



# OIL PT

**Oils and Fuels Analysis Proficiency Testing Scheme**

## **Scheme Description**

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Record of issue status and modifications

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1	Mar 2014	New scheme description issued	M. Whetton
2	Sep 2014	Inclusion of a Simulated In Service Engine Oil sample. Updates to the units and methods.	M. Whetton
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Notes:

Where this document has been translated, the English version shall remain the definitive version.

## **Scheme Aims and Organisation**

The primary aim of the Oils and Fuels Analysis Proficiency Testing Scheme (OIL PT) is to enable laboratories performing the analysis of fuels and oils to monitor their performance and compare it with that of their peers. OIL PT also aims to provide information to participants on technical issues and methodologies relating to testing of fuels and oils.

The OIL PT scheme year operates from January to December. Further information about the OIL PT scheme, including test material availability, round despatch dates and reporting deadlines, are available on the current OIL PT application form.

## **Test Materials**

Details of test materials available in OIL PT are given in Appendix A. The test parameters are continually reviewed to ensure they meet the needs of current laboratory testing and regulatory requirements.

Test material batches are tested for homogeneity for at least one test parameter where it is deemed appropriate. Details of homogeneity tests performed and results are given in the OIL PT Scheme Reports.

Some aspects of the scheme, such as test material production, homogeneity testing and stability assessment, can from time to time be subcontracted. When subcontracting occurs, it is placed with a competent subcontractor and LGC is responsible for this work. The planning of the scheme, the evaluation of performance and the authorisation of the final report will never be subcontracted.

## **Statistical Analysis**

Information on the statistics used in OIL PT can be found in the General Protocol and in the Scheme Report. Methods for determining assigned values and the values for SDPA used for individual samples are given in Appendix A

## **Methods**

Methods are listed in PORTAL. Please select the most appropriate method from the list. If none of the methods are appropriate, then please report your method as 'Other' and record a brief description in the Comments Section in PORTAL.

## **Results and Reports**

OIL PT results are returned through our electronic reporting software, PORTAL, full instructions for which are provided by email. However, participants may request result submission forms on which to report and return results if they are unable to report through electronic means. This will incur an additional charge.

OIL PT reports will be available on the website within 10 working days of round closure. Participants will be emailed a link to the report when it is available.

## APPENDIX A - Description of abbreviations used

### Assigned Value (AV)

The assigned value may be derived in the following ways:

- From the robust mean (RMean). This is the median of participant results after the removal of test results that are inappropriate for statistical evaluation, e.g. miscalculations, transpositions and other gross errors. Generally, the assigned value will be set using results from all methods, unless the measurement is considered method-dependant, in which case the assigned value will be set by method as illustrated in the report tables.  
For some analytes, where there is a recognised reference method for that type of measurement, this may be used as the assigned value for a particular analyte i.e. it would be applied to results obtained by any method.

*Traceability: Assigned values which are derived from the participant results, or a sub-set of the results are not traceable to an international measurement standard. The uncertainty of assigned values derived in this way is estimated from the participant results, according to ISO 13528.*

- From a formulation value (Formulation). This denotes the use of an assigned value derived from sample preparation details, where known and exact quantities of analyte have been used to prepare the sample.

*Traceability: Assigned values calculated from the formulation of the test sample are traceable, via an unbroken metrological traceability chain, to an international measurement standard. The measurement uncertainty of the assigned value is calculated using the contributions from each calibration in the traceability chain.*

- From a qualitative formulation (Qual Form). This applies to qualitative tests where the assigned value is simply based on the presence/absence of the analyte in the test material.

*Traceability: Assigned values calculated from the qualitative formulation of the test sample are traceable to a certified reference standard or a microbiological reference strain.*

- From expert labs (Expert). The assigned value for the analyte is provided by an 'expert' laboratory.

*Traceability: Assigned values provided by an 'expert' laboratory may be traceable to an international measurement standard, according to the laboratory and the method used. The uncertainty of measurement for an assigned value produced in this way will be provided by the laboratory undertaking the analysis. Details of traceability and the associated uncertainty will be provided in the report for the scheme/round.*

### Range

This indicates the concentration range at which the analyte may be present in the test material.

### SDPA

SDPA represents the 'standard deviation for proficiency assessment' which is used to assess participant performance for the measurement of each analyte. This may be a fixed value (as stated), a percentage (%) of the assigned value or based on the robust standard deviation of the participant measurement results, either across all methods or by method depending on whether the measurement made is method dependent (see assigned value).

**Units**

This indicates the units used for the assessment of data. These are the units in which participants should report their results. For some analytes in some schemes participants may have a choice of which units to report their results, however, the units stipulated in this scheme description are the default units to which any results reported using allowable alternative results will be converted to.

**DP**

This indicates the number of decimal places to which participants should report their measurement results.

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## Oil PT Scheme Description

**Sample 2**  
**Supplied as:**

**#2 Diesel fuel**  
**1 x 1 USgal (~3750ml) sample of Fuel**

Analyte	Method	AV	Range	SDPA	Units	DP
Particulate Contamination by Filtration	D6217, D5452, IP 415, IP 216, IP 423, EN 12662	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/L	1
BP Distribution	D2887	RMean	280 - 320	Robust SD	90 % off, °C	1
Ash	D482, IP 4, ISO 6245	RMean	0.01	0.001-0.005	Mass %	3
Carbon	D5291	RMean	0-90	Robust SD	Mass %	2
Hydrogen	D5291	RMean	0-50	Robust SD	Mass %	2
Nitrogen	D5291, D5762	RMean	0-50	Robust SD	Mass %	2
Carbon Residue	D189, D524, D4530, IP 13, ISO 6615, EN ISO 10370	RMean	0.1	Robust SD	g	1
Cloud Point	D2500, D5771, D5772, D5773, IP 219, ISO 3015, D7683	RMean	-20 - 20	1°C	°C	1
Acid Number	D974, D664, IP 354, IP139	RMean	0.3	Robust SD	mgKOH/g	2
Base Number	D974, D664, IP 354, IP139	RMean	0.3	Robust SD	mgKOH/g	2
Color	D1500, DIN ISO 2049	RMean	0.5 - 8	Robust SD	N/A	0
Cold Filter Plugging Point	D6371, EN 116	RMean	-20 - 20	3.98	°C	1
Copper Corrosion	D130, IP 154, ISO 2160	RMean	Notes**	Robust SD	Notes**	-
Density	D1298, D4052, IP 160, ISO 3675, EN ISO 12185, D7042	RMean	0.7 – 0.9	0.00052	g/ml	4
Distillation	D86, D7345, IP 123, EN ISO 3405	RMean	260 - 300	Robust SD	90% off, °C	1
Flash Point	D93, EN ISO 2719, D3828, EN ISO 3679	RMean	30 - 70	Robust SD	°C	1
Heat Content	D240, PN-86/C-04062	RMean	All	Robust SD	MJ/Kg	3
Hydrocarbon Type (Aromatics)	D1319, D5186, D6591, IP 156	RMean	0-50	Robust SD	Volume %	1
Hydrocarbon Type (Olefins)	D1319, D5186, D6591, IP 156	RMean	0-50	Robust SD	Volume %	1
Hydrocarbon Type (Saturates)	D1319, D5186, D6591, IP 156	RMean	0-50	Robust SD	Volume %	1
Lubricity (HFRR) Wear scar diameter @ 25 °C	D6079, D7688, ISO 12156-2	RMean	100 - 800	Robust SD	µm	1
Pour Point	D97, D5949, D5950, IP 15, ISO 3016, D6749	RMean	-50 - 20	Robust SD	°C	1
Sulfur Content	D2622, D4294, D5453, D7039, ISO 8754, IP 336, ISO 14596, EN ISO 20846, ICP, EN 15309	RMean	0 - 500	Robust SD	µg/g	1
Viscosity, Kinematic @ 40°C	D445, D7042, ISO 3104	RMean	1 - 5	0.06	cSt	3
Water	D6304, ISO 3734, EN ISO 12937	RMean	0 - 1500	Robust SD	µg/g	0

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Analyte	Method	AV	Range	SDPA	Units	DP
Sediment	D2709, D1796	RMean	0 - 1500	Robust SD	%(v/v)	0
High Temp Stability	D6486_08	RMean	All	Robust SD	minutes % reflectance	0

\*\* Copper corrosion is determined by visual comparison to standard test strips.

**Sample 4**                      **Crude oil**  
**Supplied as:**                **2 x 1000ml sample of Oil**

Analyte	Method	AV	Range	SDPA	Units	DP
Acid Number – Total (potentiometric)	D664, IP 177	RMean	All	Robust SD	mgKOH/g	2
Asphaltenes	D6560, IP 143	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass%	2
Density	D1298, D5002, D287, IP 160, ISO 3675, EN ISO 12185	RMean	All	0.00052	g/ml	4
Relative Density	D1298, D5002, D287, IP 160, ISO 3675	RMean	All	Robust SD	-	4
API Gravity	D1298, D5002, D287, IP 160, ISO 3675	RMean	All	Robust SD	degrees (°)	4
Vanadium	D5708, D5863, WDXRF	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	2
Nickel	D5708, D5863, WDXRF	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	2
Iron	D5708, D5863	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	2
Micro Carbon Residue	D4530, IP 398	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass%	2
Nitrogen, Total	D4629, D5762	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	1
Pour Point	D97, D5853, IP 15, ISO 3016	RMean	All	Robust SD	°C	1
Reid Vapor Pressure	D323, D6377, D5191	RMean	All	Robust SD	kPa	2
Salt	D3230, D6470, IP 77	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	1
Sediment	D473, D4807, EN ISO 3735	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass%	2
Sulfur	D2622, D4294, IP 336, ISO 8754, D7039	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	2
Viscosity Kinematic @ 40°C	D445	RMean	All	Robust SD	cSt @ 40°C	3
Water	D4006	RMean	All	0.025	Mass%	3
	D4928, D4377, D4007, IP 386			Robust SD		
High Temperature Simulated Distillation (HTSD)	D7169, D2887	RMean	All	Robust SD	90% off, °C	1

**Sample 5**  
**Supplied as:**

**Engine oil lubricants**  
**1 x ¾ USgal (~2800ml) sample of Oil**

Analyte	Method	AV	Range	SDPA	Units	DP
Shear Stability @ 100°C	D6278, CEC-L-14-A93	RMean	All	Robust SD	%	1
Acid Number (potentiometric)	D664, D974, IP 177, PN ISO 6619	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg KOH/g	2
Barium	D4628, D4927, D4951, D5185, D6481, D6443, E-DIN 51399-1, EN ISO 17294, DIN 51399-2, D7751	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	1
Calcium,						
Magnesium						
Molybdenum,						
Phosphorous						
Potassium						
Silicon						
Sodium						
Zinc						
Ash	D482, IP 224, IP 4, ISO 6245, D119-05	RMean	All	0.07	Mass%	3
Ash Sulfated	D874, ISO 3987, DIN 51575	RMean	All	0.07	Mass%	3
Base Number	D2896, D4739, IP 177, ISO 3771, DIN 51639	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg KOH/g	2
Density @ 15°C	D1298, D4052, IP 160, ISO 3675, EN ISO 12185, D7042, D7777	RMean	All	0.00052	g/ml	4
Evaporation Loss (Noack)	D5800	RMean	All	Robust SD	%	1
Flash Point (Open Cup)	D92, IP 36, EN ISO 2592	RMean	All	Robust SD	°C	0
Flash Point (Closed Cup)	D93, D6450	RMean	All	Robust SD	°C	0
HTHS Viscosity @ 150°C	D5481	RMean	All	Robust SD	mPa*s	2
Nitrogen	D3228, D4629, D5291, D5762, ASTM E258-07	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass%	1
Pour Point	D6749, D97, D5949, D5950, D5985, D6892, IP 15, ISO 3016	RMean	All	Robust SD	°C	0
Saponification Number	D94, IP 136, ISO 6293	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg KOH/g	1
Sulfur Content	D129, D1552, D5453, IP 336, ISO 8754, D4951, D4927, EN ISO 10304, ICP, D4294, WDXRF, D5185	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	1
Viscosity, Kinematic @ 40°C	D445, D7042, D7279, PN-EN ISO 3104, DIN 53015, PN-C-04357, DIN 51562	RMean	All	Robust SD	cSt	3



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Analyte	Method	AV	Range	SDPA	Units	DP
Viscosity, Kinematic @ 100°C	D445, D7042, D7279, PN-EN ISO 3104, DIN 51562	RMean	All	Robust SD	cSt	3
Viscosity, Tapered Plug @ 150 °C	D4741	RMean	All	Robust SD	mPa*s	3
Viscosity, Tapered Bearing @ 150 °C	D4683	RMean	All	Robust SD	mPa*s	3
Viscosity, Low Temperature @ -25 °C	D4684 (Procedure A or B), D5293	RMean	All	Robust SD	mPa*s	0
Viscosity, Low Temperature @ 5000 mPa*s (cP)	D5133	RMean	All	Robust SD	°C, at specified viscosity	1
@ 10000 mPa*s (cP)					°C, at specified viscosity	1
@ 20000 mPa*s (cP)					°C, at specified viscosity	1
@ 30000 mPa*s (cP)					°C, at specified viscosity	1
@ 40000 mPa*s (cP)					°C, at specified viscosity	1
Gelation index					-	0
Gelation Index Temp					(°C)	1
Volatility – (GC)	D6417	RMean	All	Robust SD	% Oil Volatilized to 371°C	1
Water (Procedure A)	D6304A, DIN51777, ASTM E203 PN-EN ISO 12937				Mass %	3
Water (Procedure B)	D6304	RMean	All	Robust SD	Vol %	3
Water Content	D1744, IP 386, DIN 51777, D6304, D95, ASTM E203	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	0
Color	D1500, D6045, ISO 2049	RMean	0.5 - 8	Robust SD	N/A	1
Demulsibility, water	D1401	RMean	All	Robust SD	mL	1
	D2711				%	
Demulsibility, total free water	D2711	RMean	All	Robust SD	mL	1
Demulsibility, oil	D1401	RMean	All	Robust SD	mL	1
Demulsibility, emulsion	D1401, D2711	RMean	All	Robust SD	mL	1

**Sample 6**  
**Supplied as:**

**Simulated In Service Engine Oil**  
**1 x 250 mL sample of Simulated In Service Engine Oil**  
**And 1 x 50 mL sample of new oil for FTIR by reference subtraction**

Analyte	Method	AV	Range	SDPA	Units	DP
Acid Number	D664, D974, IP 177	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg KOH/g	2
Aluminum	D4628, D4927, D4951, D5185, D6481, D6595, ISO 17294, ICP-OES, DIN51399-2, D7751	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	1
Antimony						
Boron						
Barium						
Cadmium						
Calcium						
Chromium						
Copper						
Iron						
Potassium						
Magnesium						
Manganese						
Molybdenum						
Sodium						
Nickel						
Phosphorous						
Lead						
Silicon						
Silver						
Tin						
Titanium						
Vanadium						
Zinc						
Base Number	D2896, D4739, IP 177, DIN 516391, IR	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg KOH/g	2
Flash Point (open cup)	D92 IP 36, EN ISO 2592	RMean	All	Robust SD	°C	0
Flash Point (closed cup)	D93, D3828, D6450, ISO 3679	RMean	All	Robust SD	°C	0
Sulphur Content	D129, D1552, D5453, IP 336, ISO 8754, D4294-10, WDXRF, ICP-OES, D5185	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	1
Viscosity, Kinematic @40°C	D445, D7042, D7279	RMean	All	Robust SD	cSt	2
Viscosity, Kinematic @100°C	D445, D7042, D7279	RMean	All	Robust SD	cSt	2

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Analyte	Method	AV	Range	SDPA	Units	DP
Water content	D6304, D1744, ASTM E203	RMean	All	Robust SD	mg/kg	0
Fuel Dilution	D3524, GC	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass %	2
Glycol	D2982, D4291	RMean	All	Robust SD	Positive (>200), Trace (≤200,>5), Negative (<5)	NA
Insoluble	D893, D4055	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass %	2
FTIR, Oxidation (procedure A*)	D7414, E2412	RMean	All	Robust SD	Abs/0.100mm	2
FTIR, Oxidation (procedure B**)	D7414, E2412	RMean	All	Robust SD	Abs/cm	2
FTIR, Nitration (procedure A*)	D7624, E2412	RMean	All	Robust SD	Abs/cm	2
FTIR, Nitration (procedure B**)	D7624, E2412					
FTIR, Sulfation (procedure A*)	D7415	RMean	All	Robust SD	Abs/0.100mm	2
FTIR, Sulfation (procedure B**)	D7415	RMean	All	Robust SD	Abs/cm	2
FTIR, Fuel Dilution	Various	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass %	2
FTIR, Glycol	Various	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass %	2
FTIR, Water	Various	RMean	All	Robust SD	Mass %	2
FTIR, Phosphate (procedure A*)	D7412	RMean	All	Robust SD	Abs/0.100mm	2
FTIR, Phosphate (procedure B**)	D7412	RMean	All	Robust SD	Abs/cm	2
Particle Count > 4 µm (c)	D7647, D7596, ISO 11500	RMean	All	Robust SD	Particles/mL	0
Particle Count > 6 µm (c)		RMean	All	Robust SD	Particles/mL	0
Particle Count > 14 µm (c)		RMean	All	Robust SD	Particles/mL	0
Particle Count > 38 µm (c)		RMean	All	Robust SD	Particles/mL	0
Particle Count > 70 µm (c)		RMean	All	Robust SD	Particles/mL	0

\*FTIR, procedure A – direct trend analysis \*\*FTIR, procedure B – differential trend analysis