gas Chromatography
- D3114** Method of Test for D-C Electrical Conductivity of Hydrocarbon Fuels (Withdrawn 1985)³
- D3241** Test Method for Thermal Oxidation Stability of Aviation Turbine Fuels
- D3242** Test Method for Acidity in Aviation Turbine Fuel
- D3338** Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
- D3359** Test Methods for Rating Adhesion by Tape Test
- D3363** Test Method for Film Hardness by Pencil Test
- D3701** Test Method for Hydrogen Content of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Low Resolution Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometry
- D3703** Test Method for Hydroperoxide Number of Aviation Turbine Fuels, Gasoline and Diesel Fuels
- D3828** Test Methods for Flash Point by Small Scale Closed Cup Tester
- D3948** Test Method for Determining Water Separation Characteristics of Aviation Turbine Fuels by Portable Separator
- D4052** Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter
- D4066** Classification System for Nylon Injection and Extrusion Materials (PA)
- D4175** Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants
- D4529** Test Method for Estimation of Net Heat of Combustion of Aviation Fuels
- D4629** Test Method for Trace Nitrogen in Liquid Hydrocarbons by Syringe/Inlet Oxidative Combustion and Chemiluminescence Detection
- D4809** Test Method for Heat of Combustion of Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels by Bomb Calorimeter (Precision Method)
- D5001** Test Method for Measurement of Lubricity of Aviation Turbine Fuels by the Ball-on-Cylinder Lubricity Evaluator (BOCLE)
- D5291** Test Methods for Instrumental Determination of Carbon, Hydrogen, and Nitrogen in Petroleum Products and Lubricants
- D5304** Test Method for Assessing Middle Distillate Fuel Storage Stability by Oxygen Overpressure
- D5363** Specification for Anaerobic Single-Component Adhesives (AN)
- D5453** Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Light Hydrocarbons, Spark Ignition Engine Fuel, Diesel Engine Fuel, and Engine Oil by Ultraviolet Fluorescence
- D5972** Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Phase Transition Method)
- D6304** Test Method for Determination of Water in Petroleum Products, Lubricating Oils, and Additives by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration
- D6378** Test Method for Determination of Vapor Pressure (VP_x) of Petroleum Products, Hydrocarbons, and Hydrocarbon-Oxygenate Mixtures (Triple Expansion Method)
- D6379** Test Method for Determination of Aromatic Hydrocarbon Types in Aviation Fuels and Petroleum Distillates—High Performance Liquid Chromatography Method with Refractive Index Detection
- D6732** Test Method for Determination of Copper in Jet Fuels by Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrometry
- D6793** Test Method for Determination of Isothermal Secant and Tangent Bulk Modulus (Withdrawn 2021)³
- D6890** Test Method for Determination of Ignition Delay and Derived Cetane Number (DCN) of Diesel Fuel Oils by Combustion in a Constant Volume Chamber
- D7042** Test Method for Dynamic Viscosity and Density of Liquids by Stabinger Viscometer (and the Calculation of Kinematic Viscosity)
- D7111** Test Method for Determination of Trace Elements in Middle Distillate Fuels by Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES)
- D7153** Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Laser Method)
- D7154** Test Method for Freezing Point of Aviation Fuels (Automatic Fiber Optical Method)
- D7171** Test Method for Hydrogen Content of Middle Distillate Petroleum Products by Low-Resolution Pulsed Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy
- D7359** Test Method for Total Fluorine, Chlorine and Sulfur in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Their Mixtures by Oxidative Pyrohydrolytic Combustion followed by Ion Chromatography Detection (Combustion Ion Chromatography-CIC)

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

D7566 Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuel Containing Synthesized Hydrocarbons

D7945 Test Method for Determination of Dynamic Viscosity and Derived Kinematic Viscosity of Liquids by Constant Pressure Viscometer

E411 Test Method for Trace Quantities of Carbonyl Compounds with 2,4-Dinitrophenylhydrazine

E659 Test Method for Autoignition Temperature of Chemicals

E681 Test Method for Concentration Limits of Flammability of Chemicals (Vapors and Gases)

E1269 Test Method for Determining Specific Heat Capacity by Differential Scanning Calorimetry

2.2 *Federal Specifications:*⁴

FED-STD-791 Testing Method of Lubricants, Liquid Fuels, and Related Products

2.3 *Department of Defense Specifications:*⁴

DOD-L-85645 Lubricant, Dry Film, Molecular Bonded

MIL-A-8625 Anodic Coatings for Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys

MIL-C-83019 Coating, Polyurethane, for Protection of Integral Fuel Tank Sealing Compound

MIL-DTL-5541 Chemical Conversion Coatings on Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys

MIL-DTL-5624 Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Grades JP-4 and JP-5

MIL-DTL-24441 Paint, Epoxy-Polyamide, General Specification for

MIL-PRF-25017 Inhibitor, Corrosion/Lubricity Improver, Fuel Soluble (NATO S-1747)

MIL-DTL-25988 Rubber, Fluorosilicone Elastomer, Oil- and Fuel-Resistant, Sheets, Strips, Molded Parts, and Extruded Shapes

MIL-DTL-26521 Hose Assembly, Nonmetallic, Fuel, Collapsible, Low Temperature with Non-Reusable Couplings

MIL-DTL-83054 Baffle and Inerting Material, Aircraft Fuel Tank

MIL-DTL-83133 Turbine Fuel, Aviation, Kerosene Type, JP-8 (NATO F-34), NATO F-35, and JP-8+100 (NATO F-37)

MIL-H-4495 Hose Assembly, Rubber, Aerial Refueling

MIL-DTL-17902 Hose, End Fittings and Hose Assemblies, Synthetic Rubber, Aircraft Fuels

MIL-HDBK-510 Aerospace Fuels Certification

MIL-P-25732 Packing, Preformed, Petroleum Hydraulic Fluid Resistant, Limited Service at 275 °F (135 °C)

MIL-PRF-370 Hose and Hose Assemblies, Nonmetallic: Elastomeric, Liquid Fuel

MIL-PRF-6855 Rubber, Synthetic, Sheets, Strips, Molded or Extruded Shapes, General Specification for

MIL-PRF-8516 Sealing Compound, Synthetic Rubber, Electric Connectors and Electric Systems, Chemically Cured

MIL-PRF-46010 Lubricant, Solid Film, Heat Cured, Corrosion Inhibiting, NATO Code S-1738

MIL-PRF-81298 Dye, Liquid for the Detection of Leaks in Aircraft Fuel Systems

MIL-PRF-81733 Sealing and Coating Compound, Corrosion Inhibitive

MIL-PRF-87260 Foam Material, Explosion Suppression, Inherently Electrostatically Conductive, for Aircraft Fuel Tanks

MIL-S-85334 Sealing Compound, Noncuring, Low Consistency, Silicone, Groove Injection, for Integral Fuel Tanks

MIL-DTL-5578 Tanks, Fuel, Aircraft, Self-Sealing

MMM-A-132 Adhesives, Heat Resistant, Airframe Structural, Metal to Metal

QPL-25017 Qualified Products List for MIL-PRF-25017 (Inhibitor, Corrosion/Lubricity Improver, Fuel Soluble) (NATO S-1747)

2.4 *SAE International:*⁵

SAE-AMS-2410 Plating, Silver Nickel Strike, High Bake

SAE-AMS-2427 Aluminum Coating, Ion Vapor Deposition

SAE-AMS-3215 Acrylonitrile Butadiene (NBR) Rubber Aromatic Fuel Resistant 65–75

SAE-AMS-3265 Sealing Compound, Polysulfide (T) Rubber, Fuel Resistant, Non-Chromated Corrosion Inhibiting for Intermittent Use to 360 °F (182 °C)

SAE-AMS-3276 Sealing Compound, Integral Fuel Tanks and General Purpose, Intermittent Use to 360 °F (182 °C)

SAE-AMS-3277 Sealing Compound, Polythioether Rubber Fast Curing Integral Fuel Tanks and General Purpose, Intermittent Use to 360 °F (182 °C)

SAE-AMS-3278 Sealing and Coating Compound: Polyurethane (PUR) Fuel Resistant High Tensile Strength/Elongation for Integral Fuel Tanks/Fuel Cavities/General Purpose

SAE-AMS-3279 Sealing Compound, Sprayable, for Integral Fuel Tanks and Fuel Cell Cavities, for Intermittent Use to 350 °F (177 °C)

SAE-AMS-3281 Sealing Compound, Polysulfide (T) Synthetic Rubber for Integral Fuel Tank and Fuel Cell Cavities Low Density for Intermittent Use to 360 °F (182 °C)

SAE-AMS-3283 Sealing Compound, Polysulfide Non-Curing, Groove Injection Temperature and Fuel Resistant

SAE-AMS-3361 Silicone Potting Compound, Elastomeric, Two-Part, General Purpose, 150 to 400 Poise (15 to 40 Pa·s) Viscosity

SAE-AMS-3375 Adhesive/Sealant, Fluorosilicone, Aromatic Fuel Resistant, One-Part Room Temperature Vulcanizing

SAE-AMS-3376 Sealing Compound, Non-Curing, Groove Injection Temperature and Fuel Resistant

SAE-AMS-4017 Aluminum Alloy Sheet and Plate, 2.5Mg – 0.25Cr (5052–H34) Strain-Hardened, Half-Hard, and Stabilized

SAE-AMS-4027 Aluminum Alloy, Sheet and Plate 1.0Mg – 0.60Si – 0.28Cu – 0.20Cr (6061; –T6 Sheet, –T651 Plate)

⁴ Copies of these documents are available online at <http://quicksearch.dla.mil/> or <http://assist.dla.mil>.

⁵ Available from SAE International, 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15096, <http://www.sae.org/servlets/index>