Multi-Purpose Low-Temperature Bath: The versatile Scanning Brookfield PlusTwo (SB+2) liquid bath offers a broad cooling range, both manual & automatic temperature control, a large viewing window, and five easily replaceable bath covers (Insert Modules) for analyzing lubricants and fluids meeting numerous low-temperature test methods.

History

The SB+2 bath was developed as an expansion of the first low-temperature scanning device developed by Savant Labs in the early 1980’s. The original bath was primarily used in the development of the viscosity-temperature scanning technique known as the Scanning Brookfield Technique (SBT™) per ASTM D5133 and D7110 for measuring low-temperature behavior of automotive lubricants. Over the years, the SB+2 applications expanded to include other ASTM methods. With its versatility and low-temperature range, it has become a widely used lab instrument within the industry.

Innovation

The two most recognized applications of the SB+2 are the Scanning Brookfield Technique™ (ASTM D5133, D7110) and the Low-Temperature Viscosity test (ASTM D2983), also known as the low-temperature Brookfield Viscosity Test. The SBT/ Gelation Index test is exclusive to Tannas Co. with the SB+2 and non-liquid SBT™ Direct Cool instruments.

For the D2983 test, the use of the patented SimAir™ Test Cell, developed by Tannas, allows the SB+2 to hold at a constant temperature during the 16-hour soak period while simulating the sample cooling profiles of an air bath. This provides greater adaptability, increased sample through-put and improved precision over air bath and programmable liquid baths.

Features

- Large viewing window for visual monitoring of sample conditions.
- Multi-purpose liquid bath for analyzing lubricants and fluids.
- Easily replaceable Insert Module for each test method.
- Programmable & Manual temperature controls.
- Meets numerous low-temperature test methods.
- Designed for use with patented SimAir® Test Cells for Brookfield D2983 testing.
- One of Tannas’ two exclusive instruments used to measure Low Temperature Pumpability and Gelation Index.
- Ideal for low-temperature work with fresh, sooted, or highly oxidized oils, ATFs, hydraulic fluids, and fuels.
The ASTM D445 test procedure determines the kinematic viscosity of liquid petroleum products, both transparent and opaque, by measuring the time for a volume of liquid to flow, under gravity, through a calibrated glass capillary viscometer tube. Multiplying the kinematic viscosity by the density of the liquid generates the dynamic viscosity.

Results obtained depend upon the sample behavior and apply primarily to Newtonian liquids that exhibit proportional shear stress and shear rates. The viscosity of many petroleum fuels is important for the estimation of optimum storage, handling, and operating conditions.

The KV Insert Module for the SB+2 holds up to four (4) KV Viscometer Tubes. The constant temperature liquid bath cools the test samples within the requirements and precision (±0.03°C) of the D445 test method.
Mini-Rotary Viscometer (MRV TP-1) Module - ASTM D4684

The ASTM D4684 method determines the yield stress and viscosity of fresh engine oils after a slow cooling profile period (exceeding 45 hours) through a temperature range where wax crystallization occurs. At the end of this period, a series of increasing low torques (weights) are applied to the rotor shafts until rotation occurs to determine the yield stress, if exhibited. Higher weight applications then determine the apparent viscosity of the samples at the final test temperature.

The MRV TP-1 Insert Module accommodates up to ten (10) test samples per run. Removable stators permit easy recovery of the sample and simple cleaning.

The SB+2 liquid bath provides highly reliable and accurate temperature ramping and control for D3829, D4684, D6821 (Drive Line) and D6896 (used oils) test methods.

Brookfield Viscosity Module - ASTM D2983

The D2983 test method includes the use of an appropriate Brookfield viscometer to determine the low-shear-rate viscosity of Automatic Transmission Fluids (ATFs), gear oils, torque and tractor fluids, and industrial and automotive hydraulic oils.

The ‘constant’ temperature SB+2 liquid bath, in combination with the SimAir™ Test Cell, cools the test sample within the requirements and precision of the D2983 test method. The mounted Viscometer easily attaches to the SimAir™ Spindle via a Quick Connector for viscosity measurements at the end of the designated soak time while the sample remains at temperature in the liquid bath. The D2983 Insert Module utilizes a removable sample carousel that holds up to eight (8) SimAir™ Stators.

The large viewing window allows the operator to properly align the Spindle immersion mark with the meniscus of the sample according to D2983 requirements.

SimAir™ Test Cell Innovation for ASTM D2983

The patented SimAir™ Test Cell offers simple, precise, and more efficient data acquisition for low-temperature D2983 testing. The SimAir™ Glass Stator design incorporates an insulating chamber between two glass walls to simulate the cooling influence of the original cold air cabinet and ASTM method.

The SimAir™ Test Cells are used exclusively in the ‘constant’ temperature Tannas SB+2 and King BLB Liquid Baths. Each Test Cell functions with its own independent cooling profile in the bath, and they can be added or removed at any time without affecting the other samples. This increases productivity, ease-of-use, and eliminates the need to run batch sample tests.

The patented SimAir™ Test Cells, held in the (8) position SB+2 Carousel, utilize a unique air-gap between the test sample and the liquid bath medium to simulate the original air bath method.
Parts & Accessories

Scanning Brookfield (D5133 & D7110) Components:
100898: SBT™ Viscometer Assembly (TAV-III)
100750: Tannas SBT2010 Automation Package
100030: SBT™ Rotor
100055: SBT™ Glass Stator
100031: Female Hook
100032: Male Hook
040013: LNP-5 Calibration Fluid (1.89 L)
030007: GIR-150, Gelation Index Reference Oil (0.94 L)

Additional Insert Modules:
100170: Brookfield Carousel Insert Assembly (ASTM D2983)
350400: MRV-TP1 Module Assembly (ASTM D4684)
100203: Low Temperature Kinematics Module (ASTM D445)
100202: Pour Point/Stable Pour Point (ASTM D97/FTM 203C)

Components & Accessories:
100235: Tannas D2983 SimAir® Test Cell Assembly
100236: SimAir® Glass Stator
100019: Brookfield LV-DV2T Viscometer
170033: Spindle Storage Block
170028: Test Cell Holding Rack
350190: Desiccant Assembly
550175: Desiccant Media
100863: Tannas Pre-Heater (110 V)
100856: Tannas Pre-Heater (220 V)
970137: Bath Lamp - LED
100015: RTD Assembly - 9”

Contact Tannas for additional spare parts, reference oils, and accessories to run the various SB+2 Insert Modules.

Instrument Specifications

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