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*ASTM consensus has not been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.*

TO: D4485 Mailing List

SUBJECT: Update API Category CH-4 Requirements

On May 28, 2020, the D4485 Surveillance Panel approved updates to the API Category CH-4 requirements in ASTM Specification D4485, to bring it in line with the most recent edition of API 1509.

The text of the revisions is shown in the attachment. These changes are effective with the issuance of this information letter.

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Attachment

c: [http://www.astmtmc.cmu.edu/ftp/docs/d4485/IL\\_20-3\\_D4485.pdf](http://www.astmtmc.cmu.edu/ftp/docs/d4485/IL_20-3_D4485.pdf)

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Revises D4485-19

[All changes are highlighted in yellow.]

TABLE 2 Diesel Engine Oil Category CH-4

Required Test Method	Test Method	Rated or Measured Parameter	Primary Performance Criteria			
			One-test	Two-test <sup>A</sup>	Three-test <sup>A</sup>	
1P (D6681 <sup>B</sup> )	D6681	Weighted demerits (WDP), max	350	378	390	
		Top groove carbon (TGC), demerits, max	36	39	41	
		Top land carbon (TLC), demerits, max	40	46	49	
		Average Oil Consumption, g/h (0 h – 360 h), max	12.4	12.4	12.4	
		Final Oil Consumption, g/h (312 h – 360 h), max	14.6	14.6	14.6	
		Piston, ring, and liner scuffing	none	none	none <sup>C</sup>	
1K (D6750 <sup>D</sup> )	D6750	Weighted demerits (WDK), %, max	332	347	353	
		Top groove fill (TGF), %, max	24	27	29	
		Top land heavy carbon (TLHC), %, max	4	5	5	
		Average Oil Consumption	g/kWh (0 h – 252 h), max	0.54	0.54	0.54
			g/MJ (0 h – 252 h), max	0.15	0.15	0.15
		Piston, ring, and liner scuffing	none	none	none <sup>C</sup>	
T-9 (D6483) or T-10 (D6987/D6987M) or T-12 (D7422)	D6483	Average Liner Wear, normalized to 1.75 % soot, µm max	25.4	26.6	27.1	
		Average Top Ring Mass Loss, mg max <sup>E</sup>	120	136	144	
		EOT Used Oil Lead Content less New Oil Lead Content, mg/kg, max	25	32	36	
	D6987/D6987M	Liner wear, µm, max	32	34	35	
		Ring wear, mg, max	150	159	163	
		Lead content at EOT, mg/kg, max	50	56	59	
	D7422	Liner wear, µm, max	30.0	30.8	31.1	
		Top Ring Mass Loss, mg, max	120	132	137	
		Lead content at EOT, mg/kg, max	65	75	79	
	RFWT (D5966)	D5966	Average Pin Wear	mils, max	0.30	0.33
(µm) max				(7.6)	(8.4)	(9.1)
M11 (D6838 <sup>F</sup> ) or ISM (D7468)	D6838	Rocker Pad Average Mass Loss, normalized to 4.5 % soot, mg max	6.5	7.5	8.0	
		Oil Filter Differential Pressure at EOT, kPa max	79	93	100	
		Average Engine Sludge, CRC Merits at EOT, min	8.7	8.6	8.5	
	D7468	Crosshead wear, mg, max	7.5	7.8	7.9	
		Oil filter delta pressure, at 150 h, kPa, max	79	95	103	
		Sludge rating, CRC merits, min	8.1	8.0	8.0	
Ext. T-8E (D5967 <sup>G</sup> )	D5967	Relative Viscosity at 4.8 % Soot by TGA, max	2.1	2.2	2.3	
		Viscosity increase at 3.8 % Soot by TGA, mm <sup>2</sup> /s, max	11.5	12.5	13.0	
Sequence IIIF (D6984) or Sequence IIIG (D7320) or Sequence IIIH (D8111 using IIIH60 Appendix X4)	D6984	60 h Viscosity at 40 °C, increase from 10 min sample, % max	295	295 (MTAC) <sup>H</sup>	295 (MTAC) <sup>H</sup>	
	D7320	Kinematic viscosity, % increase at 40 °C max	150	150 (MTAC)	150 (MTAC)	
	D8111 (IIIH60 Appendix X4)	60 h Kinematic viscosity, % increase at 40 °C max	249	249 (MTAC)	249 (MTAC)	
	D6894	Aeration, volume, % max	8.0	8.0 (MTAC) <sup>H</sup>	8.0 (MTAC) <sup>H</sup>	

CH-4 Bench Tests	Measured Parameter	Primary Performance Criteria		
HTCBT, 135 °C (D6594)	Used Oil Elemental Concentration			
	Copper, mg/kg increase, max	20		
	Lead, mg/kg increase, max	120		
	Tin, mg/kg increase	report		
	Copper strip rating, <sup>K</sup> max	3		
D892 (Option A not allowed)	Foaming/Settling, <sup>L</sup> mL, max			
	Sequence I	10/0		
	Sequence II	20/0		
	Sequence III	10/0		
Noack (D5800) or (D6417)	D5800	percent volatility loss at 250 °C, max	SAE 10W-30 20	SAE 15W-40 18
	D6417	percent volatility loss at 371 °C, max	17	15
D6278	D6278	Kinematic Viscosity after shearing, mm <sup>2</sup> /s at 100 °C, min	SAE XW-30 9.3	SAE XW-40 12.5

[Table 2 Footnotes]

- <sup>A</sup> See [Annex A2](#) for additional information.
- <sup>B</sup> Refer to RR:D02-1441.
- <sup>C</sup> If three or more operationally valid tests have been run, the majority of these tests shall not have scuffing. The scuffed tests are considered uninterpretable, and all data from these tests are eliminated from averaging.
- <sup>D</sup> Refer to RR:D02-1273.
- <sup>E</sup> Refer to RR:D02-1440.
- <sup>F</sup> Refer to RR:D02-1439.
- <sup>G</sup> A passing T-11 (TGA % soot at 12.0 mm<sup>2</sup>/s increase, at 100 °C, min)—6.00 (first test), 5.89 (second test), and 5.85 (third test)—can be used in place of a T-8E in the applicable categories. This is not intended to indicate equivalence.
- <sup>H</sup> See [Annex A1](#); use method without transformations.
- <sup>I</sup> The Sequence IIIG limits shown are more restrictive than the corresponding limits in Sequence IIIF, and are not intended to indicate equivalence. Results meeting the Sequence IIIG criteria stated can be used in lieu of Sequence IIIF.
- <sup>J</sup> Refer to RR:D02-1379.
- <sup>K</sup> The rating system in Test Method [D130](#) is used to rate the copper coupon in Test Method [D6594](#).
- <sup>L</sup> Ten minutes for Sequence I, II, and III.