



Standard Test Method for Bromine Index of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Coulometric Titration¹

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^{e1} NOTE—Mercury warning was editorially added in March 2010.

1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the amount of bromine-reactive material in aromatic hydrocarbons. It is usually applied to materials having bromine indexes below 500.

NOTE 1—Other test methods for determining bromine-reactive material are Test Methods [D1159](#), [D1491](#), [D2710](#), and [D5776](#).

1.2 This test method has been found applicable to aromatic hydrocarbons containing no more than trace amounts of olefins and that are substantially free from material lighter than isobutane and have a distillation end point under 288°C.

1.3 The following applies to all specified limits in this test method: For purposes of determining conformance with this test method, an observed value or a calculated value shall be rounded off “to the nearest unit” in the last right-hand digit used in expressing the specification limit, in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice [E29](#).

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 **Warning**—Mercury has been designated by EPA and many state agencies as a hazardous material that can cause central nervous system, kidney, and liver damage. Mercury, or its vapor, may be hazardous to health and corrosive to materials. Caution should be taken when handling mercury and mercury-containing products. See the applicable product Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for details and EPA’s website (<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/faq.htm>) for additional information. Users should be aware that selling mercury or mercury-containing products, or both, in your state may be prohibited by state law.

1.6 *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 determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use. For a specific hazard statement see Section 8.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D891](#) Test Methods for Specific Gravity, Apparent, of Liquid Industrial Chemicals

[D1159](#) Test Method for Bromine Numbers of Petroleum Distillates and Commercial Aliphatic Olefins by Electrometric Titration

[D1193](#) Specification for Reagent Water

[D1491](#) Test Method for Bromine Index of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Potentiometric Titration³

[D2710](#) Test Method for Bromine Index of Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Electrometric Titration

[D3437](#) Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products

[D3505](#) Test Method for Density or Relative Density of Pure Liquid Chemicals

[D4052](#) Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter

[D5776](#) Test Method for Bromine Index of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Electrometric Titration

[D6809](#) Guide for Quality Control and Quality Assurance Procedures for Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Materials

[E29](#) Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

2.2 Other Document:

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D16](#) on Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D16.04](#) on Instrumental Analysis.

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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.

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

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

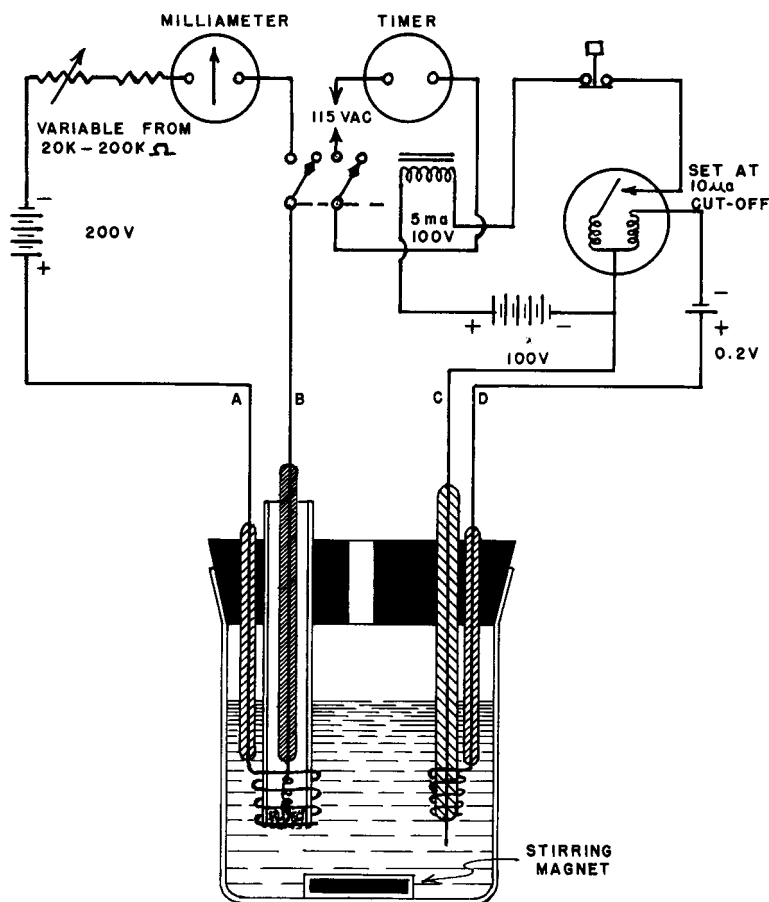


FIG. 1 Automatic Amperometric-Coulometric Titrator Circuit

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definition:

3.1.1 *bromine index (B), n*—the number of milligrams (mg) of bromine consumed by 100 g of sample under given conditions (mg-Br/100 g).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The specimen is added to a solvent and titrated with electrolytically generated bromine at room temperature. The end point is determined by a dead-stop method. The time of titration is proportional to the bromine added to the specimen.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is useful for setting specification, for use as an internal quality control tool, and for use in development or research work on industrial aromatic hydrocarbons and related materials. This test method gives a broad indication of olefinic content. It will not differentiate between the types of aliphatic unsaturation.

⁴ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Amperometric-Coulometric Apparatus*, automatic, suitable for bromine index titrations with variable generator current and timer. A typical circuit diagram of suitable equipment is shown in Fig. 1.

6.2 *Syringe*, 2 mL with needle and rubber cap seal.

6.3 *Stirrer*, magnetic.

7. Reagents

7.1 *Purity of Reagent*—Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society, where such specifications are available.⁵ Other grades may be used, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficiently high purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

7.2 *Purity of Water*—Unless otherwise indicated, references to water shall be understood to mean reagent water conforming to Type IV of Specification D1193.

⁵ *Reagent Chemicals, American Chemical Society Specifications*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC. For suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see *Analar Standards for Laboratory Chemicals*, BDH, Ltd., Poole, Dorset, U.K., and the *United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary*, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.