

# Cetane index, density, aromatics, saturates, and hydrogen in jet fuel



Fast and straightforward determination  
by near-infrared spectroscopy

## A dedicated solution for quality control of jet fuel

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**Metrohm offers a turnkey solution for quality control of jet fuel by near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS). Based on a dedicated spectral database and a pre-calibration model, this solution enables manufacturers of jet fuel to reduce the cost of their daily routine analysis while improving the quality of their product.**

Jet fuel is a product frequently used in civil and military aviation. At the end of the production process, various quality parameters need to be determined to ensure that the product meets the standards for use in aviation. Those parameters include **Cetane Index (CI or CETI), American Petroleum Institute (API) gravity, aromatics, hydrogen and saturates content, density, flash and freeze point, viscosity and different boiling points (T10, T20, T50)**. These parameters are still often determined in the laboratory by time consuming chemical and physical analysis involving complex sample preparation and sometimes expensive equipment.

NIRS on the other hand requires neither chemicals nor sample preparation, it can even be used by non-chemists, and provides results in less than a minute. Furthermore, multiple chemical and physical parameters can be determined simultaneously with a single measurement. **The combined benefits of this technology make NIRS the ideal solution for a large number of daily QA/QC measurements or continuous process analysis in the petrochemical industry.**



### Easy-to-use

- Turnkey solution
- Measure at the push of a button
- No expertise required



### Fast

- No sample preparation
- Analysis results within one minute
- More than 15 minutes time saving compared to reference methods



### Cost minimizing

- No solvents, no reagents
- No waste disposal
- Instant results from first day



### Clean

- Non-destructive, chemical-free method
- Minimum of impact on health and environment

### Turnkey solution for jet fuel analysis

The Metrohm solution for jet fuel analysis comes with ready-to-use pre-calibration models for the determination of Cetane Index (CI or CETI), American Petroleum Institute gravity (API), aromatics, hydrogen and saturates content, density, flash and freeze point, viscosity or boiling points (T10, T20, T50). Thanks to these pre-calibrations, the Metrohm solution can be used as a starter model without any method development.



### Reliable results from day one

The robust pre-calibration model allows precise and accurate determination different physical and chemical quality parameters of jet fuel with excellent reproducibility. The performance of the pre-calibration can be improved even further, if a smaller calibration range is selected or if it is augmented with customer specific samples.

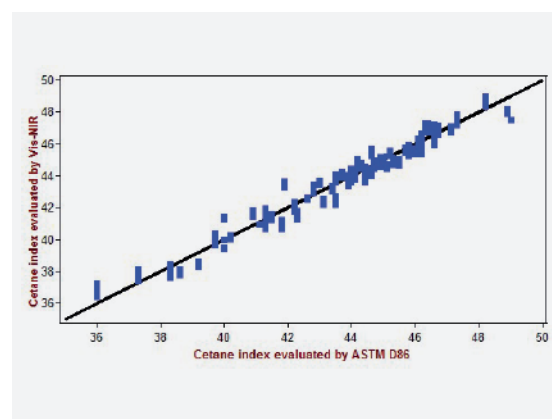
### Straightforward and intuitive operation

Metrohm instruments for Vis-NIR are controlled by Vision Air software. Vision Air provides two environments tailored to users' needs: **Vision Air Routine** enables secure daily operation by routine users, while **Vision Air Manager** allows experienced and authorized users to control data and perform instrument configurations. For daily quality control of jet fuel, measurements can be performed with two simple clicks.

### Customized service and support

Metrohm supports users by updating the default pre-calibration on demand with customer specific samples. This improves the performance of the method and/or extends it to new applications. Such updates are easily performed in the Vision Air Manager network mode. When using Vision Air Network, all instruments within a global customer network can be synchronized at the push of button. Customer specific calibrations can be easily developed for the determination of additional quality parameters of jet fuel, e.g. **water content, pour point, benzene content and others.**

Parameter	Range	SECV	R <sup>2</sup>
API gravity in °	38–48	0.56	0.931
Aromatics in %	10–25	1	0.851
Cetane index	36–50	1.1	0.871
T10 in °C	158–200	4.1	0.801
T20 in °C	165–205	3.1	0.880
T50 in °C	180–220	4.1	0.789
Density in g/cm <sup>3</sup>	0.78–0.83	0.003	0.936
Flash point in °C	38–65	4.3	0.620
Freeze point in °C	-65–(-40)	3.5	0.576
Hydrogen in %	13.2–14.2	0.05	0.934
Saturates in %	75–90	0.9	0.888
Viscosity at 20 °C in cSt	3–7	0.33	0.804



# Ordering information

## **6.6072.307 NIRS pre-calibration for jet fuel analysis**

### **Requires hardware**

2.921.1410 NIRS XDS RapidLiquid Analyzer

### **Comprised of:**

1.921.0010 NIRS XDS Monochromator  
1.921.0410 NIRS XDS RapidLiquid Module  
6.7400.000 NIRS XDS accessory kit  
8.921.8005EN Manual for NIRS XDS RapidLiquid Analyzer

### **Requires software**

6.607.2201 Vision Air 2.0

### **Optional software**

6.607.2204 Vision Air 2.0 Server  
6.607.2206 Vision Air 2.0 Network

### **Requires certified standards**

6.7450.040 NIRS transmission wavelength calibration standard

### **Optional certified standards**

6.7450.050 NIRS transmission standard, set of 6 (for the regulated environment)  
6.7450.060 NIRS transmission wavelength verification standard

### **Sampling accessories**

6.7402.000 NIRS disposable glass vials, 8 mm (250 pcs.)  
6.7403.000 NIRS XDS spacer for disposable glass vials, 8 mm

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