
**Liquid petroleum products —
Determination of hydrocarbon
types and oxygenates in automotive-
motor gasoline and in ethanol (E85)
automotive fuel — Multidimensional
gas chromatography method**

*Produits pétroliers liquides — Détermination des groupes
d'hydrocarbures et de la teneur en composés oxygénés de l'essence
pour moteurs automobiles et du carburant éthanol pour automobiles
E85 — Méthode par chromatographie multidimensionnelle en phase
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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 22854:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the Scope and precision have been extended in concentration range;
- the precision statement has been updated;
- new examples of typical chromatograms have been added to [Annex B](#);
- the text has been further harmonized with ASTM D6839^[Z].

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Introduction

Previous editions of this document were used for determination of saturated, olefinic, aromatic and oxygenated hydrocarbons in automotive motor gasoline according to European fuel specifications.

An interlaboratory study has shown that the method can be used for gasolines with a higher concentration of oxygenated compounds, including methanol. The interlaboratory study also provided data to calculate precision for toluene in gasoline.

[Annex B](#) now includes example chromatograms of gasolines with a variety of oxygenates which can be used for the correct identification of these oxygenates.

The test method described in this document is harmonized with ASTM D6839^[2].

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1 Scope

This document specifies the gas chromatographic (GC) method for the determination of saturated, olefinic and aromatic hydrocarbons in automotive motor gasoline and ethanol (E85) automotive fuel. Additionally, the benzene and toluene content, oxygenated compounds and the total oxygen content can be determined.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this document, the terms % (m/m) and % (V/V) are used to represent respectively the mass fraction, w , and the volume fraction, φ .

This document defines two procedures, A and B.

Procedure A is applicable to automotive motor gasoline with total aromatics of 19,32 % (V/V) up to 46,29 % (V/V); total olefins from 0,40 % (V/V) up to 26,85 % (V/V); oxygenates from 0,61 % (V/V) up to 9,85 % (V/V); oxygen content from 1,50 % (m/m) to 12,32 % (m/m); benzene content from 0,38 % (V/V) up to 1,98 % (V/V) and toluene content from 5,85 % (V/V) up to 31,65 % (V/V).

The method has also been tested for individual oxygenates. A precision has been determined for a total volume of methanol from 1,05 % (V/V) up to 16,96 % (V/V); a total volume of ethanol from 0,50 % (V/V) up to 17,86 % (V/V); a total volume of MTBE from 0,99 % (V/V) up to 15,70 % (V/V), a total volume of ETBE from 0,99 % (V/V) up to 15,49 % (V/V), a total volume of TAME from 0,99 % (V/V) up to 5,92 % (V/V), and a total volume of TAEE from 0,98 % (V/V) up to 15,59 % (V/V).

Although this test method can be used to determine higher-olefin contents of up to 50 % (V/V), the precision for olefins was tested only in the range from 0,40 % (V/V) to 26,85 % (V/V).

Although specifically developed for the analysis of automotive motor gasoline that contains oxygenates, this test method can also be applied to other hydrocarbon streams having similar boiling ranges, such as naphthas and reformates.

NOTE 2 For Procedure A, applicability of this document has also been verified for the determination of *n*-propanol, acetone, and di-isopropyl ether (DIPE). However, no precision data have been determined for these compounds.

Procedure B describes the analysis of oxygenated groups (ethanol, methanol, ethers, C3 – C5 alcohols) in ethanol (E85) automotive fuel containing ethanol between 50 % (V/V) and 85 % (V/V). The gasoline is diluted with an oxygenate-free component to lower the ethanol content to a value below 20 % (V/V) before the analysis by GC.

The sample can be fully analysed including hydrocarbons. Precision data for the diluted sample are only available for the oxygenated groups.

NOTE 3 For Procedure B, the precision can be used for an ethanol fraction from about 50 % up to 85 % (V/V). For the ether fraction, the precision as specified in [Table 6](#) can be used for samples containing at least 11 % (V/V) of ethers. For the higher alcohol fraction, too few data were obtained to derive a full precision statement and the data presented in [Table 6](#) are therefore only indicative.

NOTE 4 An overlap between C9 and C10 aromatics can occur. However, the total is accurate. Isopropyl benzene is resolved from the C8 aromatics and is included with the other C9 aromatics.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 3171, *Petroleum liquids — Automatic pipeline sampling*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

hydrocarbon

hydrocarbon group

HG

family of hydrocarbons such as saturated hydrocarbons, olefinic hydrocarbons

3.1.1

saturate

saturated hydrocarbon

type of *hydrocarbon* (3.1) that contains no double bonds with a carbon number of 3 to 12

EXAMPLE *n*-Paraffins, *iso*-paraffins, naphthenes and poly-naphthenes.

3.1.2

olefin

olefinic hydrocarbon

type of *hydrocarbon* (3.1) that contains double or triple bonds with a carbon number of 3 to 10

EXAMPLE *n*-Olefins, *iso*-olefins and cyclic olefins.

3.1.3

aromatic

aromatic hydrocarbon

type of cyclic *hydrocarbon* (3.1) with alternating double and single bonds between carbon atoms forming the rings

EXAMPLE Benzene, toluene and higher homologous series with a carbon number of 6 to 10 and naphthalenes, with a carbon number of up to 12.

3.2

oxygenate

oxygenated compound

type of *hydrocarbon* (3.1) that contains an oxygen group, the addition of which is allowed according to current petrol specifications

EXAMPLE Alcohols and ethers.

Note 1 to entry: See Note 2 to [Clause 1](#).