
Diesel Fuel Flash Point Determination by Rapid Flash Point Tester

SC T 105

1. Scope

To perform a quick flash point analysis of diesel fuel to discover the possibility of contamination. If the sample flashes within 5° C of ASTM D975 specification, the State of South Carolina Department of Agriculture will perform further testing.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1. AASHTO Standards
- 2.2. ASTM D975

3. Apparatus

- 3.1. ASTM 9 C Thermometer
- 3.2. Heat resistant gloves
- 3.3. Rapid Flash Point Tester
- 3.4. Water

4. Test Specimens

- 4.1. One quart of diesel fuel

5. Procedure

- 5.1. Shake diesel fuel sample.
 - 5.2. Fill outer cup of flash point tester to fill line with water.
 - 5.3. Add diesel fuel to inner cup to just above ridge.
 - 5.4. Light the burner and the ignition tip adjusting the size of the flame to the size of a pea.
 - 5.5. Use the flame to remove any bubbles from the diesel fuel in the inner cup.
 - 5.6. Place the top complete with thermometer on the sample cup. Starting temperature should be no higher than 20° C to 26° C.
 - 5.7. Lower ignition tip into cup for 1-2 seconds. If a blue arc appears, then the sample has flashed.
 - 5.8. If a blue arc does not appear, place the sample cup complete with top into the outer cup of the tester.
 - 5.9. Check every 2° C to see if the sample flashes. Take care not to let the temperature rise too rapidly.
 - 5.10. Record the temperature at which a blue arc of flame appears.
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6. Calculations

None

7. Report

Report flash point in °C to the nearest degree. Test results are reported on Lab Form MSC 002.
