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des carburéacteurs — Méthode JFTOT*



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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 6249 was prepared by ISO/TC 28, *Petroleum products and lubricants*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 6249:1984), of which it constitutes a technical revision.

Annexes A and B form a normative part of this International Standard. Annex C is for information only.

# Petroleum products — Determination of thermal oxidation stability of gas turbine fuels — JFTOT method

**WARNING** — The use of this International Standard may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This International Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this International Standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a procedure for rating the tendencies of gas turbine fuels to deposit decomposition products within the fuel system. It is applicable to middle distillate and wide-cut fuels, and is particularly specified for the performance of aviation gas turbine fuels.

The test results are indicative of fuel stability during gas turbine operation and can be used to assess the level of deposits that form when liquid fuel contacts a heated surface at a specified temperature.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative references indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 3170:1988, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*.

ISO 3170:1988/Amd. 1:1998.

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **heater tube**

aluminium tube controlled at an elevated temperature, over which the test fuel is pumped; the tube is resistively heated and temperature controlled by a thermocouple positioned inside it

**NOTE** The critical test area is the 60 mm thinner portion between the shoulders of the tube. The fuel inlet to the tube is at the 0 mm position, and the fuel exit is at 60 mm.

### 3.2

#### **decomposition product**

oxidative product laid down on the heater tube in a relatively small area of the thinner portion of the tube, typically between the 30 mm and 50 mm position from the fuel inlet, and that trapped in the test filter