

Table 4-24. Composition of Natural Gases Used for Viscosity

Measurements of Fig. 4-105

Natural Gas G		Natural Gas H		Natural Gas J	
Gas	Mole %	Gas	Mole %	Gas	Mole %
Methane...	73.5	Methane...	73.1	Methane...	95.6
Ethane....	25.7	Ethane....	6.1	Ethane....	3.6
Nitrogen...	0.6	Nitrogen...	15.8	Nitrogen...	0.3
Propane...	0.2	Propane...	3.4	Propane...	0.5
		Helium....	0.8		
		n-Butane...	0.6		
		Isobutane...	0.2		

SOURCE: Carr (4-105).

stituents plotted from the values correlated by the API (1-15). Hocott and Buckley (4-112) presented measurements of the viscosity of crude oils containing dissolved gases (Fig. 4-110). The analyses of the four saturated oils are given in Table 4-25. Sage and Lacey (4-125, 4-126, 4-128) and others (4-138a) have measured the viscosity of liquids under pressure.

Beal presented correlations of viscosity data on crude oils. Figure 4-111 is a plot of viscosity of gas-free crude oils against gravity, and Fig. 4-112 shows the influence of dissolved gas on viscosity. When pressure is increased on the reservoir oil into the undersaturated zone, Fig. 4-113 gives the increase in viscosity of the constant-composition liquid per 1,000 psia of pressure increase.

Sometimes viscosities of oils are given as Saybolt seconds at a given temperature. These viscosities are kinematic values and may be converted to centistokes using Table 4-26 (4-2). The kinematic viscosity in centistokes times the density in grams per cubic centimeter gives the viscosity in centipoises.

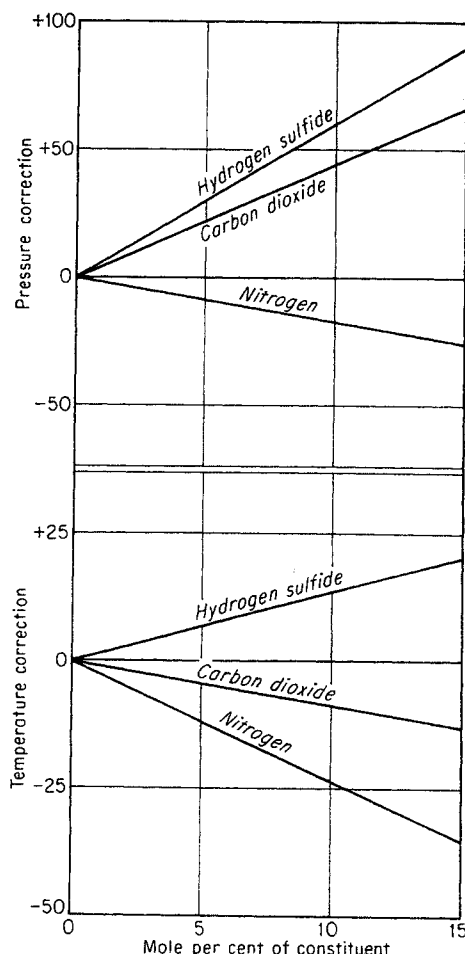

 Fig. 4-108. Corrections to pseudocritical conditions as read from Fig. 4-22, to be used when finding viscosity of gases containing N_2 , CO_2 , and H_2S .

Table 4-25. Hydrocarbon Analyses of Subsurface Oil Samples

Component	Viscosity curve D			Viscosity curve C			Viscosity curve B			Viscosity curve A		
	Wt %	Sp gr	Mol. wt	Wt %	Sp gr	Mol. wt	Wt %	Sp gr	Mol. wt	Wt %	Sp gr	Mol. wt
Methane.....	7.93	.....	...	1.50	.....	...	4.38	.....	...	0.83	.....	...
Ethane.....	1.65	.....	...	0.93	.....	...	1.05	.....	...	1.41	.....	...
Propane.....	1.80	.....	...	3.42	.....	...	0.35	.....	...	0.71	.....	...
Isobutane.....	0.84	.....	...	0.83	.....	...	0.11	.....	...	0.47	.....	...
n-Butane.....	1.42	.....	...	3.51	.....	...	.....	.....	...	0.92	.....	...
Isopentane.....	1.07	.....	...	1.40	.....	...	0.05	.....	...	1.17	.....	...
n-Pentane.....	1.23	.....	...	2.24	.....	...	.....	.....	...	0.28	.....	...
Hexanes.....	3.64	.....	...	4.02	.....	...	0.34	.....	...	1.64	.....	...
Heavier fraction.....	80.42	0.8076	147	82.15	0.8418	215	93.72	0.8974	250	92.57	0.8896	229
	100.00	.....	...	100.00	.....	...	100.00	.....	...	100.00	.....	...
	Viscosity oil at 0 psig, 158°F = 0.950 centipoise			Viscosity oil at 0 psig, 128°F = 1.84 centipoises			Viscosity oil at 0 psig, 164°F = 5.4 centipoises			Viscosity oil at 0 psig, 100°F = 8.25 centipoises		

SOURCE: Hocott and Buckley.