# TANAKA Automatic Petroleum Tester





MPC-102 series has been designed for automatic determination of Pour Point (PP) and Cloud **Point (CP)** with small specimen size and shorter test cycle time while securing better test precision than the conventional manual methods'. PP measurement is made utilizing a new ASTM test method, namely "Air Pressure Method"(\*1), which yields eventually no bias against the conventional test method, repeatability/reproducibility of 1°C/2°C and 2-3 times faster determinations. The epoch-making high accuracy justifies PP determination at 1°C intervals, which can help increasing the yields in the process. The CP/PP mode executes a CP determination and then PP determination consecutively, which further improves the test throughput in the lab. In addition to liquid-cooled model MPC-102L, air-cooled model MPC-102A is available. Multiple-tests versions with 6 test heads and 3 test heads are also available for higher volume tests.

\*1:ASTM D6749 on "Standard Test Method for Pour Point of Petroleum Products (Automatic Air Pressure Method)"

HIGH PRECISION POUR POINT DETERMINATION: The typical repeatability and reproducibility are 1°C and 2°C respectively, when PP is determined at 1°C intervals.(\*2) This high precision attributes to the patented Air Pressure method, in which the disturbance to the formation of wax crystal structure through the test process is kept at a minimal and consistent level.

\*2:Precision information is for general samples such as diesel fuels, base oils and finished lube oils.

POUR POINT AT 1°C TESTING INTERVALS: With this high precision, PP can be determined at 1°C intervals for more precise process control, and therefore a considerable savings in the process can be realized.

EASY AND QUICK PP/CP DETERMINATION: Just set up a sample, select a test mode and then press the START key. The sample is cooled at the steepest possible rate without affecting the formation/growth of wax crystal, which has been known to be a critical factor for PP/CP determination. The test cycle time is typically 1/3 to 1/2 of that of the conventional tilting method's.(\*3)

\*3:When a diesel fuel oil with PP of -32.5°C is tested, the Air Pressure method took 45 minutes while the conventional tilting method took 140 minutes. Note that the Japan Industrial Standard defines PP in 2.5°C increments

EASY SAMPLE HANDLING: Since the required sample volume is a mere 4.5mL and the sample cup is a test-tube type removable jar, the sample handling is extremely easy.

COMPACT DESIGN & ENERGY EFFICIENT: Use of Peltier Cells for sample cooling/heating made this "mini" tester not only compact in design but energy efficient. Depending on the temperature range, either air, tap water or small chiller with anti-freeze suffices the cooling requirement. No methanol is required.

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# Mini Pour/Cloud Point Tester, series MPC-102

#### SPECIFICATIONS:

#### TYPE:

Mini Pour Point(**PP**) and Cloud Point(**CP**) tester with sequential CP and PP measuring capability. Sample cooling and pre-heating by TED. **TEST STANDARDS:**ASTM D6749/D97, ISO 3016 (PP).

## ASTM D7683/D2500, ISO 3015 (CP)

SPECIMEN VOLUME: 4.5ml

### MEASURING RANGE: (typical\*)

1.MPC-102L(Liquid cooled model):

- +51°C to -40°C with tap water of 20°C
- +51°C to -65°C with cooling liquid of -35°C
- 2.MPC-102A(Air cooled model):
- +51°C to -30°C (in 25°C ambient)
- \*:Sample viscosity, etc. affects on lowest temperature of the measuring range.

#### **MEASUREMENT MODES:**

- Selectable from various modes.
- 1.CP mode (0.1 or 1.0 °C, selectable)
- 2.PP modes: Programmed by the user. Programmable parameters are:
- \*Amount of applied air pressure for PP detection, to accommodate different sample types: L(low) for diesel fuels, H(high) for lube oils, VH(very high) and UH (ultra high) for residual fuels and similar samples.
- \*Testing intervals: 1.0°C, 2.5°C, or 3.0°C
- (In total, 4x3=12 modes for PP.)
- 3.CP/PP modes: CP is determined and then PP. PP detection is programmable by the user with the same parameters as PP modes'. (12 modes in total.)

#### SAMPLE AUTOMATIC PRE-HEATING:

Automatic preheating at either +45°C or **EPP**+10°C. (EPP**=Expected Pour Point**)

### DISPLAY:

Test parameters, EPP, bath temperature, sample temperature, PP, and CP displayed on VFD. Temperatures displayed in 0.1°C increments.

#### EPP SETTING:

EPP(Expected Pour Point) needs to be set prior to test Starts.

### SPECIMEN CUP:

Cylindrical glass test jar with 4.5ml sample volume.

#### SENSORS:

Compound type sensor assembly for PP and CP. PP detected by air pressure method(patented). CP detected photo-electrically. PT100 temp. sensors.

# SAMPLE COOLING RATE:

As standard, 4°C/min. till EPP+40°C, and 1°C/min. thereafter. Cooling profile is programmable.

#### SAFETY SHUTDOWN:

As hot side of TED reaches 60°C while preheating, warning buzzer beeps and heating stops.

### DATA OUTPUT:

RS-232C 1 channel (for PC or Optional Printer)

#### DATA STRAGE

Last 50 test data are stored in RAM

#### POWER REQUIREMENTS:

100, 120, 220, or 240VAC 0.5kW

# DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT:

230mmWx480mmDx385mmH, 20kg

# ORDERING INFORMATION:

STANDARD ACCESSORIES:	
1.Specimen Cup with Reflex Seal	5 pcs
2.Spare Pressure Conducting Tube	1 pc
3. AC Power Cord, 3.0m ( <ac125v)< td=""><td></td></ac125v)<>	
or 2.5m (>AC200V)	1 pc
4.Connecting Cables(set of 2)	1 set
5.Hose and clamps(MPC-102L)	1 set
6.Dripping Plate(MPC-102L)	1 pc
7.Instruction manual	1 сору
OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:	

# Water Regulator with Pressure Gauge

(MPC-102L, for Connecting Tap Water)

- Chillers for -60°C of Measurement: (MPC-102L):
- TANAKA TCU-40B or Julabo FP40-MA(\*1)
- or Thermo AC150 A40(\*2)
- Printer, BS2-80TS (w/ AC Adapter and Connecting Cable) Built-in Clock Board

\*1: Made in Germany \*2: Made in USA

#### SUGGESTED SPARES:

1.Specimen Cup with Reflex Seal	20 pcs
2.Reflex Seal	30 pcs
3.Pressure Conducting Tube	5 pcs
4.O-Ring set (G-35 and P-8)	2 sets

Specifications subject to change without prior notice.

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