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the quality control of  
petroleum products and  
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Crude oil is a highly complex mixture of hydrocarbons and other compounds that through desalting, distillation, desulfurization, and conversion is transformed into higher quality hydrocarbons such as liquefied gas, gasoline, diesel, heating fuel, and lubricants, as well as a large variety of other products.

The refinement process is demanding and requires precise and reliable analysis. Metrohm provides top-quality analytical instruments, know-how, and first-class, on-site service to enable and support your petrochemical processing needs. The table below serves as an overview of several parameters of interest that can be analyzed by

different techniques using Metrohm instrumentation. More detailed information is found in the corresponding linked Metrohm application documents. Missing your application here? Please contact your local Metrohm organization to discuss possible solutions.

Process step	Parameter and Matrix	Standard	Analysis technique	Application document
Exploration & production	Acid number in crude oil	ASTM D8045, ASTM D664	Thermometric titration, Potentiometric titration, Process analysis	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AB-427</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1037</a> , <a href="#">WP-012</a>
	Salinity of crude oil*	ASTM D6470, ASTM D3230	Potentiometric titration*, Conductivity measurement, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-PAN-1014</a>
	Water content in crude oil*	ASTM D4928, ISO 10337, IP 386, ASTM D6304*, ASTM D4377, ISO 10336, IP 356, ISO 6296, IP 439	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), Volumetric Karl Fischer titration (KFT)	<a href="#">AN-K-074</a> , <a href="#">AB-280</a>
	Scavenger amines in crude oil		Ion chromatography with mass spectroscopy (IC-MS)	<a href="#">AN-M-005</a> , <a href="#">WP-082</a>
	Organic chlorine content in crude oil*	ASTM D4929, ASTM D8150	Potentiometric titration, Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	<a href="#">AN-CIC-024</a>
	Organic halides		Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	<a href="#">AN-CIC-029</a>
	Mercaptan sulfur in crude oil*	ASTM D3227, IP 342, UOP 163*, DIN 51796	Potentiometric titration, Raman spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-T-028</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-152</a> , <a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a> , <a href="#">AN-RS-050</a>
	Alkalinity and hardness in brine (produced water)	ASTM D3875, ISO 22719	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AN-T-172</a>
	Sulfate, chloride, nitrate in produced water		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-261</a>
	pH value of water	ASTM D1293, EN ISO 10523	pH measurement	<a href="#">AB-188</a>
	Conductivity of water	ASTM D1125, EN 27888, ISO 7888	Conductivity measurement	<a href="#">AB-102</a>
	Percentage of chloride in water	ASTM D512	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-130</a>
Gas treating	H <sub>2</sub> S, mercaptan sulfur, carbonyl sulfide in gaseous hydrocarbons, LPG, and LNG	UOP 212, EN ISO 6326-3, ASTM D2420, IP 272	Potentiometric titration, Process analysis	<a href="#">AB-135</a>
	Heat-stable salts in the amines used for scrubbing H <sub>2</sub> S		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-389</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-343</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-144</a>
	Percentage of amines in gas scrubber	UOP 825	Potentiometric titration, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-PAN-1003</a>
	Water content in glycol dryers	ASTM D6304, ASTM E1064, ASTM E203, ISO 6296, IP 439	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), Volumetric Karl Fischer titration (KFT)	<a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-070</a>
	Halogens and sulfur in LPG and LNG	ASTM D7994	Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	<a href="#">AN-CIC-013</a> , <a href="#">AN-CIC-018</a> , <a href="#">AN-CIC-023</a>
	Water content in LNG, gaseous fuels	EN ISO 10101, DIN 51869	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC)	
	Amines in discharged water from gas scrubbers		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-C-164</a>
	Basic nitrogen in LPG	UOP 939	Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-C-187</a>

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Desalter	Salinity of crude oil	ASTM D6470, ASTM D3230	Potentiometric titration, Conductivity measurement, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-PAN-1014</a>
	Water content in crude oil	ASTM D4928, ISO 10337, IP 386 ASTM D4377, ISO 10336, IP 356, ISO 6296, IP 439	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), Volumetric Karl Fischer titration (KFT)	<a href="#">AN-K-074</a> , <a href="#">AB-280</a>
	Alkalinity and hardness in brine (produced water)	ASTM D3875, ISO 22719	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AN-T-172</a>
	Sulfate, chloride, nitrate in desalter water		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-261</a>
Alkylation unit	Sulfuric acid content	ASTM E223	Potentiometric titration	
	Organic fluoride in butane	ASTM D7994	Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	<a href="#">AN-CIC-018</a>
Gas treating (gas scrubber)	Amine content	UOP 825	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AN-PAN-1003</a>
	Amines in discharged water from gas scrubbers		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-C-164</a> , <a href="#">AN-C-193</a>
	Heat-stable salts in the amines used for scrubbing H <sub>2</sub> S		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-389</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-343</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-144</a>
	Spent caustic (%Hydroxide)		Potentiometric titration	
	Trapped H <sub>2</sub> S content		Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-135</a>
	Organic acids in scrubber solutions		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-O-017</a>
Hydro-desulfurization	Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a>
	H <sub>2</sub> S content	ASTM D3227, IP 342, UOP 163, ISO 3012	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a>
	Ammonia in process water		Ion measurement, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-PAN-1001</a>
	Olefin content		NIR spectroscopy	

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Process water	Amines		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">WP-082</a>
	Chlorides		Potentiometric titration, Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AB-130</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-249</a>
	Alkalinity		Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-178</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-205</a>
	H <sub>2</sub> S content		Potentiometric titration, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-T-032</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1001</a>
	Ammonia		Ion measurement, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-PAN-1001</a>
	pH value	EN ISO 10523	pH measurement	<a href="#">AB-188</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-205</a>
	Cyanide		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-P-052</a>
	Anions (nitrate, nitrite, chloride, bromide, iodide, phosphate, sulfate)	ASTM D8234	Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-378</a>
Sulfur species besides anions (amidosulfonate, thiosulfate, thiocyanate, dithionate, and imidodisulfonate)		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-390</a>	
Corrosion monitoring	Corrosion mechanism	ASTM G05, ASTM G61, ASTM G100, ASTM G150	Electrochemistry	<a href="#">AN-COR-001</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-003</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-006</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-011</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-012</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-019</a> , <a href="#">WP-044</a> , <a href="#">WP-069</a>
	Corrosion rate analysis	ASTM G102, ASTM G59	Electrochemistry	<a href="#">AN-COR-019</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-002</a>
	Corrosion inhibitors	ASTM G185	Electrochemistry	<a href="#">AN-COR-005</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-014</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-015</a>
	Corrosion in pipe-flow (turbulent flow) conditions	ASTM G185	Hydrodynamic electrochemistry	<a href="#">AN-COR-014</a> , <a href="#">AN-COR-015</a> , <a href="#">WP-055</a> , <a href="#">WP-069</a>
	Hydrogen permeation	ASTM G148	Electrochemistry	<a href="#">AN-EC-028</a> , <a href="#">WP-069</a> , <a href="#">AN-EC-032</a>
	Corrosion analysis with EIS	ASTM G106	Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)	<a href="#">AN-EIS-001</a> , <a href="#">AN-EIS-002</a> , <a href="#">AN-EIS-004</a>
	Corrosive ions		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-261</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-390</a>

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<b>Gasoline</b>  * Part of the specification ASTM D4814	Water content*	ASTM D6304*, ASTM D7923, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-014</a> , <a href="#">AB-209</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1047</a>
	Research octane number (RON)*	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-022</a>
	Motor octane number (MON)*	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-022</a>
	Oxygenates content	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy	
	Anti-Knock index (AKI)*	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AN-NIR-022</a>
	Density*	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-022</a>
	Aromatics content*	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-022</a>
	Olefin content*	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	
	Benzene content*	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	
	Acid number	ASTM D664, IP 177, EN 12634, IP 449, UOP 565, ASTM D974	Potentiometric titration, Photometric titration	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a>
	Bromine index	ASTM D2710, IP 299, ASTM D5776, ASTM D1492, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, Coulometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AB-340</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-206</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-207</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-067</a>
	Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a>
	Mercaptan sulfur	ASTM D3227, IP 342, UOP 163, ISO 3012	Potentiometric titration, Raman spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a> , <a href="#">AN-RS-050</a>
	Elemental sulfur		Voltammetry	<a href="#">AN-V-085</a>
	Mixing of RON / MON standards		Liquid handling	<a href="#">80006022</a>
Lead in aviation gasoline	ISO 3830	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AN-T-029</a>	
<b>Fuel ethanol (Bioethanol)</b>  * Part of the specification ASTM D4806	Water content*	ASTM D7923, ASTM E1064*, ASTM E203*, ISO 6296, IP 439, EN 15489	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), Volumetric Karl Fischer titration (KFT)	<a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-014</a> , <a href="#">AB-209</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1047</a>
	Acidity*	ASTM D7995, EN 15491	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AN-T-199</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-200</a>
	Inorganic chloride*	ASTM D7319*, ASTM D7328, ASTM D6751, EN 15492, EN 15484, ASTM D512	Ion chromatography, Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AN-S-241</a> , <a href="#">80006007</a>
	Existent sulfate*	ASTM D7318, ASTM D7319, ASTM D7328, EN 15492	Potentiometric titration, Ion chromatography	<a href="#">80006020</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-241</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-211</a>
	Total sulfate*	ASTM D7319, ASTM D7328, EN 15492	Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-241</a> , <a href="#">AN-S-211</a>
	pHe value*	ASTM D6423, EN 15490	pH measurement	<a href="#">AN-T-173</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-183</a>
	Conductivity	EN 15938	Conductivity measurement	<a href="#">AN-T-209</a>
	Anions (fluoride, acetate, formate, nitrate, sulfate)		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-S-244</a>

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Product	Parameter	Standard	Analysis technique	Application document
Diesel	Cetane number	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	
	Cold filter plug point (CFPP)	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-080</a>
	Flash point	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-080</a>
	FAME (Fatty acid methyl esters)	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	
	Cetane index	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-080</a>
	D95	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-080</a>
	Viscosity	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AN-NIR-080</a>
	Water content	ASTM D6304, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-014</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-070</a> , <a href="#">AB-209</a> , <a href="#">AN-NIR-096</a>
	Acid number	ASTM D664, IP 177, EN 12634, IP 449, UOP 565	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a>
	Bromine index	ASTM D2710, IP 299, ASTM D5776, ASTM D1492, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, Coulometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AB-340</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-206</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-207</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-067</a>
	Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a>
	Mercaptan sulfur	ASTM D3227, IP 342, UOP 163	Potentiometric titration, Raman spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a> , <a href="#">AN-RS-050</a>
Density	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis		
Biodiesel	Free and total glycerin in B5	ASTM D7591	Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-P-068</a>
	Oxidation stability*	EN 14112, EN 15751*, EN 16568, ASTM D6751	Stability measurement	<a href="#">AN-R-009</a> , <a href="#">AN-R-034</a>
	Water content	ASTM D6304, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC)	<a href="#">AB-209</a>
	Organic chlorine in renewable diesel feedstock	ASTM D7359, UOP 991	Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	
	Total, inorganic, and organic chlorine	UOP 588	Potentiometric titration	
	Acid number*	ASTM D664*, IP 177, EN 14104, EN 12634, IP 449	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a>
	Iodine number	EN 14111	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">80006020</a>

\* Part of the specifications ASTM D6751 (B100) and ASTM D7467 (B6-20)

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Product	Parameter	Standard	Analysis technique	Application document
Kerosene (Aviation fuel)	Cetane index		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>
	API gravity		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>
	Flash point		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>
	Density		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>
	Freeze point		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>
	Aromatics content		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>
	Acidity*	ASTM D3242*, IP 354, UOP 565, EN 12634	Photometric titration	
	T10, T20, T50		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	
	Hydrogen content		NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>
	Saturates		NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	
	Water content	ASTM D6304, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-070</a> , <a href="#">AB-209</a>
	Bromine index	ASTM D2710, IP 299, ASTM D5776, ASTM D1492, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, Coulometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AB-340</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-206</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-207</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-067</a>
	Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a>
	Mercaptan sulfur*	ASTM D3227*, IP 342, UOP 163	Potentiometric titration, Raman spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a> , <a href="#">AN-RS-050</a>
Viscosity		NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AN-NIR-025</a>	
Sustainable aviation fuel (SAF)	Acid number*	ASTM D3242*, IP 354 UOP 565	Photometric titration	
	Mercaptan sulfur*	ASTM D3227*, IP 342, UOP 163	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-135</a>
	Water content*	ASTM D6304*, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC)*, NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-070</a> , <a href="#">AB-209</a>
	Total fluorine, chlorine, and sulfur content*	ASTM D7359	Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	
	Iodine number in feedstock	AOCS Cd 1d-92, EN 14111	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-141</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-109</a>

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Product	Parameter and Matrix	Standard	Analysis technique	Application document
Reformate, isomerate	Research octane number (RON)	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-113</a> , <a href="#">AN-NIR-114</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1052</a>
	Motor octane number (MON)	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-PAN-1052</a>
	Density	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AN-NIR-114</a>
	Aromatics content	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-114</a>
	Olefin content	ASTM D8340	NIR spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AN-NIR-114</a>
	Water content	ASTM D6304, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC)	<a href="#">AB-209</a> , <a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-070</a>
	Acid number	ASTM D664, IP 177, EN 12634, IP 449	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a>
	Mercaptan sulfur	ASTM D3227, IP 342, UOP 163	Potentiometric titration, Raman spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a> , <a href="#">AN-RS-050</a>
	Bromine index (ppm / low level)	ASTM D2710, IP 299, ASTM D5776, ASTM D1492, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, Coulometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AB-340</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-206</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-207</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-067</a>
Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a>	
Petroleum distillates	Bromine index (ppm / low level)	ASTM D2710, IP 299, ASTM D5776, ASTM D1492, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, Coulometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AB-340</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-206</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-207</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-067</a>
	Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a>
	Water content	ASTM D6304, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC)	<a href="#">AB-209</a> , <a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-070</a>
	Total fluorine, chlorine, and sulfur content	ASTM D7359, UOP 991	Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	
	Total, inorganic, and organic chlorine	UOP 588	Potentiometric titration	
	Mercaptan sulfur	ASTM D3227, IP 342, UOP 163, ISO 3021	Potentiometric titration, Raman spectroscopy, Process analysis	<a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a> , <a href="#">AN-RS-050</a>
	Acid number	ASTM D664, IP 177, EN 12634, IP 449, UOP 565	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a>

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Product	Parameter and Matrix	Standard	Analysis technique	Application document
Pygas	Diene value (Maleic anhydride value)	UOP 326	Potentiometric titration, NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AN-NIR-024</a>
	Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a> , <a href="#">AN-NIR-094</a>
Marine fuels	Chloride in methanol for marine fuels		Ion chromatography	
	Acid number*	ASTM D664*, IP 177, EN 12634, IP 449, UOP 565	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a>
	Mercaptan sulfur	ASTM D3227, IP 342, UOP 163	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-135</a> , <a href="#">AN-PAN-1026</a>
	Water content	ASTM D4928	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC)	<a href="#">AN-K-074</a>
	Oxidation stability of biodiesel added to fuel	EN 14112, EN 15751*, EN 16568, ASTM D6751	Stability measurement	<a href="#">AN-R-009</a> , <a href="#">AN-R-034</a>
	Organic halogens and sulfur	ASTM D8150	Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	<a href="#">AN-CIC-024</a>

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Lubricants and additives	Acid number	ASTM D664, IP 177, ISO 6618, ISO 6619, EN 12634, IP 449	Potentiometric titration, Thermometric titration, NIR spectroscopy, Lab robotics	<a href="#">AB-404</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-096</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a> , <a href="#">AN-NIR-041</a> , <a href="#">AN-NIR-071</a>
	Base number	ASTM D2896, ISO 3771, IP 276, IP 400	Potentiometric titration, Thermometric titration, Conductometric titration, NIR spectroscopy, Lab robotics	<a href="#">AB-405</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-097</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-098</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-179</a> , <a href="#">AN-NIR-097</a>
	Base number in service	ASTM D4739	Potentiometric titration	
	Water content	ASTM D6304, EN ISO 12937, IP 438, DIN 51777, ASTM E1064	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration (KFC), NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">WP-061</a> , <a href="#">AB-209</a> , <a href="#">AB-280</a> , <a href="#">AN-NIR-041</a>
	Hindered phenolic and aromatic amine antioxidant content (Remaining useful life (RUL))	ASTM D6971	Voltammetry	<a href="#">AN-V-220</a> , <a href="#">WP-085</a>
	ipH value	ASTM D7946	pH measurement	
	Viscosity		NIR spectroscopy	<a href="#">AN-NIR-041</a>
	Saponification number	ASTM D94, ISO 6293-1, ISO 6293-2	Potentiometric titration, Photometric titration	
	Bromine index	ASTM D2710, IP 299, ASTM D5776, ASTM D1492, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, Coulometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AB-340</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-206</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-207</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-067</a>
	Bromine number	ASTM D1159, IP 130, ISO 3839, BS-2000, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-182</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-187</a>
	Chloride		Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	<a href="#">AN-CIC-014</a>
	Amines		Ion chromatography	<a href="#">AN-C-177</a>
Aromatic chemicals	Water content	ASTM E1064	Coulometric Karl Fischer titration	<a href="#">AB-137</a> , <a href="#">AB-209</a>
	Bromine index	ASTM D2710, IP 299, ASTM D5776, ASTM D1492, UOP 304	Potentiometric titration, Coulometric titration	<a href="#">AB-177</a> , <a href="#">AB-340</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-206</a> , <a href="#">AN-T-207</a> , <a href="#">AN-K-067</a>
	Acidity	ASTM D1613, ASTM D847	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AN-T-203</a>
	Organic halides in aromatics	ASTM D7359	Combustion ion chromatography (CIC)	<a href="#">AN-CIC-024</a>
	Chloride in aromatics	ASTM D5194	Potentiometric titration	<a href="#">AB-130</a>

# Analysis techniques



## TITRATION – SPECIFIC, ACCURATE, AND RELIABLE

Potentiometric titration is a well-established method for monitoring corrosion indicators, such as acidity or mercaptan sulfur content, or analyzing quality parameters of the final products. It is included in many standards and specifications due to its reliability. Titration is an inexpensive method that can be automated to optimize laboratory efficiency.



## KARL FISCHER TITRATION – THE ACCURATE METHOD FOR WATER DETERMINATION

Water is a common contaminant in petroleum products. It affects lubricant properties, promotes microbial growth, leads to sludge formation in the tank, and promotes corrosion.

Karl Fischer titration is highly reproducible and accurate, making it one of the most important methods for water determination. Both volumetric and coulometric Karl Fischer titration can be used, with KF coulometry being preferred for low water content in petroleum products.



## NIR SPECTROSCOPY – MULTI-PARAMETER ANALYSIS WITHIN MINUTES

Near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy can be used to assess the quality of fuels and lubricants quickly. Compared to traditional methods, results can be obtained within one minute without the need for additional reagents or chemicals.



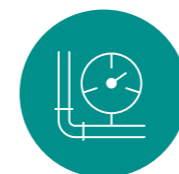
## ION CHROMATOGRAPHY – HIGHLY EFFICIENT AND ROBUST ANALYSIS

Ion chromatography (IC) is a precise multi-parameter method for quantifying ionic impurities in fuels, lubricants, or produced water.

When combined with a combustion oven, combustion ion chromatography (CIC) can effectively analyze the content of organic halides and sulfur even in challenging matrices, such as crude oil.

Using Metrohm Inline Matrix Elimination to remove the matrix of fuels and solvents increases the robustness of the analysis and system.

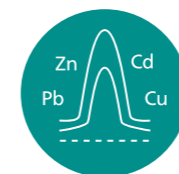
The hyphenation of ion chromatography with mass spectrometers allows detection of anions and organic components (organic acids, amines) at low concentration levels.



## PROCESS ANALYSIS – DEPENDABLE ONLINE, INLINE, AND ATLINE SOLUTIONS

Online monitoring of parameters such as corrosion indicators or ionic constituents in process and wastewater optimizes process efficiency and reduces production costs. Metrohm Process Analytics provides various analytical techniques for such purposes, including titration, photometry, ion chromatography, and NIR spectroscopy.

The same high quality Metrohm laboratory techniques from the laboratory can now be used right on the process line for the most accurate results delivered directly to the process control room.



## VOLTAMMETRY – HIGHLY SENSITIVE ANALYSIS OF TRANSITION METALS AND ANTIOXIDANTS IN LUBRICANTS

Voltammetry is a sensitive method (LODs in the  $\mu\text{g/L}$  range) for analyzing electrochemically active substances, including transition metals such as iron or copper in fuels. It can also be used to evaluate the remaining amount of antioxidants in lubricants, accurately determining their remaining useful life.

This technique offers wide range of applications, short analysis times, and high precision with low instrumentation cost.



## STABILITY – SIMPLE, CONVENIENT, AND EFFICIENT MEASUREMENT

Petroleum products can oxidize when exposed to air and the resulting reaction products can cause problems in combustion engines. In particular, polymeric, poorly soluble compounds lead to deposits in and blockages of the fuel injector systems. Oxidation stability is a crucial property of petroleum products that can be monitored to prevent such issues.



## ELECTROCHEMISTRY – SOLUTIONS FOR FUNDAMENTAL AND APPLIED RESEARCH

Corrosion is prevalent in the petrochemical industry, particularly in the areas of production, transport, and refining. The chemical composition of the crude, high pressure, and high temperature all promote corrosion.

To prevent corrosion, it is essential to understand the corrosion process. Electrochemical methods provide a detailed depiction of corrosion processes, as outlined in numerous publications and international standards.

