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**REFERENCE MATERIAL CERTIFICATE**  
ISSUED BY THE PSL CALIBRATION LABORATORY



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**ASTM reference:** N2500  
**Product Code:** 2700-V15A  
**Batch Number:** 29630  
**Date of Calibration:** 06 September 2022  
**Date of Expiry:** 30 April 2026  
**Bottle Number:** 96338

**Approved Signatory:**

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Samples representative of the whole batch of bottles were taken from this reference material and were measured using reference viscometers calibrated by the method of ASTM D2162-21, and pycnometers according to IP 189/190-2005 to generate the following certified values.

**CERTIFIED VALUES**

Temperature (°C)	Kinematic Viscosity (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)	Dynamic Viscosity (mPa.s)	Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
20.00	14320	12580	0.8784
25.00	9104	7967	0.8751
40.00	2699	2340	0.8669
50.00	1339	1153	0.8609
80.00	249.0	210.3	0.8447
100.00	107.3	89.40	0.8332

Certified values determined by the PSL Calibration Laboratory which is accredited to ISO17025:2017 by UKAS.

UNITS: the SI unit of viscosity is the meter squared per second (m<sup>2</sup>/s). The recommended sub multiple is the mm<sup>2</sup>/s, where 1 mm<sup>2</sup>/s = 1 cSt (centistokes) = 10<sup>-6</sup>m<sup>2</sup>/s.

The SI unit of dynamic viscosity is the pascal second (Pa.s). The recommended sub multiple is the mPa.s, where 1 mPa.s = 1 cP (centipoise) = 10<sup>-3</sup>Pa.s.

The SI unit of density is the kilogram per cubic meter (kg/m<sup>3</sup>). The recommended sub multiple is the g/cm<sup>3</sup>, where 1 g/cm<sup>3</sup> = 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

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**NOTES****1. Basis**

The values of viscosity given overleaf are based upon a value for the kinematic viscosity of distilled water at 20.00°C of 1.0034mm<sup>2</sup>/s. (Reference ISO3666 1998).

**2. Measurement of Kinematic Viscosity**

The kinematic viscosity of the PSL calibrated reference oils is determined using calibrated glass capillary viscometers. Temperatures are determined with calibrated reference thermometers. Descriptions of the use of viscometers and reference oils are to be found in the standard methods of test ISO 3104, ISO 3015, BS188, IP Method 71 and ASTM Method D445.

**3. Dynamic Viscosity**

The dynamic viscosity values given in this certificate have been calculated from the measured values of kinematic viscosity and density at the same temperature. Density measurements are made following the procedures outlined in IP189/190. Each density measurement recorded is the mean of the values obtained in two pycnometers.

The following relationship is used: **Dynamic Viscosity = Kinematic Viscosity multiplied by density**

**4. Measurement Uncertainty**Temperature range 20°C to 150°C

Kinematic Viscosity (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)	Uncertainty (%)
0.4 to 8.8	0.44
8.9 to 21	0.45
22 to 46	0.46
47 to 127	0.48
128 to 260	0.75
261 to 620	0.76
621 to 1130	0.77
1131 to 2560	0.79
2561 to 6850	0.86
6851 to 20450	0.86
20451 to 43450	0.86
43451 to 150000	0.95

Temperature range -40°C to 0°C

Kinematic Viscosity (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)	Uncertainty (%)
0.4 to 21	0.46
22 to 260	0.48
261 to 1130	0.76
1131 to 150000	0.95

Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Uncertainty (%)
0.65 to 0.93	0.070

The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2, providing a confidence of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with UKAS requirements. These values do not take into account any uncertainty in the widely adopted value of 1.0034 mm<sup>2</sup>/s for the kinematic viscosity of freshly distilled water at 20.00°C, although this is unlikely to exceed ±0.17% [ISO TR3666-1998].

**5. Storage Information**

Provided that the container is kept closed, in the dark until the day of use and not subjected to temperatures greater than 50°C or less than 5°C the stated viscosity values are expected to remain within the uncertainty bands until the expiry date shown on this certificate. The sample should not be filtered before use, nor should it be re-used.

**6. Usage and Handling Instructions**

The certified reference material will typically be used for the verification of the calibration of glass capillary viscometers (manual and automated) according to ISO3104, IP71 Section 1 and ASTM D445. They may also be used to provide kinematic viscosity values for flow cups and dynamic viscosity values for rotational viscometers, cone and plate or other viscometer types determining dynamic viscosity.

Once the container has been opened, the stated viscosity values are expected to remain within the uncertainty bands for up to three months, provided the material is not contaminated and that the three-month period does not extend beyond the expiry date stated on the certificate. The container must continue to be stored according to the previous storage information. Under no circumstances should decanted sample be poured back into the container – the stated viscosity values will no longer apply in this event.

**7. Temperature**

As the viscosity of a liquid is always strongly dependent upon temperature, very precise measurement and control of temperature is required to make full use of this calibrated reference oil.