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Standard Terminology Relating to Gaseous Fuels¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This terminology standard covers the compilation of terminology developed by Committee D03 on Gaseous Fuels. It does not include terms, definitions, abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols specific to only a single D03 standard in which they appear. These terms, definitions, abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols are used in:

1.1.1 The sampling of gaseous fuels,

1.1.2 The analysis of gaseous fuels for composition and various other physical properties, and

1.1.3 Other practices related to the processing, transmission, and distribution of gaseous fuels.

1.2 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D1142 Test Method for Water Vapor Content of Gaseous Fuels by Measurement of Dew-Point Temperature

D1835 Specification for Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gases

D3588 Practice for Calculating Heat Value, Compressibility Factor, and Relative Density of Gaseous Fuels

D4175 Terminology Relating to Petroleum Products, Liquid Fuels, and Lubricants

2.2 *ISO Standards:*³

ISO 7504 Gas Analysis—Vocabulary

ISO 14687 Hydrogen Fuel Quality—Product Specification

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, BIBC II, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <http://www.iso.org>.

2.3 *SAE Standard:*⁴

SAE J2719 Hydrogen Fuel Quality for Fuel Cell Vehicles

2.4 *GPA Standards:*⁵

GPA 2145 Table of Physical Properties for Hydrocarbons and Other Compounds of Interest to the Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids Industries

GPA Midstream 2140 Liquefied Petroleum Gas Specifications and Test Methods

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

absolute pressure, n —the pressure relative to an ideal vacuum.

DISCUSSION—The absolute pressure can be expressed in kPa, mm Hg, bar, psia, etc., as defined by the application.

DISCUSSION—An ideal vacuum is the best vacuum available using the application.

acid gas, n —natural gas containing high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide or carbon dioxide, or both, which is acidic when in contact with water or water vapor.

associated gas, n —natural gas, also known as gas-cap gas or dome gas, that overlies and is in immediate contact, but not in solution, with crude oil in a reservoir.

at-line instrument, n —instrument requiring operator interaction to sample gas directly from the pipeline.

automotive LPG (special duty propane, HD-5 propane), n —a product composed chiefly of propane specifically developed for use as fuel in spark-ignition internal combustion engines.

DISCUSSION—Products such as special duty propane from Specification D1835 or HD-5 propane from specification GPA Midstream 2140 were designed for automotive applications.

base conditions, n —temperature and pressure conditions at which natural gas volumes are determined for purposes of custody transfer.

DISCUSSION—In natural gas measurements, the properties of interest are temperature, pressure, and composition. Assuming ideal gas

⁴ Available from SAE International (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096, <http://www.sae.org>.

⁵ Available from Gas Processors Association (GPA), 66 American Plaza, Suite 700, Tulsa, OK 74135, <http://www.gpaglobal.org>.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

properties, for simplicity, tables of pure compounds can be prepared for use in calculating gas properties for any composition at “base conditions.” These “base conditions” are chosen near ambient.

biogas, *n*—the gaseous product of the microbial decomposition of organic matter.

DISCUSSION—Common sources of biogas include, but are not limited to, anaerobic digestion of biomass from agricultural waste, landfills, and wastewater treatment plants.

DISCUSSION—Biogas may be processed to purity specifications and thus can be used as a fuel for engines.

DISCUSSION—May be treated to form renewable natural gas (RNG).

British thermal unit (Btu or BTU), *n*—the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one-degree Fahrenheit.

DISCUSSION—One Btu is defined in the International Steam Table (IT) as equal to 1055.056 J. The defining relationships are:

(a) $1 \text{ Btu} \cdot \text{lb}^{-1} = 2.326 \text{ J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ (exact)

(b) $1 \text{ lb} = 453.592 \text{ 37 g}$ (exact).

By these relationships, $1 \text{ Btu} = 1055.055 \text{ 852 62 J}$ (exact). For most purposes, the value rounded to $1 \text{ Btu} = 1055.056 \text{ J}$ is adequate.

calibration gas mixture, *n*—a certified gas mixture of sufficient stability and homogeneity with known composition used for the calibration of a measuring instrument or for the validation of a measurement or gas analytical method.

DISCUSSION—Calibration Gas Mixtures are the analogues of measurement standards in physical metrology (reference ISO 7504 paragraph 4.1).

DISCUSSION—The accuracy of the calibration gas mixture must meet the requirements of the measurement being performed.

DISCUSSION—A calibration gas mixture is a reference gas mixture connected with a device for routine calibration purposes. [D03.12]

calibration standard, *n*—a mixture of known composition prepared and certified with a stated uncertainty used to correlate the response of the measurement system with respect to the concentration or mass of the analyte(s).

DISCUSSION—Certification requirements may be further defined by the specific ASTM D03 standard.

calorimeter, *n*—a device to measure the evolved heat resulting from the combustion of a material.

compressed natural gas (CNG), *n*—natural gas that has been compressed after processing for storage or transportation purposes.

DISCUSSION—CNG is primarily used as a fuel for vehicles, typically compressed up to 24 821 kPa in the gaseous state.

compressibility, *n*—the property of a material that permits it to decrease in volume when subjected to an increase in pressure.

compressibility factor (*z*), *n*—a factor calculated by taking the ratio of the actual volume of a given mass of gas at a specified temperature and pressure to its volume calculated from the ideal gas law at the same conditions.

constituent, *n*—component, compound, or element found within a mixture.

contaminant, *n*—an impurity that could cause reversible or irreversible damage, harm, or be detrimental to transportation and storage systems, end-use equipment, users, or the environment.

continuing calibration verification (CCV), *n*—a quality control procedure utilizing a known concentration or mass of one or more analytes near the mid-range of a calibration curve to determine that the instrumental drift lies within acceptable limits.

DISCUSSION—Further CCV requirements may be defined by the specific ASTM D03 standard.

continuous fuel monitor, *n*—instrument that samples gas directly from a source and provides an analytical result on a continuous or semi-continuous basis.

detector tube, *n*—see **length-of-stain detector tube**.

detector tube pump, *n*—a hand-operated pump of a piston or bellows type.

DISCUSSION—A detector tube and pump together form a unit and must be used as such. Each manufacturer calibrates detector tubes to match the flow characteristics of their specific pump. Crossing brands of pumps and tubes is not permitted, as considerable loss of system accuracy is likely to occur.

dew point, *n*—the temperature at any given pressure at which liquid initially condenses from a gas or vapor and is specifically applied to the temperature at which water vapor starts to condense from a gas mixture (**water dew point**), or at which hydrocarbons start to condense (**hydrocarbon dew point**).

DISCUSSION—Charts of dewpoints versus pressure and water content are found in Test Method D1142.

direct sampling, *n*—sampling where there is a direct connection between the sample source and the analyzer.

dissolved gas, *n*—natural gas held in solution in reservoir liquids at the prevailing temperature and pressure of the reservoir.

dry gas, *n*—natural gas containing little or no water vapor.

dynamic calibration, *n*—calibration of an analytical system using a gaseous standard generated by dilution of the flow of a known quantity of gaseous analyte with a known quantity of diluent gas.

DISCUSSION—The analyte does not have to be from only a compressed gas source; it may be from a permeation system, liquid source, chemically generated, etc.

DISCUSSION—The diluent gas does not necessarily need to be purified. The minimum purity depends on the critical impurities in the final gas mixture.

fuel, *n*—any material that can be oxidized with the intent to release energy.

fuel cell grade hydrogen, *n*—hydrogen satisfying the specifications in SAE J2719 or ISO 14687, Grade D.

gas, *n*—a state of matter that shows free flow, has neither a definite shape nor a definite volume, and tends to expand