



Standard Test Method for Calculation of Percent of Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Amines in Fatty Amines¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers calculation of the percent of primary, secondary, and tertiary amines in the sample from determinations of primary, secondary, and tertiary amine values and percent of non-amine.

1.2 This test method is applicable to materials containing only fatty primary amines, difatty secondary amines, trifatty tertiary amines, and nonamines. This method is not applicable to blends such as a mixture of coco primary amine and tallow difatty secondary amine.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 2073 Test Methods for Total, Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Amine Values of Fatty Amines, Amidoamines, and Diamines by Referee Potentiometric Method²

D 2074 Test Methods for Total, Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Amine Values of Fatty Amines by Alternative Indicator Method²

D 2082 Test Method for Percent of Non-Amines in Fatty Nitrogen Compounds²

3. Procedure

3.1 Determine primary, secondary, and tertiary amine values in accordance with Test Methods D 2073 or D 2074.

3.2 Determine the percent of non-amines in accordance with Test Method D 2082.

4. Calculation

4.1 Calculate the percent of amines as follows (Note):

where:

Let X = average molecular weight of the primary amine,
 PAV = primary amine value of the sample,
 SAV = secondary amine value of the sample,
 TAV = tertiary amine values of the sample, and
 PNA = % non-amine.

then:

$$X = \frac{561(100 - PNA) + 17(SAV) + 34(TAV)}{PAV + 2(SAV) + 3(TAV)} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\text{Primary amine, \%} = PAV(X)/561 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Secondary amine, \%} = SAV(2X - 17)/561$$

$$\text{Tertiary amine, \%} = TAV(3X - 34)/561$$

NOTE 1—The equations given in 4.1 are based upon the assumption that the alkyl chain lengths in the monofatty, difatty, and trifatty amines are the same average length.

5. Precision and Bias

5.1 Precision and bias were not established at the time this test method was written. An effort is being made to obtain the precision and, if obtainable, it will be published in future revisions. This test method has been in use for many years, and its usefulness has been well established.


6. Keywords

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.03.

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