

**Liquid petroleum products - Unleaded petrol -  
Determination of organic oxygenate compounds and  
total organically bound oxygen content by gas  
chromatography (O-FID)**

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## Liquid petroleum products - Unleaded petrol - Determination of organic oxygenate compounds and total organically bound oxygen content by gas chromatography (O-FID)

Produit pétroliers liquides - Essence sans plomb -  
Détermination des composés oxygénés organiques et de la  
teneur totale en oxygène organiquement lié par  
chromatographie en phase gazeuse (O-FID)

Flüssige Mineralölzeugnisse - Unverbleite Ottokraftstoffe -  
Bestimmung sauerstoffhaltiger organischer Verbindungen  
und des Gesamtgehalts an organisch gebundenem  
Sauerstoff mittels Gaschromatographie (O-FID)

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## Foreword

This document (EN 1601:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 19 "Gaseous and liquid fuels, lubricants and related products of petroleum, synthetic and biological origin", the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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The major updates towards the former version are:

- Inclusion of a dilution procedure to measure an oxygenate compound content higher than 15 % (*m/m*). In this procedure detailed in Clause 9, the sample is diluted (1:1 or 1:2 mass/mass) with an oxygenate free petrol, before the addition of the internal standard and the analysis. Precision data have not been evaluated for this procedure;
- The previous precision data for oxygen content covered the range 1,5 % (*m/m*) to 3,0 % (*m/m*). The data precision for oxygen content has been updated for the range 2,1 % (*m/m*) to 3,9 % (*m/m*), based on Round Robins data from 2005 to 2011 available from DIN-FAM, Germany;
- The scope of the test method has been updated to include petrol with higher total oxygen content and with higher oxygenate contents than mentioned in the former edition; the test method is now applicable for petrol (automotive motor gasoline) with a total oxygen content up to 3,9 % (*m/m*), and/or with an individual oxygenate compound content higher than 15 % (*m/m*). Such petrol is specified in EN 228 [1]. Precision data have not been evaluated for this procedure and consequently the previous precision data for a individual oxygenate compound content in the range of 0,17 % (*m/m*) higher than 15 % (*m/m*) have not been updated or extended above 15 % (*m/m*), in order to introduce for instance automotive ethanol (E85) fuel in the scope.
- Deletion of the original Annex A on densities of oxygenate compounds and inclusion of some of them in Table 1;
- Updated chromatograms and improved description of the gas chromatographic equipment with inclusion of a schematic instrument O-FID instrument configuration in the new Annex A.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a gas chromatographic method for the quantitative determination, in unleaded petrol having a final boiling point not greater than 220 °C, of individual organic oxygenate compounds in the range 0,17 % (*m/m*) to 15 % (*m/m*) in a direct analysis (without dilution), and total organically bound oxygen up to 3,9 % (*m/m*).

For samples for which one of the oxygenate compounds content is higher than 15 % (*m/m*), a procedure with a dilution of the sample before the analysis is given.

NOTE 1 Precision data are not available for an oxygenate compound content higher than 15 % (*m/m*); see Foreword.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms “% (*m/m*)” and “% (*V/V*)” are used to represent respectively the mass fraction,  $\mu$ , and the volume fraction,  $\varphi$ .

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EN ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids - Manual sampling (ISO 3170)*

EN ISO 3171, *Petroleum liquids - Automatic pipeline sampling (ISO 3171)*

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

EN ISO 3838, *Crude petroleum and liquid or solid petroleum products - Determination of density or relative density - Capillary-stoppered pycnometer and graduated bicapillary pycnometer methods (ISO 3838)*

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

## 3 Principle

After separation using a capillary column, the organic oxygenate compounds are selectively converted to carbon monoxide, hydrogen and carbon in a pyrolytic cracking reactor.

In a hydrogenation reactor, carbon monoxide is then converted to methane and subsequently detected using a flame ionization detector (FID).

NOTE Guidance on the oxygen selective detection (O-FID) technique is given in Annex A.