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# Crude petroleum and liquid or solid petroleum products — Determination of density or relative density — Capillary-stoppered pycnometer and graduated bicapillary pycnometer methods

## 1 Scope and field of application

**1.1** This International Standard specifies methods for the determination of the density or relative density of crude petroleum and of petroleum products handled as liquids.

**1.2** The capillary-stoppered pycnometer method is also for use with solids and this method may also be used for coal tar products, including road tars, creosote and tar pitches, or for mixtures of these with petroleum products. This method is not suitable for the determination of the density or relative density of highly volatile liquids having Reid vapour pressures greater than 50 kPa (0,5 bar) according to ISO 3007 or having an initial boiling point below 40 °C.

**1.3** The graduated bicapillary pycnometer method is recommended for the accurate determination of the density or relative density of all except the more viscous products, and is particularly useful when only small amounts of samples are available. The method is restricted to liquids having Reid vapour pressures of 130 kPa (1,3 bar) or less according to ISO 3007 and having kinematic viscosities less than 50 cSt (50 mm<sup>2</sup>/s) at the test temperature.

Special precautions are specified for the determination of the density or relative density of highly volatile liquids.

## 2 References

ISO 91, *Petroleum measurement tables*.<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 653, *Long solid-stem thermometers for precision use*.

ISO 3007, *Petroleum products — Determination of vapour pressure — Reid method*.

ISO 3507, *Pycnometers*.

ISO 5024, *Petroleum liquids and gases — Measurement — Standard reference conditions*.

## 3 Definitions

For the purpose of this International Standard, the following definitions shall apply.

**3.1 density** : The mass of the substance divided by its volume.

When reporting the density, the unit of density used, together with the temperature, shall be explicitly stated, for example kilograms per cubic metre, or grams per millilitre, at  $t$  °C.

**3.2 apparent mass in air** : The value obtained by weighing in air against standard masses without making correction for the effect of air buoyancy on either the standard masses or the object weighed.

**3.3 observed density** : The value required in order to enter tables 53A and 53B referred to in ISO 91/1 or given in table A in ISO/R 91 Addendum 1, determined with soda-lime glass apparatus at a test temperature which differs from the calibration temperature of the apparatus, no correction having been made for the thermal expansion or contraction of the glass.

**3.4 relative density** : The ratio of the mass of a volume of a substance at a temperature  $t_1$  to the mass of an equal volume of another substance at a temperature  $t_2$ . The temperatures  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  may be equal. For the purpose of this International Standard, the other substance is water, i.e. the relative density is the ratio of the density of the substance at a temperature  $t_1$  to the density of water at a temperature  $t_2$ .

When reporting the relative density, the temperatures  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  must be explicitly stated. ISO 91 refers only to tables for the reduction of relative density to 60/60 °F. If results are required referred to another reference temperature, the determination should be carried out at that temperature.

<sup>1)</sup> ISO 91/1 has been published, but the revision of ISO/R 91 Addendum 1 is at present at the stage of draft.