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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 12185:1996), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 12185:1996/Cor 1:2001.

The main changes are as follows:

- definitions have been added in [Clause 3](#);
- a quality control (QC) check has been added in [9.5](#).

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Introduction

The first edition of this standard (ISO 12185:1996) was written at a time when there were relatively few models of density meter with an oscillating U-tube sensor on the market.

There are now a considerable number of different manufacturers and models of laboratory density meter available worldwide, many of which use different methodologies or algorithms to cope with the effect of viscosity on displayed density.

This document therefore encompasses a wider range of instruments than those covered in the first edition and gives guidance and requirements for accurate density analyses, such as apparatus and apparatus preparation (see [Clauses 5](#) and [9](#), [Annex A](#)).

Crude petroleum, petroleum products and related products — Determination of density — Laboratory density meter with an oscillating U-tube sensor

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination, using an oscillating U-tube density meter, of the density of crude petroleum and related products within the range 600 kg/m^3 to $1\,100 \text{ kg/m}^3$, which can be handled as single-phase liquids at the test temperature and pressure.

This document is applicable to liquids of any vapour pressure as long as suitable precautions are taken to ensure that they remain in single phase. Loss of light components leads to changes in density during both the sample handling and the density determination.

This method is not intended for use with in-line density meters.

2 Normative references

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ISO 91, *Petroleum and related products — Temperature and pressure volume correction factors (petroleum measurement tables) and standard reference conditions*

ISO 3015, *Petroleum and related products from natural or synthetic sources — Determination of cloud point*

ISO 3016, *Petroleum and related products from natural or synthetic sources — Determination of pour point*

ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 3171, *Petroleum liquids — Automatic pipeline sampling*

IP 389: *Determination of wax appearance temperature (WAT) of middle distillate fuels by differential thermal analysis (DTA) or differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)*

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 density

ρ

mass of liquid per unit volume at a specified temperature

Note 1 to entry: This is usually the mass of liquid expressed in kilograms, divided by its volume, expressed in cubic metres. The unit of measurement can be displayed as either $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ or kg/m^3 . When quoting liquid density, the temperature at which it has been measured shall also be quoted (e.g. $840,0 \text{ kg/m}^3$ at $20,1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$).

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