
**Petroleum products — Determination
of knock characteristics of motor fuels
— Research method**

*Produits pétroliers — Détermination des caractéristiques
antidétonantes des carburants pour moteurs — Méthode de recherche*



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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 28, *Petroleum products and lubricants*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 5164:2005). Besides improving the understanding of some of the procedures, the main revision lays in the introduction of the so-called digital detonation meter. The revision includes allowances both measurement systems:

- a) the knock measurement system based on analogue technology, and
- b) the XCP digital technology used in the digital detonation meter.

Introduction

The purpose of this International Standard is to accord ISO status to a test procedure that is already used in a standardized form all over the world. The procedure in question is published by ASTM International as Standard Test Method D 2699-12.

By publishing this International Standard, ISO recognizes that this method is used in its original text in many member countries and that the standard equipment and many of the accessories and materials required for the method are obtainable only from specific manufacturers or suppliers. To carry out the procedure in every detail requires reference to annexes and appendices of ASTM D 2699-12. The annexes detail the specific equipment and instrumentation required, the critical component settings and adjustments, and include the working tables of referenced settings. The appendices provide background and additional insight about auxiliary equipment, operational techniques and the concepts relative to proper maintenance of the engine and instrumentation items.

The accumulated motor fuel data relating to knock characteristics determined in many countries has, for many years, been based on the use of the CFR engine and the ASTM octane test methods. Accepted worldwide, petroleum industry octane number requirements for motor fuels are defined by the research method and associated CFR F-1 Octane Rating Unit¹⁾, which emphasizes the need for this method and test equipment to be standardized. The initiation of studies to use a different engine for ISO purposes has therefore been considered an unnecessary duplication of effort.

For these reasons, it has been considered desirable by ISO Technical Committee 28, *Petroleum products and lubricants*, to adopt the ASTM D 2699 standard procedures. However, this International Standard refers to annexes and appendices of ASTM D 2699 without change because of their extensive detail. These annexes and appendices are not included in this International Standard because they are available from ASTM International.

Due to identified component obsolescence issues, the original, analogue control panel has been replaced by the manufacturer by new digital panel as of 2011. Service parts availability for the analogue system will be phased out in the future. Research work was executed by ASTM International^[5] to check whether there was statistically observable systemic bias between the 501C and the new digital knock measurement system.

With respect to precision ISO and ASTM technical committees concluded that there was numerically comparable precision for repeatability between the 501C and new panel knock measurement systems, and no statistically observable difference for reproducibility between the 501C and new panel knock measurement systems. This means that the new CFR octane panel could be included in the test method.

1) The sole manufacturer of the Model CFR F-1 Octane Rating Unit is Waukesha Engine, Dresser Waukesha, Inc., 1000 West St. Paul Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188, USA.

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WARNING — The use of this International Standard may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This International Standard does not purport to address 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 establishes the rating of liquid spark-ignition engine fuel in terms of an arbitrary scale of octane numbers using a standard single-cylinder, four-stroke cycle, variable compression ratio, carburetted, CFR engine operated at constant speed. Research octane number (RON) provides a measure of the knock characteristics of motor fuels in automotive engines under mild conditions of operation.

This International Standard is applicable for the entire scale range from 0 RON to 120 RON, but the working range is 40 RON to 120 RON. Typical motor fuel testing is in the range of 88 RON to 101 RON.

This International Standard is applicable for oxygenate-containing fuels containing up to 4,0 % (m/m) oxygen and for gasoline containing up to 25 % (V/V) ethanol.

NOTE 1 Although 25 % (V/V) of ethanol corresponds to approximately 9 % (m/m) oxygen, full applicability of this test method for that oxygen range has only been checked for gasoline type of fuels.

NOTE 2 Work is under way to check the possibility to use the method up to and including 85 % (V/V) ethanol.

NOTE 3 This International Standard specifies operating conditions in SI units but engine measurements may be specified in inch-pound units because these were the units used in the manufacture of the equipment, and thus some references in this International Standard include these units in parenthesis.

NOTE 4 For the purposes of this standard, the terms “% (m/m)” and “% (V/V)” are used to represent the mass fraction, μ , and the volume fraction, φ , of a material respectively.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. 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*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4787, *Laboratory glassware — Volumetric instruments — Methods for testing of capacity and for use*

ASTM D2699-12, *Standard Test Method for Research Octane Number of Spark-Ignition Engine Fuel*

3 Terms and definitions

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