Application Note AN-H-141

Acid number in crude oil and gas oil according to ASTM D8045

Fast and reliable analysis of various oil products used in the petrochemical industry by thermometric titration

Accurate knowledge of the total acid number in crude oil is important for the determination of its price. Additionally, by monitoring the acidity of crude oil and the associated process oils, unexpected shutdowns can be prevented, and thus costly treatment chemicals preserved.

Thermometric titration is a reliable method for the analysis of the total acid number (TAN) in assorted petroleum products. During thermometric titration (TET), the enthalpy change of the reaction is monitored rather than the potential. The titration endpoint is revealed by an inflection in the temperature curve.

In this Application Note, the acid number of multiple oil products is determined with titration as per ASTM D8045 by using catalytic thermometric titration. Compared to potentiometric titration, TET is faster and more convenient.

SAMPLE AND SAMPLE PREPARATION

This application is demonstrated on miscellaneous crude oil products.
Usually, sample preparation is not required. However, some samples may require slight warming or dissolution in xylene prior to titration. It is possible to titrate warm samples (<60 °C) without a loss of resolution or precision.

EXPERIMENTAL

The determinations are carried out on an OMNIS Professional Titrator equipped with a dThermoprobe (Figure 1). To avoid manually handling chemicals, all solutions can be automatically added using an OMNIS Dosing Module.
An appropriate amount of sample is weighed into the titration vessel, and solvent as well as paraformaldehyde are added. Afterwards, the solution is titrated until after the first exothermic endpoint with standardized potassium hydroxide (Figure 2).

Figure 1. OMNIS Titrator Professional equipped with a dThermoprobe and a rod stirrer.

RESULTS

This method offers very accurate results for TAN as displayed in Table 1.

Table 1. Results for the total acid number determination according to ASTM D8045 on an OMNIS system equipped for the thermometric titration.

TAN (n = 6)	Mean in mg KOH/g sample	SD(rel) in %
Cutting oil	0.96	0.2
Desalted Crude	0.76	2.1
Raw Crude	0.73	1.1
Vac. Light Gas	1.23	0.0
Vac. Heavy Gas	1.25	0.8
Atm. Heavy Gas	1.15	1.2
650 Endpoint Gas	0.73	1.1

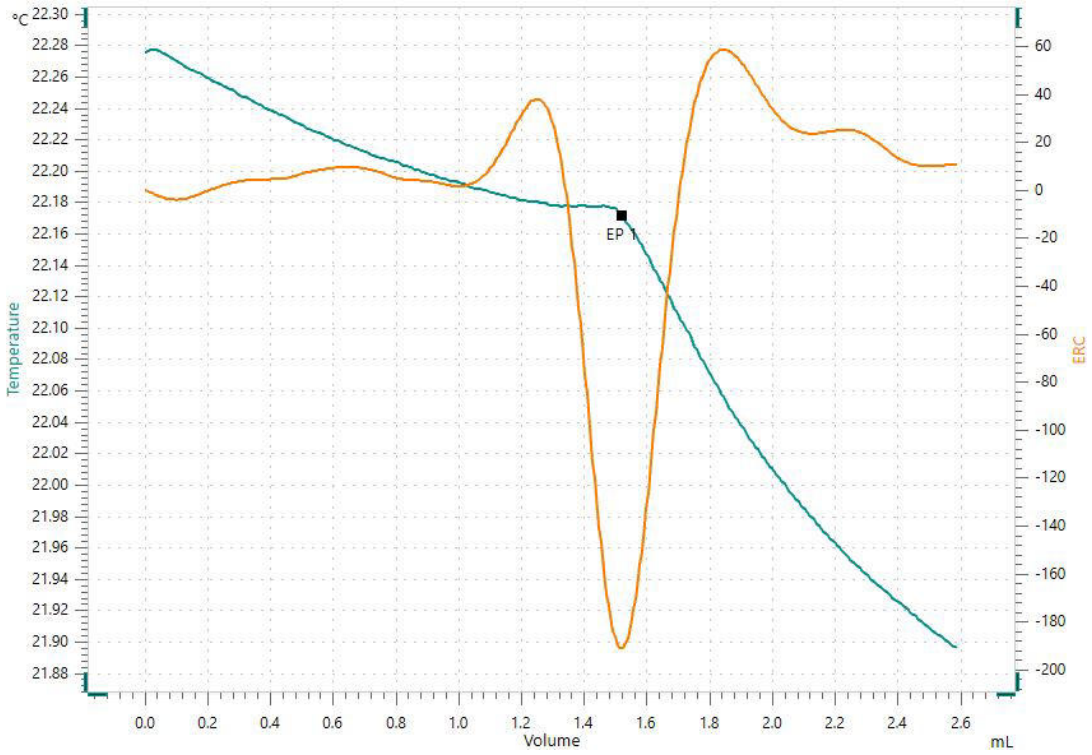

Figure 2. Titration curve of the thermometric determination of a raw crude oil sample.

CONCLUSION

Thermometric titration is a very fast and accurate method that can determine the TAN of various crude oil products in one easy titration. No sensor maintenance is required, making TET a robust alternative to other color indicator titration test methods.

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CONFIGURATION

OMNIS Titrator with magnetic stirrer, without function license

Innovative, modular potentiometric OMNIS Titrator for stand-alone operation or as the core of an OMNIS titration system. Thanks to 3S Liquid Adapter technology, handling chemicals is more secure than ever before. The titrator can be freely configured with measuring modules and cylinder units and can have a stirrer added as needed. Thanks to various software function licenses, various measuring modes and functionalities are possible.

- Control via PC or local network
- Connection option for up to four additional titration or dosing modules for additional applications or auxiliary solutions
- Connection option for one rod stirrer
- Various cylinder sizes available: 5, 10, 20 or 50 mL
- Liquid Adapter with 3S technology: Secure handling of chemicals, automatic transfer of the original reagent data of the manufacturer

Measuring modes and software options:

- Endpoint titration: "Basic" function license
- Endpoint and equivalence point titration (monotonic/dynamic): "Advanced" function license
- Endpoint and equivalence point titration (monotonic/dynamic) with parallel titration: "Professional" function license

dThermoprobe

High-sensitivity digital temperature sensor for thermometric titration with OMNIS.

The Thermoprobe has a short response time and a high resolution, which enables precise recording of even the smallest temperature changes.

This sensor can be used in aqueous and nonaqueous solutions which do not contain any HF, for determinations such as:

- Acid number (TAN) in accordance with ASTM D8045
- Total base number (TBN)
- Free fatty acids
- Ca/Mg determination
- Phosphate

Cylinder unit OMNIS special, 10 mL

Intelligent 10 mL cylinder unit for one OMNIS Titrator, Titration Module or Dosing Module. This cylinder unit is especially recommended for the following solutions:

- Aqueous alkaline solutions
- Titrant 5
- Silver nitrate solutions
- Nonaqueous alkaline solutions
- Permanganate solutions
- EDTA solutions

Includes dosing tubing and antidiffusion tip.

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Function license Thermometric Titrator

Function license "Thermometric Titrator" for the OMNIS Titrator

Contains the function modes

- Thermometric Titration (TET)
- MEAS U/T/pH
- Liquid Handling
- Titration only with internal buret of an OMNIS Titrator