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## European foreword

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## Introduction

The distillation (volatility) characteristics of hydrocarbons and other liquids have an important effect on their safety and performance, especially in the case of fuels and solvents. The boiling range gives information on the composition, the properties, and the behaviour of the fuel during storage and use. Volatility is the major determinant of the tendency of a hydrocarbon mixture to produce potentially explosive vapours.

The distillation characteristics are critically important for both automotive and aviation gasolines, affecting starting, warm-up and tendency to vapour lock at high operating temperature or at high altitude, or both. The presence of high boiling point components in these and other fuels can significantly affect the degree of formation of solid combustion deposits.

Distillation limits are often included in petroleum product specifications, in commercial contract agreements, process refinery/control applications, and for compliance to regulatory rules.

This test method can be applied to contaminated products or hydrocarbon mixtures. This is valuable for fast product quality screening, refining process monitoring, fuel adulteration control, or other purposes including use as a portable apparatus for field testing.

This document is at of the time of publication technically equivalent to ASTM D7345 [1], on which it is based.

This test method uses an automatic micro distillation apparatus, provides fast results using small sample volume, and eliminates much of the operator time and subjectivity in comparison to EN ISO 3405 or ASTM D1160 [2].

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a laboratory method for the determination of the distillation characteristics of light and middle distillates derived from petroleum and related products of synthetic or biological origin with initial boiling points above 20 °C and end-points below approximately 400 °C, at atmospheric pressure utilizing an automatic micro distillation apparatus.

This test method is applicable to such products as light and middle distillates, automotive spark-ignition engine fuels, automotive spark-ignition engine fuels containing up to 20 % (V/V) ethanol, aviation gasolines, aviation turbine fuels, (paraffinic) diesel fuels, FAME (B100), diesel blends up to 30 % (V/V) fatty acid methyl esters (FAME), special petroleum spirits, naphtha's, white spirits, kerosene's, burner fuels, and marine fuels.

The test method is also applicable to hydrocarbons with a narrow boiling range, like organic solvents or oxygenated compounds.

The test method is designed for the analysis of distillate products; it is not applicable to products containing appreciable quantities of residual material.

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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 3405, *Petroleum and related products from natural or synthetic sources — Determination of distillation characteristics at atmospheric pressure (ISO 3405)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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