



Standard Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Low Olefinic Gasoline by Mass Spectrometry¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination by mass spectrometry of the total paraffins, monocycloparaffins, dicycloparaffins, alkylbenzenes, indans or tetralins or both, and naphthalenes in gasoline having an olefin content of less than 3 volume % and a 95 % distillation point of less than 210°C (411°F) as determined in accordance with Test Method D 86. Olefins are determined by Test Method D 1319, or by Test Method D 875.

1.2 It has not been determined whether this test method is applicable to gasolines containing oxygenated compounds (for example, alcohols and ethers).

1.3 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 86 Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Atmospheric Pressure²

D 875 Test Method for Calculation of Olefins and Aromatics in Petroleum Distillates from Bromine Number and Acid Absorption³

D 1319 Test Method for Hydrocarbon Types in Liquid Petroleum Products by Fluorescent Indicator Adsorption²

D 2001 Test Method for Depentanization of Gasoline and Naphthas²

D 2002 Test Methods for Isolation of Representative Saturates Fraction from Low-Olefinic Petroleum Naphthas²

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

³ Discontinued; see 1984 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:⁴

3.1.1 The summations of characteristic mass fragments are defined as follows:

3.1.1.1

$$\Sigma 43 \text{ (paraffins)} = \text{total peak height of } m/e^+ 43 + 57 + 71 + 85 + 99. \quad (1)$$

3.1.1.2

$$\Sigma 41 \text{ (monocycloparaffins)} = \text{total peak height of } m/e^+ 41 + 55 + 69 + 83 + 97. \quad (2)$$

3.1.1.3

$$\Sigma 67 \text{ (dicycloparaffins)} = \text{total peak height of } m/e^+ 67 + 68 + 81 + 82 + 95 + 96. \quad (3)$$

3.1.1.4

$$\Sigma 77 \text{ (alkylbenzenes)} = \text{total peak height of } m/e^+ 77 + 78 + 79 + 91 + 92 + 105 + 106 + 119 + 120 + 133 + 134 + 147 + 148 + 161 + 162. \quad (4)$$

3.1.1.5

$$\Sigma 103 \text{ (indans and tetralins)} = \text{total peak height of } m/e^+ 103 + 104 + 117 + 118 + 131 + 132 + 145 + 146 + 159 + 160. \quad (5)$$

3.1.1.6

$$\Sigma 128 \text{ (naphthalenes)} = \text{total peak height of } m/e^+ 128 + 141 \pm 142 + 155 + 156. \quad (6)$$

3.1.1.7

$$T = \text{total ion intensity} = \Sigma 41 + \Sigma 43 + \Sigma 67 + \Sigma 77 + \Sigma 103 + \Sigma 128. \quad (7)$$

3.2 *carbon number*, by definition, is the average number of carbon atoms in the sample.

3.3 A mass number with a plus sign as superscript is defined as the peak height associated with the same mass number.

⁴ Equations in 3.1.1 are identical to those in 11.1.

TABLE 1 Calibration Data

	$\Sigma 43/T$	$\Sigma 41/T$	$\Sigma 67/T$	$\Sigma 77/T$	$\Sigma 103/T$	$\Sigma 128/T$	Reference ^A
<i>Paraffins:</i>							
C ₆	0.6949	0.3025	0.0019	0.0006	...	...	(1)
C ₇	0.7379	0.2583	0.0027	0.0010	...	...	(3)
C ₈	0.7592	0.2362	0.0032	0.0014	...	...	(3)
C ₉	0.7462	0.2350	0.0052	0.0021	...	0.0113	(12)
C ₁₀	0.7772	0.2007	0.0056	0.0014	...	0.0151	(13)
<i>Monocycloparaffins:</i>							
C ₆	0.1234	0.8218	0.0460	0.0086	...	...	(1)
C ₇	0.0731	0.8213	0.0952	0.0104	...	...	(3)
C ₈	0.0737	0.8279	0.0866	0.0117	...	...	(3)
C ₉	0.0884	0.8029	0.0942	0.0140	0.0003	0.0003	(12)
C ₁₀	0.1471	0.6272	0.2176	0.0080	...	...	(13)
<i>Dicycloparaffins:</i>							
C ₈	0.0057	0.1848	0.7843	0.0246	0.0004	...	(4)
C ₉	0.0171	0.2270	0.7070	0.0483	0.0005	...	(5)
C ₁₀	0.0114	0.2973	0.6582	0.0324	0.0006	...	(6)
<i>Alkylbenzenes:</i>							
C ₆	0.0004	0.0004	...	0.9992	...	...	(2)
C ₇	0.0146	0.0120	0.0007	0.9726	...	...	(3)
C ₈	0.0033	0.0112	0.0007	0.9488	0.0359	...	(3)
C ₉	0.0061	0.0218	0.0020	0.9103	0.0598	...	(12)
C ₁₀	0.0095	0.0350	0.0025	0.8656	0.0839	0.0034	(13)
<i>Indans and tetralins:</i>							
C ₉	0.0144	0.0101	0.0002	0.1600	0.8154	...	(7)
C ₁₀	0.0062	0.0123	0.0044	0.2314	0.7236	0.0222	(8)
C ₁₁	0.0231	0.0199	0.0017	0.1619	0.7456	0.0477	(9)
<i>Naphthalenes:</i>							
C ₁₀	0.0121	0.0037	0.0008	0.0581	0.0065	0.9188	(10)
C ₁₁	0.0702	0.0140	0.0011	0.0172	0.0018	0.8957	(11)

^A References to source of calibration data:

- (1) National cooperative by letter of Nov. 22, 1965.
- (2) Local task group cooperative by meeting of March 1966.
- (3) National cooperative by letter of Aug. 6, 1962.
- (4) API No. 448, 100 %, bicyclo-(3.3.0)-octane.
- (5) Shell data, 100 %, for 1-methyl-cis-(3.3.0)-bicyclooctane.
- (6) API No. 412, 100 %, trans-decalin.
- (7) Unweighted API No. 413 and No. 1214 spectra of indan.
- (8) API No. 1103, 13 %; API No. 1104, 13 %; API No. 941, 37 %; API No. 539, 37 %.
- (9) Unweighted averages of API Nos. 1216, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109.
- (10) Unweighted average of local task group (3 laboratories) data.
- (11) Unweighted average of API No. 990 and No. 991.
- (12) National cooperative by letter of Oct. 11, 1967.
- (13) Proposed Method of Test for Hydrocarbon Types in Low Olefinic Gasoline by Mass Spectrometry; Appendix VII D2-1958.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Samples are analyzed by mass spectrometry, based on the summation of characteristic mass fragments, to determine the concentration of the hydrocarbon types. The average number of carbon atoms of the sample is estimated from spectral data. Calculations are made from calibration data which are dependent upon the average number of carbon atoms of the sample. Results are expressed in liquid volume percent.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 A knowledge of the hydrocarbon composition of gasoline process streams, blending stocks and finished motor fuels is useful in following the effect of changes in plant operating conditions, diagnosing process upsets, blending finished products and in evaluating the relationship between composition and performance properties.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Mass Spectrometer*—Any mass spectrometer that passes the performance test described in Section 8.

NOTE 1—Calibration and precision data for this method were obtained

on Consolidated Electroynamics Corp. Type 21-101, 21-102, and 21-103 mass spectrometers. These instruments operated with an ion source temperature at or near 250°C and at a constant magnetic field of about 3100 to 3500 gauss. Laboratories using either Consolidated Electroynamics Corp. mass spectrometers that operate with different parameters or instruments other than this design should check the applicability of the calibration data in Table 1. If necessary, individual laboratories should develop their own calibration data using the blends described in Table 2.

6.2 *Sample Inlet System*—Any sample inlet system that allows the introduction of the test mixture (8.2) without loss, contamination, or change of composition.

NOTE 2—Laboratory testing has shown that, unless a special sampling technique or a heated inlet system is used, relatively large errors will occur in the determination of small quantities of indans, tetralins, and naphthalenes.

6.3 *Manometer*—A manometer suitable for direct reading in the 0 to 100-mtorr (0 to 13-Pa) range is optional.

NOTE 3—The expression mtorr as used in this procedure replaces the older μ (micron) unit of pressure.

6.4 *Microburet or Constant-Volume Pipet*.

TABLE 2 Compositions of Calibration Mixtures

Component (Volume Percent)	Paraffins	Cyclo-paraffins	Cyclo-Alkyl-benzenes	Component (Volume Percent)	Paraffins	Cyclo-paraffins	Alkyl-benzenes
C ₆ Blends				C ₉ Blends			
<i>n</i> -Hexane	46	...	...	<i>n</i> -Nonane	33	...	...
2-Methylpentane	28	...	...	2-Methyloctane	20	...	...
3-Methylpentane	20	...	...	3-Methyloctane	16	...	...
2,2-Dimethylbutane	1	...	...	4-Methyloctane	8	...	...
2,3-Dimethylbutane	5	...	...	3-Ethylheptane	3	...	...
Cyclohexane	...	46	...	2,6-Dimethylheptane	12	...	...
Methylcyclopentane	...	54	...	2,2-Dimethylheptane	2	...	...
Benzene	...	...	100	3,3-Diethylpentane	1	...	...
C ₇ Blends				2,2,5-Trimethylhexane	2	...	...
<i>n</i> -Heptane	45	...	...	2,2,5-Trimethylhexane	1	...	...
2-Methylhexane	23	...	...	2,4-Dimethyl-3-ethylpentane	1	...	...
3-Methylhexane	16	...	...	2,2,3,3-Tetramethylpentane	1	...	...
2,2-Dimethylpentane	4	...	...	<i>n</i> -Propylcyclohexane	...	1	...
2,3-Dimethylpentane	6	...	...	Isopropylcyclohexane	...	2	...
2,4-Dimethylpentane	5	...	...	1-Methyl- <i>c</i> -2-ethylcyclohexane	...	3	...
3,3-Dimethylpentane	1	...	...	1-Methyl- <i>t</i> -2-ethylcyclohexane	...	4	...
Methylcyclohexane	...	57	...	1-Methyl- <i>c</i> -3-ethylcyclohexane	...	8	...
Ethylcyclopentane	...	9	...	1-Methyl- <i>t</i> -3-ethylcyclohexane	...	8	...
1,1-Dimethylcyclopentane	...	4	...	1-Methyl- <i>c</i> -4-ethylcyclohexane	...	4	...
1,1,2-Dimethylcyclopentane	...	14	...	1-Methyl- <i>t</i> -4-ethylcyclohexane	...	5	...
1,1,3-Dimethylcyclopentane	...	16	...	1, <i>c</i> -2, <i>c</i> -3-trimethylcyclohexane	...	2	...
Toluene	...	...	100	1, <i>t</i> -2, <i>t</i> -3-trimethylcyclohexane	...	3	...
C ₈ Blends				1, <i>t</i> -2, <i>c</i> -3-trimethylcyclohexane	...	3	...
<i>n</i> -Octane	39	...	...	1, <i>t</i> -2, <i>c</i> -4-trimethylcyclohexane	...	15	...
2-Methylheptane	19	...	...	1, <i>t</i> -2, <i>t</i> -4-trimethylcyclohexane	...	15	...
3-Methylheptane	16	...	...	1, <i>c</i> -3, <i>c</i> -5-trimethylcyclohexane	...	5	...
4-Methylheptane	8	...	...	1, <i>c</i> -3, <i>t</i> -5-trimethylcyclohexane	...	5	...
3-Ethylhexane	3	...	...	<i>n</i> -Butylcyclopentane	...	1	...
2,3-Dimethylhexane	4	...	...	1, <i>c</i> -2-Diethylcyclopentane	...	12	...
2,4-Dimethylhexane	5	...	...	1, <i>t</i> -2, <i>c</i> -3, <i>t</i> -4-tetramethylcyclopentane	...	4	...
2,5-Dimethylhexane	6	...	...	<i>n</i> -Propylbenzene	...	...	3
Ethylcyclohexane	...	20	...	Isopropylbenzene	...	...	1
1, <i>t</i> -2-Dimethylcyclohexane	...	18	...	1-Methyl-2-ethylbenzene	...	...	8
1, <i>c</i> -3-Dimethylcyclohexane	...	25	...	1-Methyl-3-ethylbenzene	...	...	19
1, <i>t</i> -4-Dimethylcyclohexane	...	11	...	1-Methyl-4-ethylbenzene	...	...	11
1-Methyl- <i>c</i> -2-ethylcyclopentane	...	7	...	1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	...	...	10
1,1,3-Trimethylcyclopentane	...	5	...	1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	...	...	36
1,1,2, <i>c</i> -3-Trimethylcyclopentane	...	9	...	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	...	...	12
1,1,2, <i>c</i> -4-Trimethylcyclopentane	...	5	...				
Ethylbenzene	...	...	10				
<i>p</i> -Xylene	...	...	23				
<i>m</i> -Xylene	...	...	46				
<i>o</i> -Xylene	...	...	21				

7. Reference Standards

7.1 Samples of the following hydrocarbons will be required: 2-methylpentane, 2,4-dimethylpentane, *n*-octane, methylcyclopentane, methylcyclohexane, *cis*-1,2-dimethylcyclohexane, benzene, toluene, and *p*-xylene (**Warning**—Extremely flammable liquids. Benzene is a poison, carcinogen, and is harmful or fatal if swallowed.). Only reagent grade chemicals conforming to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society,⁵ National Insti-

tute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standard hydrocarbon samples, or other hydrocarbons of equal purity should be used.

8. Performance Test

8.1 *Calibration for Test Mixture*—Calibrate the instrument in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for the compounds listed in 7.1, using the same manipulative technique as described in 10.2. Express the calibration data in units of peak height per unit of liquid volume (*V*) at constant sensitivity. Determine $\Sigma 41/V$, $\Sigma 43/V$, and $\Sigma 77/V$ for each of the reference standards and calculate a weighted average value for each hydrocarbon group type in accordance with the composition of the test mixture as described in 8.2. Construct an inverse from the averaged coefficients.

NOTE 4—The volume, *V*, ordinarily is expressed as microlitres.

⁵ *Reagent Chemicals, American Chemical Society Specifications*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC. For suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see *Analar Standards for Laboratory Chemicals*, BDH Ltd., Poole, Dorset, U.K., and the *United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary*, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.

NOTE 5—A desk calculator frequently is used for the calculation of 8.1 and in such cases small inverse terms can be undesirable. If necessary, it is permissible to divide all averaged coefficients by some suitable constant prior to inversion in order to obtain larger values in the inverse.

8.2 *Test Mixture*—Prepare the synthetic mixture by weight from reference standards⁵ to obtain a final composition approximating the following but accurately known within ± 0.07 %:

Reference Standard	Liquid Volume Percent in Mixture	Approximate Weight in Grams to Give 5 mL of Mixture
2-Methylpentane	7.2	0.237
2,4-Dimethylpentane	9.4	0.318
<i>n</i> -Octane	16.6	0.587
Methylcyclopentane	7.1	0.267
Methylcyclohexane	10.0	0.387
<i>cis</i> -1,2-Dimethylcyclohexane	15.5	0.620
Benzene	7.7	0.341
Toluene	10.0	0.436
<i>p</i> -Xylene	16.5	0.714
	100.0	3.907

Record the mass spectrum of the test mixture from m/e^+ 32 to 120 using the manipulative technique as described in 10.2. Compute $\Sigma 41/V$, $\Sigma 43/V$, and $\Sigma 77/V$ from the spectrum of the test mixture and calculate the composition using these values and the inverse of 8.1. The calculated composition should agree with known concentrations within the following limits:

	Percent
Total paraffins	±0.8
Total cycloparaffins	±1.3
Total aromatics	±0.7

If the test mixture cannot be analyzed successfully, consideration should be given to interference, stability, sensitivity, resolution, sample handling, or ability of the analyst.

8.3 *Background*—After pumping out the test mixture specified in 10.2, scan the mass spectrum from m/e^+ 40 to 100. Background peaks at 43 and 91 should be less than 0.1 % of the corresponding peaks in the mixture spectrum. If both tests of performance are met, it may be presumed that the instrument is satisfactory for sample analysis.

9. Sample Preparation

9.1 Depentanize the sample in accordance with Test Method D 2001.

9.2 Determine the olefin content of the depentanized sample in accordance with Test Methods D 1319 or D 875.

10. Procedure

10.1 Generally, mass spectrometers are in continuous operation and should require no additional preparation before analyzing samples. If the spectrometer has been turned on only recently, check its operation according to the manufacturer's instructions to ensure stability before proceeding. Then make the performance test (Section 8).

10.2 *Obtaining the Mass Spectrum*—Using a microburet⁶ or a constant-volume pipet, introduce sufficient sample through

the inlet system to give a pressure of 20 to 60 mtorr (2.7 to 8.0 Pa). Record the amount of sample introduced and the final pressure after expansion into the inlet system when a microburet and manometer are used. Recharge the sample until pressure readings that differ by 1 % or less are obtained. Attaining this pressure check means that a given microburet is being used at constant volume. When the pressure check is obtained, admit the sample to the mass spectrometer and record the mass spectrum of the sample from m/e^+ 32 to 186.

11. Calculation

11.1 *Peaks*—Read peak heights from the record of the mass spectrum of the sample corresponding to m/e^+ ratios of 41, 43, 55, 57, 67, 68, 69, 71, 77, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 103, 104, 105, 106, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 119, 120, 126, 127, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 140, 141, 142, 145, 146, 147, 148, 154, 155, 156, 159, 160, 161, 162, 168, 169, 170. Calculate the following combined peak heights by adding together the indicated peaks:

$$\Sigma 43 = m/e^+ 43 + 57 + 71 + 85 + 99 \quad (1)$$

$$\Sigma 41 = m/e^+ 41 + 55 + 69 + 83 + 97 \quad (2)$$

$$\Sigma 67 = m/e^+ 67 + 68 + 81 + 82 + 95 + 96 \quad (3)$$

$$\Sigma 77 = m/e^+ 77 + 78 + 79 + 91 + 92 + 105 + 106 + 119 + 120 + 133 + 134 + 147 + 148 + 161 + 162 \quad (4)$$

$$\Sigma 103 = m/e^+ 103 + 104 + 117 + 118 + 131 + 132 + 145 + 146 + 159 + 160 \quad (5)$$

$$\Sigma 128 = m/e^+ 128 + 141 + 142 + 155 + 156 \quad (6)$$

$$T = \text{total ion intensity} = \Sigma 43 + \Sigma 41 + \Sigma 67 + \Sigma 77 + \Sigma 103 + \Sigma 128 \quad (7)$$

11.2 Carbon Number Calculated from Spectral Data:

11.2.1 Calculation of Alkylbenzene Apparent Carbon Number:

11.2.1.1 Calculate monoisotopic peaks at 92, 106, 120, 134, 148, and 162:

$$\text{Mono } 92 = 92^+ - 0.0769 (91^+) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Mono } 106 = 106^+ - 0.0880 (105^+) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Mono } 120 = 120^+ - 0.0991 (119^+) \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Mono } 134 = 134^+ - 0.1102 (133^+) \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Mono } 148 = 148^+ - 0.1212 (147^+) \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Mono } 162 = 162^+ - 0.1323 (161^+) \quad (13)$$

11.2.1.2 Convert the poly 78 mixture and the monoisotopic peaks to a molar basis by multiplying each by the following factors:

Poly 78 × 1.0	Mono 134 × 2.7
Mono 92 × 1.7	Mono 148 × 2.8
Mono 106 × 2.2	Mono 162 × 2.9
Mono 120 × 2.4	

11.2.1.3 Normalize the products of the preceding step to obtain the relative mole fractions of the C₆ to C₁₂ alkylbenzenes. An apparent carbon number can then be calculated by totaling the products of each mole fraction and the corresponding number of carbon atoms per molecule. This carbon number is assumed to apply to all alkylbenzenes, indans, tetralins, and naphthalenes.

⁶ Satisfactory microburets are described in the following sources: Taylor, R. C., and Young, W. S., "Application to Spectrometer Calibration and to Preparation of Known Mixtures," *Analytical Chemistry*, ANCHA, Vol 17, 1945, p. 811; and Purdy, K. M., and Harris, R. J., *Ibid*, Vol 22, 1950, p. 1337.

TABLE 3 Inverse Matrices Based on Liquid Volume Sensitivity

	Σ43/T	Σ41/T	Σ67/T	Σ77/T	Σ103/T	Σ128/T
Paraffins	+0.009016	-0.001368	+0.000257	-0.000003	...	...
Monocycloparaffins	-0.004471	+0.010285	-0.002391	-0.000002	...	...
Dicycloparaffins	+0.000100	-0.000258	+0.004325	+0.000000	...	...
Alkylbenzenes	+0.000017	-0.000048	-0.000149	+0.005117	...	...
Carbon No. 7						
Paraffins	+0.007241	-0.000655	+0.000105	-0.000100	-0.000100	...
Monocycloparaffins	-0.002542	+0.007283	-0.001695	-0.000051	-0.000035	...
Dicycloparaffins	+0.000167	-0.000523	+0.004387	+0.000001	+0.000003	...
Alkylbenzenes	+0.000010	-0.000044	-0.000134	+0.004576	-0.000897	...
Indans and tetralins	+0.000000	+0.000000	-0.000002	+0.000000	+0.005424	...
Carbon No. 8						
Paraffins	+0.006449	-0.000584	+0.000090	-0.000011	-0.000105	-0.000082
Monocycloparaffins	-0.001902	+0.006132	-0.001428	-0.000063	-0.000029	+0.000006
Dicycloparaffins	+0.000128	-0.000469	+0.004375	+0.000001	+0.000003	-0.000004
Alkylbenzenes	+0.000007	-0.000049	-0.000125	+0.004375	-0.000857	-0.000271
Indans and tetralins	-0.000000	+0.000002	+0.000004	-0.000207	+0.005465	-0.000026
Naphthalenes	+0.000000	+0.000000	+0.000000	+0.000000	+0.000000	+0.005757
Carbon No. 9						
Paraffins	+0.006043	-0.000673	+0.000071	-0.000018	-0.000095	-0.000075
Monocycloparaffins	-0.001933	+0.006183	-0.001929	-0.000130	-0.000017	+0.000011
Dicycloparaffins	+0.000212	-0.000822	+0.006809	+0.000003	+0.000004	-0.000006
Alkylbenzenes	+0.000007	-0.000040	-0.000261	+0.004015	-0.000787	-0.000248
Indans and tetralins	+0.000001	+0.000002	+0.000020	-0.000361	+0.005496	-0.000016
Naphthalenes	-0.000090	+0.000008	-0.000000	+0.000000	+0.000001	+0.005759
Carbon No. 10						
Paraffins	+0.005766	-0.001562	+0.000606	+0.000001	-0.000025	-0.000070
Monocycloparaffins	-0.001897	+0.007443	-0.003315	-0.000270	-0.000004	+0.000015
Dicycloparaffins	+0.000666	-0.002792	+0.007592	+0.000087	-0.000032	-0.000009
Alkylbenzenes	-0.000006	+0.000021	-0.000201	-0.003903	-0.001240	-0.000238
Indans and tetralins	+0.000002	-0.000001	+0.000029	-0.000709	+0.007315	-0.000007
Naphthalenes	-0.000120	+0.000033	-0.000012	-0.000006	-0.000174	+0.005761

11.2.2 Calculation of Paraffin Apparent Carbon Number- (Note 5):

11.2.2.1 Calculate monoisotopic peaks at 86, 100, 114, 128, 142, 156, 170:

$$\text{Mono 86} = 86^+ - 0.0668 (85^+) + 0.0026 (84^+) - 0.014 (\text{mono } 92^+) - 0.008 (\text{mono } 106^+) - 0.008 (\text{mono } 120^+) \quad (14)$$

$$\text{Mono 100} = 100^+ - 0.0779 (99^+) + 0.0034 (98^+) - Hg \text{ (Note 7)} \quad (15)$$

$$\text{Mono 114} = 114^+ - 0.0890 (113^+) + 0.0044 (112^+) \quad (16)$$

$$\text{Mono 128} = 128^+ - 0.1001 (127^+) + 0.0055 (126^+) \quad (17)$$

$$\text{Mono 142} = 142^+ - 0.113 (141^+) + 0.0068 (140^+) \quad (18)$$

$$\text{Mono 156} = 156^+ - 0.1224 (155^+) + 0.0081 (154^+) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Mono 170} = 170^+ - 0.1335 (169^+) + 0.0096 (168^+) \quad (20)$$

11.2.2.2 Place these peaks on a molar basis by multiplying each peak by empirical factors as follows (Note 7):

Mono 86 × 1.0	Mono 142 × 1.9
Mono 100 × 0.92	Mono 156 × 2.0
Mono 114 × 1.4	Mono 170 × 2.1
Mono 128 × 1.8	

11.2.2.3 Normalize the products of the preceding step to obtain the relative mole fractions of the C₆ to C₁₂ paraffins. Calculate an apparent carbon number by totaling the products of each mole fraction and the corresponding number of carbon atoms per molecule. This carbon number is assumed to apply to all paraffins and cycloparaffins.

NOTE 6—Small amounts of naphthalenes, which have intense ions at 128, 141, and 142, may introduce errors into the results of this calculation. Large errors will be detected by a bimodal distribution of the individual paraffinic peaks. A relatively large 141 peak could also be indicative of naphthalenes. If naphthalenes appear to be present it is suggested that the paraffin carbon number be calculated from the mass spectrum of the saturate portion of the sample which may be easily obtained by Test Methods D 2002. If the saturates cannot be obtained the paraffin carbon number should be assumed to be 0.5 number less than that of the aromatics.

11.2.2.4 The term Hg refers to a background correction that must be applied if mercury peaks are present in the spectrometer. This correction must be determined for each instrument under conditions that simulate a sample run.

NOTE 7—The factors in 11.2.1 and 11.2.2 which are used to convert parent monoisotopic peaks of alkylbenzenes and paraffins to a molar basis are average values of data that were obtained in three laboratories. These data were obtained by making direct pressure sensitivity measurements of the appropriate blends described in Table 2 and extrapolation of these results for the carbon number range from 10 through 12. This same procedure can be utilized by an individual laboratory if desired.

11.3 Calculation of Compound Types— Using the proper inverse from Table 3 according to the carbon number of the sample, calculate the liquid volume percent of each hydrocarbon type. This selection may vary for the same sample depending upon the carbon number of the paraffins and aromatics. For example, if the paraffin carbon number is 7.0 and that of the alkylbenzenes is 8.0, the carbon number 7

TABLE 4 Pressure Sensitivities and Liquid Volume Factors^A

	Paraffins	Monocycloparaffins	Dicycloparaffins	Alkylbenzenes	Indans or Tetralins	Naphthalenes	Reference ^B
<i>Sensitivity:</i>							
C ₆	156.5	117.2	313.0	174.7	...	...	(1)
C ₇	210.5	188.8	313.0	233.4	227.1	...	(1)
C ₈	261.0	252.0	313.0	283.3	227.1	228.4	(1)
C ₉	308.4	280.6	240.0	349.3	227.1	228.4	(1)
C ₁₀	353.0	299.8	248.6	404.0	192.3	228.4	(2)
<i>Liquid volume factor:</i>							
C ₆	131.8	111.1	133.5	89.4	...	...	(3)
C ₇	147.6	129.5	133.5	106.8	123.2	...	(3)
C ₈	163.6	146.5	133.5	123.0	123.2	131.5	(3)
C ₉	179.8	161.1	157.2	138.4	123.2	131.5	(3)
C ₁₀	189.4	175.2	157.8	152.8	136.3	131.5	(4)

^A The terms sensitivities and liquid volume factors are proportional to total ion yield per unit pressure and liquid volume per unit pressure, respectively. The sensitivities are expressed as relative to the *n*-butane sensitivity of 100.0 for *m/e*⁺ 43.

^B References:

- (1) Sensitivity data were determined by Mobil Oil with a micromanometer and were transmitted by cooperative letter of July 28, 1967.
- (2) Sensitivity data were extrapolated from Mobil Oil C₆ through C₉ sensitivities except for the DCP and I/T classes. These were calculated from API Spectra No. 412 and No. 539, respectively.
- (3) Liquid volume factors were calculated by Mobil Oil and were transmitted by cooperative letter of July 28, 1967.
- (4) Liquid volume factors were calculated by Sinclair Oil.

inverse would be used to calculate the volume fraction of paraffins and cycloparaffins, whereas the carbon number 8 inverse would be used to calculate the aromatics. Volume fractions must then be normalized.

11.3.1 When an integral carbon number is not obtained two inverses should be applied and the results weighted. For example, if the paraffin carbon number is 7.4, both the carbon number 7 and carbon number 8 inverses should be applied for the paraffins and cycloparaffins. The volume fraction to be used would then be the value obtained from the carbon number 7 inverse plus 0.4 of the difference between the values obtained from the carbon number 7 and carbon number 8 inverses.

NOTE 8—Although calculation of the composition of the sample by interpolation between the results of two adjacent carbon number inverses gives good results, the availability of computers suggests the use of an even better procedure which is not practical when hand calculators are used. It should be possible in calculating each sample to select matrix elements by interpolation between adjacent carbon numbers in a table of calibration data and to calculate sample composition from the resulting matrix either by computing an inverse or by use of an iterative procedure.

11.4 *Olefin Content of Sample:*

11.4.1 If the bromine number is used, calculate the liquid volume percent olefins in accordance with Test Method D 875. If the fluorescent indicator adsorption Test Method D 1319 is used, the liquid volume percent olefins is obtained.

11.4.2 For samples containing less than 3 % olefins, subtract the liquid volume percent olefins from the monocycloparaffin results obtained from the inverse.

11.5 Calculate the analysis on the original basis, including the volume of olefins and the pentanes and lighter hydrocarbons removed, if any, as separate results.

12. Calibration Data

12.1 Compositions of synthetic hydrocarbon mixtures are shown in Table 2. These mixtures were analyzed by cooperative programs and the results, as presented in Table 1, are the basis for the inverses in Table 3. Sensitivities and liquid volume factors which were applied to the calibration data in Table 1 are described in Table 4.

12.2 The inverses in Table 3 were calculated as follows:

12.2.1 For a given carbon number and for a specific hydrocarbon class the set of values $\Sigma 43/T$, $\Sigma 41/T$, etc., were divided by the largest number in the set. These new values and their hydrocarbon classes were listed in proper order to form an array or matrix.

12.2.2 All elements in this new array which were representative of one hydrocarbon class were multiplied by the corresponding pressure sensitivity for that class and carbon number.

12.2.3 The matrix as obtained in 12.2.2 was inverted.

12.2.4 The inverse terms for a given hydrocarbon class and carbon number were multiplied by the corresponding liquid volume factor. Finally, all new terms were divided by 100.

13. Precision and Bias

13.1 The precision of this test method as obtained by statistical examination of interlaboratory test results on samples having the composition given in Table 5 is as follows:

13.1.1 *Repeatability*—The difference between successive test results obtained by the same operator with the same apparatus under constant operating conditions on identical test material, would in the long run, in the normal and correct operation of the test method, exceed the values shown in Table 5 only in one case in twenty.

13.1.2 *Reproducibility*—The difference between two single and independent results, obtained by different operators working in different laboratories on identical test material, would in the long run, in the normal and correct operation of the test method, exceed the values shown in Table 5 only in one case in twenty.

NOTE 9—If samples are analyzed that differ appreciably in composition from those used for the interlaboratory study, this precision statement may not apply.

13.2 *Bias*—Bias cannot be determined because there is no acceptable reference material suitable for determining the bias for the procedure in this test.

TABLE 5 Precision Data for Cooperative Samples

Type	Naphtha					Reformate				
	Volume Percent	σ_r	σ_R	r	R	Volume Percent	σ_r	σ_R	r	R
Paraffins	52.6	0.3	1.7	1.0	5.3	34.2	0.4	1.7	1.3	5.3
Monocycloparaffins	34.6	0.2	1.8	0.7	5.6	4.0	0.1	0.6	0.3	1.8
Dicycloparaffins	5.2	0.1	0.5	0.4	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
Alkylbenzenes	6.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	1.4	56.6	0.2	2.1	0.6	6.8
Indans and tetralins	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	2.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.6
Naphthalenes	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4	3.0	0.1	0.8	0.3	2.6

σ_r = repeatability standard deviation.

σ_R = reproducibility standard deviation.

r = repeatability.

R = reproducibility.

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