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Foreword

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method based on flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS) for the determination of manganese content present as methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT¹) in unleaded petrol from about 2 mg/l to about 8 mg/l. This test method is applicable to unleaded petrol containing up to 3,7 % (m/m) oxygen, including those with ethanol up to 10 % (V/V).

NOTE 1 Manganese as MMT is added to petrol to increase antiknock properties.

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NOTE 2 Solutions of MMT in unleaded petrol are unstable when exposed to light. Low and erratic results are expected if samples are exposed to light prior the analysis.

NOTE 3 Manganese contents higher than 8 mg/l can be measured after preliminary dilution of the sample with a suitable solvent. However, the precision has not been established for such procedure.

NOTE 4 Application to the determination of other manganese compounds in unleaded petrol has not been tested.

NOTE 5 For the purposes of this European 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 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.

EN ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes (ISO 648:2008)*

EN ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks (ISO 1042:1998)*

EN ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling (ISO 3170:2004)*

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

EN ISO 3675, *Crude petroleum and liquid petroleum products — Laboratory determination of density — Hydrometer method (ISO 3675:1998)*

EN ISO 12185, *Crude petroleum and petroleum products — Determination of density — Oscillating U-tube method (ISO 12185:1996)*

3 Principle

A portion of petrol sample is diluted with a hydrocarbon solvent. The solution is then aspirated into the air/acetylene flame of an atomic absorption spectrometer. The absorbance is measured at 279,5 nm. Manganese content is calculated by comparison with calibration solutions prepared from suitable manganese compounds.

1) MMT is a registered trademark of Ethyl Corporation.