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carbonyls do not occur, as surface decomposition of methanol has been shown to occur at temperatures greater than 120 °C in exhaust from methanol-fueled engines.

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§ 1065.845 Response factor determination.

Since FID analyzers generally have an incomplete response to alcohols and carbonyls, determine each FID analyzer's alcohol/carbonyl response factor (such as RF_{MeOH}) after FID optimization. Formaldehyde response is assumed to be zero and does not need to be determined. Use the most recent alcohol/carbonyl response factors to compensate for alcohol/carbonyl response.

(a) Determine the alcohol/carbonyl response factors as follows:

(1) Select a C_3H_8 span gas that meets the specifications of §1065.750. Note that FID zero and span balance gases may be any combination of purified air or purified nitrogen that meets the specifications of §1065.750. We recommend FID analyzer zero and span gases that contain approximately the flow-weighted mean concentration of O_2 expected during testing. Record the C_3H_8 concentration of the gas.

(2) Select or prepare an alcohol/carbonyl calibration gas that meets the specifications of §1065.750 and has a concentration typical of the peak concentration expected at the hydrocarbon standard. Record the calibration concentration of the gas.

(3) Start and operate the FID analyzer according to the manufacturer's instructions.

(4) Confirm that the FID analyzer has been calibrated using C_3H_8 . Calibrate on a carbon number basis of one (C_1). For example, if you use a C_3H_8 span gas of concentration 200 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$, span the FID to respond with a value of 600 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$.

(5) Zero the FID. Note that FID zero and span balance gases may be any combination of purified air or purified nitrogen that meets the specifications of §1065.750. We recommend FID analyzer zero and span gases that contain approximately the flow-weighted mean concentration of O_2 expected during testing.

(6) Span the FID with the C_3H_8 span gas that you selected under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(7) Introduce at the inlet of the FID analyzer the alcohol/carbonyl calibration gas that you selected under paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(8) Allow time for the analyzer response to stabilize. Stabilization time may include time to purge the analyzer and to account for its response.

(9) While the analyzer measures the alcohol/carbonyl concentration, record 30 seconds of sampled data. Calculate the arithmetic mean of these values.

(10) Divide the mean measured concentration by the recorded span concentration of the alcohol/carbonyl calibration gas. The result is the FID analyzer's response factor for alcohol/carbonyl, RF_{MeOH} .

(b) Alcohol/carbonyl calibration gases must remain within $\pm 2\%$ of the labeled concentration. You must demonstrate the stability based on a quarterly measurement procedure with a precision of $\pm 2\%$ percent or another method that we approve. Your measurement procedure may incorporate multiple measurements. If the true concentration of the gas changes deviates by more than $\pm 2\%$, but less than $\pm 10\%$, the gas may be relabeled with the new concentration.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 73 FR 37343, June 30, 2008, §1065.845 was amended by revising the introductory text, effective July 7, 2008. For the convenience of the user, the revised text is set forth as follows:

§ 1065.845 Response factor determination.

Since FID analyzers generally have an incomplete response to alcohols and carbonyls, determine each FID analyzer's alcohol/carbonyl response factor (such as RF_{MeOH}) after FID optimization to subtract those responses from the FID reading. You are not required to determine the response factor for a compound unless you will subtract its response to compensate for a response. Formaldehyde response is assumed to be zero and does not need to be determined. Use the most recent alcohol/carbonyl response factors to compensate for alcohol/carbonyl response.

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§ 1065.850 Calculations.

Use the calculations specified in §1065.665 to determine THCE or NMHCE.