

Analyzer

Thermometric Total Acid Number Analysis (ASTM D8045)

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Accelerate your Digital Transformation project with Online TAN Analyzer from Metrohm

Success within the oil & gas industry depends on efficient and reliable process control and operations. An expensive challenge to reliable operations in midstream and downstream oil & gas is achieving corrosion prevention and handling fluctuations in crudes and petroleum products. Corrosive contributors such as sulfur species and naphthenic acids are monitored by measuring the crude's Total Acid Number (TAN) using ASTM-approved methods. With the Online TAN Analyzer from Metrohm, the acidity in petroleum products can be monitored according to ASTM D8045 in near real-time. This enables timely decision-making for appropriate treatment of chemical profiles, which is crucial for regulatory compliance and quality control.

Features

- Hazardous-area-rated and certified for explosionproof electrical area classifications (ATEX, ClassI Div2/ ClassI Div1...)
- No «Hot work permits» needed for servicing
- 316 stainless steel housing with a built-in, intrinsically safe keyboard and trackball
- Rugged design including IP66/NEMA 4x ingress protection
- Maintenance-free temperature sensor
- Isolator packages for all discrete analog and digital input/output signals

Benefits

- Deliver near real-time data that can be used to improve process performance and productivity, enhancing Industry 4.0 initiatives
- Harmonize the technology and methodology used in the laboratory and process by conforming to ASTM D8045 requirements
- Eliminate the need for process personnel to collect samples, improving plant and environmental safety
- Reduce reagents consumption by ~70% compared to ASTM D664



| | ASTM D664 (Potentiometric) | ASTM D8045 (Thermometric) |
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| Titrant | 0.1 mol/L KOH in IPA | 0.1 mol/L KOH in IPA |
| Solvent | Toluene/IPA/water | Xylene/IPA |
| Solvent volume | 125 mL | 30-35 mL |
| Titration time | ~220 s | ~60 s |
| Conditioning of electrode | 3-5 min | none |
| Sensor maintenance | Solvent wash, rehydration, IPA dip, refill with electrolyte, store in LiCl in ethanol | Solvent wash is sufficient |
| Sample size (expected AN of 0.05 - < 1.0 mg KOH/g) | 20 ± 2 g | ~10 g |

Metrohm's Online TAN Analyzer Key Components

The Thermoprobe is a robust, highly sensitive, and rapidly responding sensor. In contrast to potentiometric sensors used in ASTM D664 that require a lengthy cleaning and reconditioning period before the next titration, the Thermoprobe used in thermometric titration only needs a simple automated solvent rinse to prepare the electrode for the subsequent analysis.



Titration vessel with thermoprobe

The TAN Analyzer is equipped with heavy-duty Swagelok® sample valves to handle crude oil samples of varying temperatures and viscosities. The sample valve configuration decreases the time required to obtain a sample. Sample panels and shelters from Metrohm can also be integrated to improve sample preconditioning and protect the TAN Analyzer from harsh environmental conditions.



Swagelok® sample valve

During a thermometric titration, the enthalpy change associated with the chemical reaction is measured by the Thermoprobe. Because the energy change is so small, a paraformaldehyde slurry indicator is used to ensure proper detection of the endpoint. To stir the paraformaldehyde slurry in a explosion-proof environment, an air-powered mixer is included with the TAN Analyzer.



Air-powered mixer

Technical Specifications

| Technical specifications of ADI 2045TI Ex proof Process Analyzer | | |
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| Parameter | Total Acid Number (TAN) | |
| Measuring Method | Thermometric titration according to ASTM D8045 | |
| Measuring Range* | 0.1 – 16.0 mg/g KOH | |
| Accuracy | Meets requirements of ASTM D8045 | |
| Repeatability | Meets requirements of ASTM D8045 | |
| Total Analysis Time | 10 – 15 minutes | |
| Sample Temperature | 5 – 60°C | |
| Sample Pressure | 20 – 50 kPa | |
| Flow Rate | 100 – 300 mL/min | |
| Maximum Particle Size | 100 μm | |
| Drain | Atmospheric pressure, vented | |
| Instrument Air | Dry and oil-free according to ISA-S7.0.01-1996 quality standard for instrument air | |
| Serial Communication | Modbus TCP/IP and WebService (HTML) protocol through Ethernet | |
| Discrete I/O Communication | Digital input, digital output, analog output; freely configurable; isolator packages included | |
| Remote Connectivity | Yes | |
| Power | 110 – 120 VAC, 60 Hz; 220 – 240 VAC, 50 Hz | |
| Display | 15" laminated glass screen with integrated keyboard | |
| Ambient Temperature | 5-40°C | |
| Instrument Housing | 316 Stainless Steel | |
| Dimensions cm (W x H x D) | 27 x 99.06 x 114.3 | |
| Ingress Protection | IP66 / NEMA 4x | |
| Certifications | CE compliant ATEX Zone-1 and Zone-2 versions according to EU Directive 2014/34/EU Class I Division 2 Group ABCD T4 NFPA 496-2017 CSA C22.2 NO. 213-17 (Optional) | |