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# Petroleum products — Calculation of cetane index of middle-distillate fuels by the four-variable equation

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes a procedure for the calculation of the cetane index of middle-distillate fuels from petroleum-derived sources. The calculated value is termed the “cetane index by four-variable equation”. Throughout the remaining text of this International Standard, the term “cetane index” implies cetane index by four-variable equation.

This International Standard is not applicable to fuels containing additives for raising the cetane number, nor to pure hydrocarbons, nor to distillate fuels derived from coal. It is applicable to fuels containing non-petroleum derivatives from tar sand and oil shale.

**NOTE 1** This International Standard was originally developed using a matrix of fuels, some of which contain non-petroleum derivatives from tar sands and oil shale. Other cetane index equations have since been developed which can be more applicable to tar sands products.

**NOTE 2** The cetane index is not an alternative way to express the cetane number; it is a supplementary tool, to be used with due regard for its limitations.

**NOTE 3** The cetane index is used to estimate the cetane number of diesel fuel when a test engine is not available to determine this property directly, or when insufficient sample is available for an engine rating. In cases where the cetane number of a fuel has been previously established, the cetane index can be used to verify the cetane number of subsequent samples of that fuel, provided the fuel's source and mode of manufacture remain unchanged.

The recommended range of fuel properties for application of this International Standard is as follows:

Fuel property	Recommended range
Cetane number	32,5 – 56,5
Density at 15 °C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	805,0 – 895,0
10 % (V/V) distillation recovery temperature, °C	171 – 259
50 % (V/V) distillation recovery temperature, °C	212 – 308
90 % (V/V) distillation recovery temperature, °C	251 – 363

Within the recommended range of cetane number (32,5 to 56,5), the expected error of the prediction via the cetane index equation will be less than  $\pm 2$  cetane numbers for 65 % of the distillate fuels examined. Errors may be greater for fuels whose properties fall outside the recommended range of application.

## 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 91-1:1992, *Petroleum measurement tables — Part 1: Tables based on reference temperatures of 15 °C and 60 °F*

ISO 3405:2000, *Petroleum products — Determination of distillation characteristics at atmospheric pressure*

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

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

## 3 Principle

The density at 15 °C and the temperatures at which 10 % (V/V), 50 % (V/V) and 90 % (V/V) are recovered (distillation recovery temperatures) are determined by standard test methods and the cetane index is calculated from these test data using known correlations.

## 4 Procedure

**4.1** Determine the density at 15 °C of the sample, to the nearest 0,1 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, by the procedure described in ISO 3675 or ISO 12185, using the corrections given in ISO 91-1 if appropriate.

**4.2** Determine the temperatures, to the nearest 1 °C, at which 10 % (V/V), 50 % (V/V) and 90 % (V/V) of the sample is recovered during distillation, corrected to standard barometric pressure, by the procedure described in ISO 3405.

## 5 Calculation

**5.1** Calculate the cetane index by one of the procedures given in 5.1.1 and 5.1.2.

**5.1.1** Insert the measured values (see 4.1 and 4.2) in Equation (1) below and calculate the cetane index, *CI*.

$$CI = 45,2 + 0,089 2T_{10N} + (0,131 + 0,901B)T_{50N} + (0,052 3 - 0,42B)T_{90N} + \dots \\ \dots + 0,000 49(T_{10N}^2 - T_{90N}^2) + 107B + 60B^2 \quad (1)$$

where

$$T_{10N} = T_{10} - 215;$$

$$T_{50N} = T_{50} - 260;$$

$$T_{90N} = T_{90} - 310;$$

$T_{10}$  is the 10 % (V/V) distillation recovery temperature, in degrees Celsius;

$T_{50}$  is the 50 % (V/V) distillation recovery temperature, in degrees Celsius;

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