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**Petroleum and natural gas industries —  
Field testing of drilling fluids —**

Part 2:  
**Oil-based fluids**

*Industries du pétrole et du gaz naturel — Essais in situ des fluides de forage —*

*Partie 2: Fluides à base d'huiles*



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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10414-2:2002), which has been technically revised.

ISO 10414 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Field testing of drilling fluids*:

- *Part 1: Water-based fluids*
- *Part 2: Oil-based fluids*

## Introduction

This part of ISO 10414 is based on API RP 13B-2:2005, *Recommended practice for field testing of oil-based drilling fluids*.

As with any laboratory procedure requiring the use of potentially hazardous chemicals and equipment, the user is expected to have received proper training and knowledge in the use and disposal of these potentially hazardous materials. The user is responsible for compliance with all applicable local, regional and national requirements for worker and local health, safety and environmental liability.

In this part of ISO 10414, quantities expressed in the International System (SI) of units are also, where practical, expressed in United States Customary (USC) units in parentheses for information. The units do not necessarily represent a direct conversion of SI units to USC units, or USC units to SI units. Consideration has been given to the precision of the instrument making the measurement. For example, thermometers are typically marked in one degree increments, thus temperature values have been rounded to the nearest degree.

Calibrating an instrument refers to ensuring the accuracy of the measurement. Accuracy is the degree of conformity of a measurement of a quantity to its actual or true value. Accuracy is related to precision, or reproducibility, of a measurement. Precision is the degree to which further measurements or calculations will show the same or similar results. Precision is characterized in terms of the standard deviation of the measurement. The results of calculations or a measurement can be accurate but not precise, precise but not accurate, neither accurate nor precise, or both accurate and precise. A result is valid if it is both accurate and precise.

# Petroleum and natural gas industries — Field testing of drilling fluids —

## Part 2: Oil-based fluids

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10414 provides standard procedures for determining the following characteristics of oil-based drilling fluids:

- a) drilling fluid density (mud weight);
- b) viscosity and gel strength;
- c) filtration;
- d) oil, water and solids concentrations;
- e) alkalinity, chloride concentration and calcium concentration;
- f) electrical stability;
- g) lime and calcium concentrations, calcium chloride and sodium chloride concentrations;
- h) low-gravity solids and weighting material concentrations.

The annexes provide additional test methods or examples that can optionally be used for the determination of:

- shear strength (Annex A);
- oil and water concentrations from cuttings (Annex B);
- drilling fluid activity (Annex C);
- aniline point (Annex D);
- lime, salinity and solids concentration (Annex E);
- sampling, inspection and rejection (Annex F);
- rig-site sampling (Annex G);
- cuttings activity (Annex H);
- active sulphides (Annex I);
- calibration and verification of glassware, thermometers, viscometers, retort kit cups and drilling fluid balances (Annex J);

- permeability plugging apparatus with set-screw secured end cap (Annex K);
- permeability plugging apparatus with threaded end cap (Annex L);
- elastomer compatibility (Annex M);
- sand content of oil-based fluid (Annex N);
- identification and monitoring of weight-material sag (Annex O);
- oil-based drilling fluid test report form (Annex P).

## 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 10414-1:2008<sup>1)</sup>, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Field testing of drilling fluids — Part 1: Water-based fluids*

ISO 13501<sup>2)</sup>, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Drilling fluids — Processing equipment evaluation*

API RP 13D:2010, *Recommended practice on the rheology and hydraulics of oil-well drilling fluids*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1**  
**ACS reagent grade**  
grade of chemical meeting the purity standards specified by the American Chemical Society (ACS) and listed in the Chemical Abstracting Service (CAS)

**3.2**  
**density of water**  
density of 1 g/ml (8,334 lb/gal) for deionized or distilled water and 1 g/ml (8,345 lb/gal) for clean tap water

NOTE Deionized or distilled water is used for all equipment calibration. The volume of 1 kg of water is 1 l for the purposes of this part of ISO 10414, and the volume of water is numerically equivalent to the volume of the water measured in cubic centimetres or millilitres, i.e. 1 g = 1 ml.

**3.3**  
**spurt loss**  
volume of fluid that passes through the filtration medium before a filter cake is formed

**3.4**  
**pound**  
U.S. customary unit used to indicate pound-mass (weight), as opposed to pound-force (shear stress)

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1) For the purposes of this part of ISO 10414, API RP 13B-1:2009, *Recommended practice for field testing water-based drilling fluids*, is equivalent.

2) For the purposes of this part of ISO 10414, API RP 13C, *Recommended practice on drilling fluids processing systems evaluation*, is equivalent.