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Standard Practice for Screening Organic Halides Contained in Hydrogen or Other Gaseous Fuels¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the screening of organic halide content of gaseous fuels using electron capture detection. Although primarily intended for determining organic halides in hydrogen used as a fuel for fuel cell or internal combustion engine powered vehicles, this screening method can also be used, if qualified, to measure organic halides in other gaseous fuels and gaseous matrices.

1.2 The procedure described in this method was designed to screen organic halides in hydrogen to a level much less than required by SAE J2719 and the California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 6, Article 8, Sections 4180 – 4181. It will yield false positive result to other compounds that show response to the electron capture detector (ECD). Samples that do not pass the criteria of this screening process shall be tested to quantify and qualify the contaminants using Test Method [D7892](#).

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses after SI units are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *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.*

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D03](#) on Gaseous Fuels and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D03.14](#) on Hydrogen and Fuel Cells.

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

[D1265 Practice for Sampling Liquefied Petroleum \(LP\) Gases, Manual Method](#)

[D3700 Practice for Obtaining LPG Samples Using a Floating Piston Cylinder](#)

[D4150 Terminology Relating to Gaseous Fuels](#)

[D7606 Practice for Sampling of High Pressure Hydrogen and Related Fuel Cell Feed Gases](#)

[D7892 Test Method for Determination of Total Organic Halides, Total Non-Methane Hydrocarbons, and Formaldehyde in Hydrogen Fuel by Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry](#)

2.2 *ISO Standard*:³

[ISO 14687 Hydrogen Fuel — Product Specification](#)

2.3 *SAE Standard*:⁴

[SAE J2719 Hydrogen Fuel Quality for Fuel Cell Vehicles](#)

2.4 *Additional Document*:⁵

[California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 6, Article 8, Sections 4180 – 4181](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of general terms used in D03 Gaseous Fuels standards, refer to Terminology [D4150](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.2.1 *electron capture detector (ECD), n*—detects organic halides by the reduction of a standing detector current due to the capture of detector current electrons by the halogenated hydrocarbons.

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>.

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

⁵ Available from California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, <https://www.cdffa.ca.gov>.