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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 28, *Petroleum and related products, fuels and lubricants from natural or synthetic sources*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 20884:2011), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- extension of the scope to include hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) and the synthetic fuel “gas to liquid” (GTL);
- inclusion of specific procedural steps for instruments utilizing monochromatic excitation.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a wavelength-dispersive X-ray fluorescence (WDXRF) test method for the determination of the sulfur content of liquid, homogeneous automotive fuels from 5 mg/kg to 500 mg/kg, which have a maximum oxygen content of 3,7 % (*m/m*). This product range covers:

- diesel fuels containing up to about 30 % (*V/V*) fatty acid methyl esters (FAME),
- motor gasolines containing up to about 10 % (*V/V*) ethanol,
- synthetic fuels such as hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) and gas to liquid (GTL) having sulfur contents in the range of 5 mg/kg to 45 mg/kg.

Products with higher oxygen content show significant matrix effects, e.g. pure FAME used as biodiesel, nevertheless, pure FAME can be analysed when the corresponding procedures are followed (see [5.3](#) and [8.1](#)).

Other products can be analysed with this test method, though precision data for products other than those mentioned have not been established for this document.

**NOTE 1** Sulfur contents higher than 500 mg/kg can be determined after sample dilution, however, the precision was not established for diluted samples.

**NOTE 2** For the purposes of this document, “% (*m/m*)” and “% (*V/V*)” are used to represent the mass fraction, *w*, and the volume fraction, *φ*, of a material respectively.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

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