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Foreword

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Introduction

Solid particulates are a major contributor to wear in hydraulic systems. The fluid power industry, the aerospace industry and the military sector utilize optical automatic particle counter (APC) technologies to assess the level of hydraulic oil contamination by suspended particulate. The amount of contamination is often related to the integrity of the system and the usage of the fluid. APCs are also employed in various oil filter testing operations by the manufacturers and the users. The standard method ISO 4402^{[1]1)} has been used for nearly 30 years to calibrate optical particle counters in terms of particle size as a function of particle concentration.

The calibration material used in ISO 4402:1991 is Air Cleaner Fine Test Dust (ACFTD) produced in the past by a division of General Motors Corporation. This material consists of a polydisperse dust having the largest number of particles, as indicated in ISO 4402:1991, with the size range of 1 μ m to 80 μ m diameter (particle concentration increases with decreasing diameter). There is a low concentration of particles reported to extend out to approximately 100 μ m. Some problems have arisen with the use of ACFTD in such calibration procedures. Firstly, there has been ongoing concern that the particle size distribution is not accurate in the small particle size regime (< 10 μ m) of the distribution^{[2], [3], [4], [5]}. Many researchers have noted that there are more sub-10 μ m particles in ACFTD than reported by ISO 4402:1991. Secondly, but not less importantly, the production of ACFTD has been discontinued by the supplier.

Thus there is a need to investigate, design and devise a new standard method (*Hydraulic fluid power* — *Calibration method for liquid automatic particle counters*) using a new Standard Reference Material (SRM)^[6]. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) was requested to develop an SRM for use by the fluid power industry. Users will benefit from improved precision since there is a central source of only one material and increased accuracy resulting from the size characterization^[7]. The new SRM, designated as SRM 2806, is composed of ISO Medium Test Dust (ISO MTD) suspended in MIL-H-5606 hydraulic fluid. The number of particles per millilitre greater than specified sizes has been determined for this material.

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¹⁾ Cancelled in 1999 and replaced by ISO 11171:1999.