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concentration of sulfur in automotive fuels - Energy-  
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## Introduction

This International Standard is directed specifically at the lower end of the concentration range covered in ISO 20847<sup>[2]</sup>. By selecting the instrument type, a better signal-to-background ratio for sulfur K-L<sub>2,3</sub> emission is assured. A knowledge of the general composition of the sample for analysis is advantageous in obtaining the best test result.

NOTE IUPAC X-ray line notation (S K-L<sub>2,3</sub>) is used in this International Standard; the corresponding Siegbahn X-ray line notation (S-K $\alpha$ ) is being phased out.

Where matrix matching is not used and where the C:H mass ratio of the test sample is known or can be determined, accuracy can be improved by the use of Equation (A.1) (see A.2.3) to correct the result to the C:H mass ratio of the calibration standards, i.e. the reference diluent oil (see 4.1).

Some instruments include the capability for instrument-based matrix correction; notes on the use of this approach to compensate for matrix effects in the test sample are provided in A.3 for information.

This International Standard is based on IP test method PM DU<sup>[3]</sup> developed by the Energy Institute.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies an energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence (EDXRF) test method for the determination of sulfur content in automotive gasoline containing up to 3,7 % (m/m) oxygen [including those blended with ethanol up to 10 % (V/V)], and in diesel fuels [including those containing up to about 10 % (V/V) fatty acid methylester (FAME)] having sulfur contents in the range 8 mg/kg to 50 mg/kg.

Other products can be analysed and other sulfur contents can be determined according to this test method; however, no precision data for products other than automotive fuels and for results outside the specified range have been established for this International Standard.

For reasons of spectral overlap, this International Standard is not applicable to leaded automotive gasoline, gasoline having a content of greater than 8 mg/kg lead replacement or to product and feedstock containing lead, silicon, phosphorus, calcium, potassium or halides at concentrations greater than one tenth of the concentration of sulfur measured or more than 10 mg/kg, whichever is the greater.

**NOTE** For the purposes of this International Standard, the terms “% (m/m)” and “% (V/V)” are used to represent the mass fraction,  $\mu$ , and the volume fraction,  $\phi$ , of a material respectively.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 3170:2004, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

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

## 3 Principle

The test portion, in a cup fitted with an X-ray transparent window, is placed in a beam of exciting radiation from an X-ray tube. The intensity of the sulfur K-L<sub>2,3</sub> characteristic X-radiation is measured and the accumulated count is compared with a calibration curve constructed from sulfur standards covering the range of sulfur contents under examination.

**NOTE** The exciting radiation can be either direct or indirect via a polarizing or secondary target.

## 4 Reagents and materials

### 4.1 Diluent oil

The reference diluent oil is white oil (light paraffin oil) of high purity grade, with a maximum sulfur content of 0,5 mg/kg. However, if only one type of matrix is to be analysed (e.g. motor gasoline), the accuracy of results