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## Foreword

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This fourth edition of ISO 12156-1 cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 12156-1:2016), which has been technically revised after a user feedback survey. This revision includes the following changes:

- lessening of the requirements on reagents and correction of the ambient test conditions (Figure 2) to reflect the actual conditions met by participants in the inter-laboratory test program;
- the Annex containing details of the major changes (adding the camera and deletion of the humidity correction factor) between the second and third edition of this document has been removed; and
- Annex A has been populated with updated photographs of typical wear scars.

A list of all parts in the ISO 12156 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

All diesel fuel injection equipment has some reliance on diesel fuel as a lubricant. Wear due to excessive friction resulting in shortened life of engine components, such as diesel fuel injection pumps and injectors, has sometimes been ascribed to lack of lubricity in the fuel.

The relationship of test results to diesel injection equipment component distress due to wear has been demonstrated for some fuel/hardware combinations where boundary lubrication is a factor in the operation of the component<sup>1)</sup>.

Test results from fuels tested to this procedure have been found to correlate with many fuel/hardware combinations and provide an adequate prediction of the lubricating quality of the fuel. The correlation of biodiesel blends has been validated through 15 years of field experience and anecdotal data.

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1) NIKANJAM. Manuch, Teri CROSBY, Paul HENDERSON, Chris GRAY, Klaus MEYER, and Nick DAVENPORT, "ISO Diesel Fuel Round Robin Program," SAE Technical Paper No. 952372, 1995, ISSN 0148-7191, doi: 10.4271/952372

# Diesel fuel – Assessment of lubricity using the high-frequency reciprocating rig (HFRR) –

## Part 1: Test method

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### 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method using the high-frequency reciprocating rig (HFRR), for assessing the lubricating property of diesel fuels, including those fuels which could contain a lubricity-enhancing additive. It defines two methods for measurement of the wear scar; Method “A” – Digital camera, and Method “B” – Visual observation.

This test method applies to fuels used in diesel engines.

**NOTE** It is not known if this test method will predict the performance of all additive/fuel combinations, including paraffinic fuels for which no additional correlation testing has been performed. Nevertheless, no data has been presented to suggest that such fuels are not within scope.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 683-17, *Heat-treated steels, alloy steels and free-cutting steels – Part 17: Ball and roller bearing steels*

ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids – Manual sampling*

ISO 3171, *Petroleum liquids – Automatic pipeline sampling*

ISO 3290-1, *Rolling bearings – Balls – Part 1: Steel balls*

ISO 4288, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) – Surface texture: Profile method – Rules and procedures for the assessment of surface texture*

ISO 5272, *Toluene for industrial use – Specifications*

ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials – Vickers hardness test – Part 1: Test method*

ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials – Rockwell hardness test – Part 1: Test method*

ASTM D4306, *Practice for Aviation Fuel Sample Containers for Tests Affected by Trace Contamination*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>