
**Animal and vegetable fats and oils —
Determination of anisidine value**

*Corps gras d'origines animale et végétale — Détermination de l'indice
d'anisidine*

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Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Determination of anisidine value

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the anisidine value in animal and vegetable fats and oils. This is a measure of the amount of aldehydes present (principally α,β -unsaturated aldehydes).

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 661, *Animal and vegetable fats and oils — Preparation of test sample*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

anisidine value

one hundred times the increase in absorbance, measured at a wavelength of 350 nm in a 10 mm cell, of a test solution when reacted with *p*-anisidine under the test conditions specified in this International Standard

NOTE The anisidine value has no dimensions, and is calculated and quoted on the basis of 1 g of the test sample in 100 ml of a mixture of solvent and reagent.

4 Principle

A test solution is prepared in isooctane (2,2,4-trimethylpentane). It is reacted with an acetic acid solution of *p*-anisidine. The increase in absorbance at 350 nm is measured. The anisidine value is calculated.

5 Reagents

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, and water complying with grade 3 of ISO 3696.

5.1 Sodium sulfate (Na_2SO_4), anhydrous.

5.2 Isooctane (2,2,4-trimethylpentane), having an absorbance not exceeding 0,01 against water in the wavelength range 300 nm to 380 nm.

5.3 4-Methoxyaniline (*p*-anisidine), anhydrous cream-coloured crystals.

WARNING — *p*-Anisidine is toxic and care shall be taken to avoid contact with the skin.

Store the *p*-anisidine in a dark bottle at 0 °C to 4 °C in the dark.

No coloration (grey or pink) shall be observed. If this is present, purify the *p*-anisidine as follows.

Dissolve 4 g of *p*-anisidine in 100 ml of water at 75 °C. Add 0,5 g of sodium sulfite (Na₂SO₃) and 2 g of charcoal. Stir for 5 min and filter through a medium retention filter paper to give a clear solution. Cool the filtrate to 0 °C and leave at this temperature for at least 4 h. Filter off the crystals, preferably under vacuum, and wash with a small volume of water at about 0 °C. Dry in a vacuum desiccator containing an efficient desiccant.

5.4 Glacial acetic acid, of water content not greater than 0,1 % (mass fraction).

5.5 Anisidine reagent

On the day of use, prepare the minimum quantity of reagent required for the analysis, in view of its toxicity and limited life. Prepare, for example, 50 ml of reagent as follows.

Dissolve 0,125 g of the *p*-anisidine (5.3) in the glacial acetic acid (5.4) in a 50 ml volumetric flask and dilute to the mark with the same solvent, avoiding exposure to strong light.

Check the absorbance against isooctane before use and discard the reagent when the difference is larger than 0,2. In any case, discard any reagent left over on the day of use.

6 Apparatus

Usual laboratory apparatus and, in particular, the following.

6.1 Spectrometer, double- or single-beam, suitable for use at a wavelength of 350 nm, with cells of optical path length 10 mm.

When a double-beam spectrometer is used, it is recommended that a pair of matched 10 mm cells be used.

6.2 Volumetric flasks, of 25 ml capacity.

6.3 Test tubes, of 10 ml capacity, fitted with ground glass stoppers.

6.4 Pipettes, of 1 ml and 5 ml capacities, equipped with a safety suction device.

7 Sampling

A representative sample should have been sent to the laboratory. It should not have been damaged or changed during transport or storage.

Sampling is not part of the method specified in this International Standard. A recommended sampling method is given in ISO 5555.

8 Preparation of test sample

Prepare the test sample in accordance with ISO 661.

If the moisture content of the sample is greater than 0,10 % (mass fraction), it should be dried using the following procedure.

Add sodium sulfate (5.1) in the proportion of 1 g to 2 g per 10 g of the thoroughly mixed sample, at a temperature of not more than 10 °C above the melting point in the case of a solid fat. Stir thoroughly and filter, maintaining the temperature to prevent solidification.

Take care to exclude extraneous moisture during the procedure because it can affect the equilibrium reaction during which water is produced.

9 Procedure

9.1 Test portion and preparation of test solution

Weigh, to the nearest 1 mg, a sufficient mass of the prepared test sample (Clause 8) directly into a 25 ml volumetric flask. Preheat solid samples to 10 °C above their melting point. Dissolve the sample in 5 ml to 10 ml of the isooctane (5.2) and make up to the mark with the same solvent.

The size of the test portion depends on the quality of the sample and the characteristics of the spectrometer used, and should be chosen to avoid readings near the upper and lower ends of the scale. In general, 0,4 g to 4,0 g is used.

9.2 Unreacted test solution

By means of a pipette (6.4), transfer 5 ml of the test solution (9.1) to a test tube (6.3). Add 1 ml of glacial acetic acid (5.4), stopper the tube and shake well. Keep the test tube in the dark at (23 ± 3) °C for 8 min.

Within a further 2 min, transfer the solutions to a clean, dry spectrometer cell. After a total reaction time of $10 \text{ min} \pm 1 \text{ min}$, follow the procedure specified in 9.5.

9.3 Reacted test solution

Transfer, by means of a pipette (6.4), 5 ml of the test solution (9.1) to a test tube (6.3). Add, by means of a pipette (6.4), 1 ml of the anisidine reagent (5.5). Stopper the tube and shake well. Keep the test tube in the dark at (23 ± 3) °C for 8 min.

Within a further 2 min, transfer the solutions to a clean, dry spectrometer cell. After a total reaction time of $10 \text{ min} \pm 1 \text{ min}$ from the addition of the anisidine reagent, follow the procedure specified in 9.5.

9.4 Blank

Transfer, by means of a pipette (6.4), 5 ml of isooctane (5.2) to a test tube (6.3). Add, by means of a pipette (6.4), 1 ml of the anisidine reagent (5.5). Stopper the tube and shake well. Keep the test tube in the dark at (23 ± 3) °C for 8 min.

Within a further 2 min, transfer the solutions to a clean, dry spectrometer cell. After a total reaction time of $10 \text{ min} \pm 1 \text{ min}$ from the addition of the anisidine reagent, follow the procedure specified in 9.5.

9.5 Spectrometric measurement

Adjust the zero absorption of the spectrometer with isooctane (5.2) at 350 nm.

Measure the following absorbances against isooctane (5.2):

- A_1 of the reacted solution (9.3),
- A_0 of the unreacted test solution (9.2), and
- A_2 of the blank (9.4).

9.6 Absorbance range

If the measured absorbance A_1 of the reacted solution (9.3) is not in the range 0,2 to 0,8, repeat the determination (9.2 to 9.4) with an adjusted amount of test sample.

If the measured absorbance A_2 of the blank exceeds 0,2, purify the anisidine reagent as described in 5.3, and prepare fresh anisidine reagent (5.5). Repeat this test with the fresh anisidine reagent.

10 Expression of results

10.1 The anisidine value (AV) of the sample is equal to

$$AV = \frac{100 QV}{m} [1,2(A_1 - A_2 - A_0)]$$

where

- V is the volume in which the test sample is dissolved, in millilitres ($V = 25$ ml);
- m is the mass of the test portion, in grams;
- Q is the sample content of the measured solution based on which the anisidine value is expressed, in grams per millilitre ($Q = 0,01$ g/ml);
- A_0 is the absorbance of the unreacted test solution (9.2)
- A_1 is the absorbance of the reacted solution (9.3);
- A_2 is the absorbance of the blank (9.4);
- 1,2 is the correction factor for the dilution of the test solution with 1 ml of the reagent or glacial acetic acid.

Report the results to 1 decimal place.

10.2 When assessing the oxidative deterioration of an oil, the total oxidation value, or 'totox value' (TV), may be helpful. The calculation is the following [with the peroxide value (PV) expressed in meq O_2 /kg]:

$$TV = (2 \times PV) + AV$$

11 Precision

11.1 Interlaboratory tests

Details of two interlaboratory tests on the precision of the method are summarized in Annex A. The values derived from these interlaboratory tests may not be applicable to ranges and matrices other than those given.

11.2 Repeatability

The absolute difference between two independent single test results, obtained using the same method on identical test material in the same laboratory by the same operator using the same equipment within a short interval of time, will in not more than 5 % of cases exceed the value of r given in Table 1.

11.3 Reproducibility

The absolute difference between two single test results, obtained using the same method on identical test material in two different laboratories with different operators using different equipment, will in not more than 5 % of cases exceed the value of R given in Table 1.

Table 1 — Repeatability limit (r) and reproducibility limit (R)

Anisidine value	Range of variation	r	R
AV (mean of two determinations)	0 to 100	$0,034 \text{ AV} + 0,31$	$0,19 \text{ AV} + 1,41$

12 Test report

The test report shall specify:

- all information necessary for the complete identification of the sample;
- the sampling method used, if known;
- the test method, with reference to this International Standard;
- all operating details not specified in this International Standard, or regarded as optional, together with details of any incidents which may have influenced the results;
- the test results obtained;
- if the repeatability has been checked, the final quoted result obtained.