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- the purging step (8.4) has been made mandatory for clarification to the user and for better comparison of the results. This has no effect on the method precision.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the total acidity, calculated as acetic acid, of ethanol to be used in petrol blends. It is applicable to ethanol having total acid contents of between 0,003 % (m/m) and 0,015 % (m/m).

NOTE For the purposes of this document, the terms "% (m/m)" and "% (V/V)" are used to represent the mass fraction and the volume fraction, respectively.

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EN ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids - Manual sampling (ISO 3170)*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

3 Terms and definitions

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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

total acidity

acidity, calculated as acetic acid, determined by titration and colour indicator as given in this document

4 Principle

A test portion of the ethanol is mixed with an equal volume of neutralized, carbon dioxide free water. The acid content is titrated with potassium hydroxide solution, to the neutral end point of phenolphthalein. The total acidity is then calculated as acetic acid.