

Materials Testing & Laboratory Equipment

The Application:

The thermal requirements on motor oils in particular have risen considerably over the last few years. This consequently means that the testing of these motor oils and lubricants has nowadays become more important for reasons of quality control and operating safety.

Evaporation losses at high temperatures generally lead to an increase in the oil consumption and additionally cause a detrimental change in the lubrication properties of the oils.

The Test Method

The test method is standardized in DIN 51581, CEC L-40-A-93 and ASTM D 5800. The oil sample is heated in a testing device, the evaporation crucible, and subsequently re tained at the testing temperature for exactly 60 minutes. Whilst the testing temperatures can generally be as high as 400°C, motor oils are usually tested at 250°C $\pm 0.5^{\circ}$ C.

A constant flow of air, brought about by a differential pressure, extracts the resultant oil vapours. The airflow is accurately regulated by the integrated digital pressure controller. It can be read-off using an inclined manometer. According to CEC specifications, the partial pressure should be equal to 20 mm water column(1.96 mbar).

The evaporation crucible with the oil sample is weighed before and after the heating process. The evaporation loss is then calculated from the resultant weight difference and is expressed in percentage by mass.

The Technology

The temperature control of the evaporation tester VP250 is car-



ried out by a PID microprocessor controller. This control technique results in high level of reproducibility and repeatability of the test results. The limits quoted in DIN 51581, ASTM D5800/a and CEC L-40-A-93 can be easily observed with large safety margins.

The VP250 features:

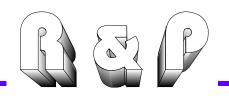
- □ Vacuum pump with oil filter
- Port to document the temperature and pressure course
- microprocessor-controlled temperature control unit
 - \Rightarrow high control accuracy
 - \Rightarrow automatic adaptation of the control parameters
- □ wide temperature range from 150 to 300°C

- ⇒ also suitable for special lubricants (gear lubricant oil)
- □ PT100 probe calibrated against gauged mercury thermometer with 0.1°C scale ⇒ deviation to real temperature is smaller than 0.5°C
 - ture is smaller than 0.5°C
- excess temperature protection
- LCD display for actualt temperature / pressure and test time
- ❑ timer with acoustic signal ⇒ no separate stopwatch required
- faults are displayed acoustically and visually
 - \Rightarrow no measurement errors
- $\label{eq:automatic sensor adjustment;} \exists \text{ automatic sensor adjustment;} \\ \Rightarrow \text{ no long-term drift}$



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Technical Specifications VP250

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Order Text Order Nos. Mains Connection	Evaporation Tester VP250 370-0001 370-0002 230V 110V (selectable)±10% 50/60 Hz, 1300 VA	
Heating power Pressure range: Accuracy:	950 VA at 250°C up to 21 mmWS ± 0,2°C / ± 0,02 mmWS	
Temperature Range Temperature Display Temperature Setting Time Displays, Separate Timer	 150.0°C to 300.0°C LCD, resolution 0.1°C menue controlled, for test time 60 min. countdown display can be called 	
Port Excess Temperature Protection Warning Signal	digital PID-control ±0.1°C at 250°C Pt100 (display / control) TTL independent safety circuit with separate sensor acoustic excess temperature: faults: acoustic and shown on display	
Dimensions, WxHxD Weight (net/gross)	278x316x300 mm 18 kg / 23 kg	
Standard Equipment vacuum pump; evaporation crucible; tools, test balls, nozzle cleaner; crucible holder, cleaning brush, protective gloves; 300g Wood metal		

The VP250 is equipped with

- differential pressure controller to control auto matically differential pressure; standard set pressure: 20 mm H₂O; long-term stabi lised pressure sensor; tolerance extent ± 1%;
- Vacuum pump with air filter

Accessories

The following accessories are available:

- glassware set consisting of two 2 litre Woulf bottles, glass delivery tubes and silicon hoses
- □ stable supporting unit including an inclined tube manometer 0-30 mm H₂O
- \Rightarrow provide correct positioning of glass bottles
- \Rightarrow reading and manually controlling of pressure
- two officially gauged thermometers and a thermo meter holder
- □ reference oil for testing the system
- □ balance, range 2000 g; accuracy 0.01g
- cooling unit for cooling down the evaporation crucible after the test
- \Rightarrow increases reproducibility
- \Rightarrow provides safe cooling down method as
- \Rightarrow awkward splashing of water is thus avoided



Accessories / Spare Parts	Order No.	
Vacuum Pump 230 V	371-1008	
Vacuum Pump 115 V	371-0032	
Balance, 2000g ±0.01g	370-0041	
Glassware Set CEC L-40-A-93	370-1001	
Supporting Unit	370-1002	
Thermometer M260	370-1005	
40260°C:1°C, with official test certificate		
Thermometer M410	370-1006	
200400°C:1°C, with official test certificate		
Thermometer Holder	370-1007	
Reference Oil RL-208/2, 1Litre	370-1009	
Evaporation Crucible	370-1003	
Wood Metal	370-1010	
Measuring liquid f. inclined manometer	370-1011	

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