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## GENERAL INTEREST

- AR-5 Measure Viscosity at Pumping Velocity.** Accurate viscosity measurement is best made at the pumping station with a rotational viscometer operated at two different speeds on samples taken from both the suction and discharge sides of the pump. A. M. Shaw, Chemical Engineering, January 1950.
- AR-15A Viscometer Comparison Chart.** The chart compares viscosity measurements of Newtonian liquids when using flow cups, capillary tubes and rotational viscometers. This convenient reference tool relates various viscosity units to centipoise for Newtonian Fluids only.
- AR-15B Viscosity Conversion Guide.** Table shows correlation for viscosity readings taken with different flow cups (Zahn, Ford, Shell, ISO, DIN) to their equivalent centipoise values. Applies to Newtonian fluids.
- AR-15C Conversion Graph - Seconds Saybolt to Centipoise.** Graph shows the conversion of viscosity readings in Saybolt seconds to centipoise. Applies to Newtonian fluids.
- AR-20 The Structure of Hevea Latex and Its Viscosity.** **Hevea Latex**, which is comprised of rubber particles and a dispersed phase in aqueous serum known as "viscoids", exhibits significant viscosity change when treated with ammonia, sodium sulphite, formaldehyde or distilled water. G. R. Verhaar. Reprinted by permission of the Institution of the Rubber Industry.
- AR-28 Various methods for measuring paint viscosity are reviewed:** Moving Fluid - flow cups, capillary tubes; Moving Element - falling ball/cylinder; Rotating Element - rotational viscometer. Donald W. Brookfield, as presented at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Societies for Paint Technology, November 1960.
- AR-34 Thixotropy – Its Effects on Press Performance.** The reversible flow condition whereby an ink will flow under agitation and recover its original physical structure at rest, is best measured using a rotational viscometer. A. E. Price, Flexography, August 1963.
- AR-68 Rheology of Power Law Fluids.** Torque or shear stress data measured with a rotational viscometer can be related to spindle speed or shear rate using the power law relationship  $\tau = k\dot{\gamma}^n$ . William A. Hyman, I&EC Fundamentals, Vol. 15, 1976.
- AR-69 Rheograms for Power Law Fluids Using Coaxial Cylinder Viscometers and a Template Method.** Data from rotational viscometers with concentric cylinder spindle geometry can be easily modeled for shear thinning and shear thickening power law fluids. P. Haugen and M. A. Tung, Canada Inst. Food Sci. Technol. J. Vol. 9, No. 2, 1976.
- AR-70 Rheological Properties of Aerated Poultry Waste Slurries.** A rotational viscometer was used to measure the pseudo-plastic viscosity of aerated poultry waste slurries which is important in the proper design of pumping systems to handle these products. Y. R. Chen & A. G. Hashimoto, ASAE Vol. 19, No. 1. 1976.
- AR-71 Rheology of Livestock Waste Slurries.** A rotational viscometer was used to analyze the rheology of livestock waste slurries, which must be known in order to design efficient systems to pump, mix and aerate them. A. G. Hashimoto & Y. R. Chen, ASAE Vol. 19, No. 5, 1976.
- AR-72 Pipeline Transport of Livestock Waste Slurries.** A rotational viscometer was used to measure the viscosity of live stock waste slurries at various shear rates; these data were compared to those acquired by pumping the material through a piping system. Y. R. Chen & A. G. Hashimoto, ASAE Vol. 19, No. 5, 1976.
- AR-77 Approximate Rheological Characterization of Casson Fluids – Template Method for the Brookfield Synchro-Lectric Viscometer.** Nomograph method for analyzing Casson fluid data with square root graph paper is appropriate when computerized software is not available. Meyer R. Rosen and William W. Foster, JCT, Vol. 50, No 643, August 1978, pp. 39-48.
- AR-80 Viscosity Measurements of Non-Newtonian Slurry Suspensions Using Rotating Viscometers.** Slurry viscosities for various concentrations of calcium sulfate are measured with a rotational viscometer and analyzed using a shear thinning index method. Subhas K. Sikdar & Fernando Ore, I&EC Process Design & Development, Vol. 18, No. 4, 1979.

- AR-82 Simple Conversion of Brookfield RVT Readings Into Viscosity Functions.** Conversion factors are presented for converting viscosity data taken with the Brookfield RV torque range viscometer and standard RV spindles 1 through 7 into equivalent shear stress and shear rate data. P. Mitschka, *Rheologica Acta*, Vol. 21. pp. 207-209, 1982.
- AR-89 More Solutions to Sticky Problems.** This popular Brookfield publication explains how to make viscosity measurements, determine appropriate equipment choices, and interpret data.
- AR-100 A Look at Viscometry.** Terms used in making viscosity measurements - "absolute, kinematic, apparent" - are defined and types of flow - "Newtonian, non-Newtonian" - are explained. Considerations for improving the reliability and precision of viscosity measurements are offered. David W. Howard, Brookfield Eng. Labs., Inc.; *Food Technology*, July 1991.
- AR-104 Viscosity and Thermal Conductivity of Black Liquor.** This method for measuring viscosity involves applying a thin film of silicone oil to prevent evaporation and skin formation on the surface of black liquor contained in a chamber. P. Ramamurthy, A. R. P. van Heiningen, and G. Kubes, originally published: *Tappi Journal*, November 1993.
- AR-111 Beyond Single-Point Viscosity Measurement.** The non-Newtonian behavior of most fluids requires QC tests which involve multiple rotational speeds or shear rates in order to properly understand flow behavior. David A. Brookfield, *American Laboratory News*, March 1999.
- AR-113 Window of Opportunity for Automated Viscosity Analysis in Quality Control.** Computerized data analysis enables QC departments to make automated viscosity tests by measuring flow behavior at multiple rotational speeds. Robert G. McGregor, *American Laboratory News*, July 1999.
- AR-117 Texture Testing Protocols Transfer into the Commercial Environment.** Textural parameters including cohesiveness, springiness and hardness are defined and explained pertaining to breadcrumb quality. Jon Hellyer, *European Food Scientist*, December 2002.
- AR-118 Yield Testing to Ensure Product Consistency.** Yield stress determination using the Brookfield YR-1 Rheometer with vane spindles is described. Test data for paints, salsas and hair gels are presented. David J. Moonay, *American Laboratory News*, June 2003

- AR-122 Gelatin Testing - A Starting Point for Food Texture Analysis.** The well-established Bloom Test is described in detail for assessing the textural properties of gelatin. Industria Alimenticia, Jon Hellyer and Robert G. McGregor (Available in English and Spanish), October, 2003.
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- AR-127 Viscoelastic Property Determination — A New Application for Brookfield Viscometers.** The Brookfield YR-1 Rheometer produces viscoelastic properties of materials. D. Tanjore and C.R. Daubert, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, 2005.

**Related ASTM Test Methods** (see page 17 for description)  
D1417, D1986\*, D2196

## ADHESIVES

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D1084, D1337\*, D1338\*, D2556, D3236, D4800\*

## ASPHALT

- AR-4 Flow Properties of Asphalt Emulsions.** Asphalt emulsions exhibit power law behavior when tested for viscosity vs. shear rate; rheological properties depend primarily on asphalt content, particle size/distribution of the dispersed asphalt and surface condition of the asphalt particle. D. V. Lyttelton and R. N. Traxler, *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, November 1948.

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- AR-35 Measurement of Viscosity of Biological Fluids by Cone Plate Viscometer.** Method for rapid analysis of small fluid samples, such as blood and mucus which both exhibit pseudoplastic (shear thinning) behavior. R. E. Wells, R. Denton, E. W. Merrill, *The Journal of Laboratory and Clinical Medicine*, 1961.
- AR-37 Disturbance of the Flow Properties of Blood and Its Counteraction in Surgery.** A Brookfield Viscometer with Small Sample Adapter is used to characterize whole blood viscosity, which increases markedly at low shear rates in samples taken after severe tissue injury. Lars-Erik Gelin, *Acta Chirurgica Scandinavica*, 1961.
- AR-60 Viscosity of Exocrine Secretions in Cystic Fibrosis: Sweat, Duodenal Fluid and Submaxillary Saliva.** A rotational viscometer measures the viscosities of sweat, saliva and duodenal fluid from patients with cystic fibrosis and compares these to normal subjects and to patients with gastrointestinal symptoms. Martin I. Lorin, Carolyn R. Denning and Irwin D. Mandel, *The Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, Biorheology*, 1972 Volume 9, pp. 27-32, Pergamon Press, Printed in Great Britain.
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- AR-63 Fluid Drop-Like Behavior of Erythrocytes — Disturbance in Pathology and its Quantification.** A Wells-Brookfield cone plate viscometer was used to show rheological differences between healthy and diseased blood types such as sickle-cell anemia. H. Schmid-Schonbein, R. E. Wells and J. Goldstone, Department of Physiology, University of Munich, Germany, and Department of Medicine, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
- AR-64 Hyperviscosity Syndrome in Multiple Myeloma. A Reversible, Concentration-Dependent Aggregation of the Myeloma Protein.** A Wells-Brookfield cone plate viscometer was used to show rheological differences between healthy blood and diseased blood; the latter was obtained from a patient with multiple myeloma. Herbert Lindsley, M.D., David Teller, Ph.D., Bruce Noonan, M.D., Michael Peterson, M.D., Mart Mannik, M.D., Seattle, Washington, *The American Journal of Medicine*, Volume 54, May 1973.
- AR-74 Apparent Viscosity of Materials Used for Making Edentulous Impressions.** A Brookfield Viscometer was used with a T-bar spindle to show differences between the rheologies of four different materials used in making dental impressions/molds. A. Koran, J. M. Powers, R. G. Graig, *JADA*, Vol. 95, July 1977.
- AR-75 Necrotizing Enterocolitis and Hyperviscosity in the Newborn Infant.** A Wells-Brookfield cone plate viscometer was used to determine the rheology of blood from infants suffering from necrotizing enterocolitis with high blood viscosity. D. O. Hakanson and W. Oh, *The Journal of Pediatrics*, Vol. 90, No. 3, March 1977.
- AR-90 The Influence of Particle Shape and Rigidity on the Viscosity of a Dispersed Suspension.** A Wells-Brookfield cone plate viscometer was used to determine the rheology of blood solutions having different ionic concentrations or osmolarity. R. L. Whitmore, First National Conference on Rheology-Melbourne, May 30-June 1, 1979.
- AR-102 Determination of Total Protein Concentration and Viscosity of Synovial Fluid from the Tibiotarsal Joints of Horses.** A Wells-Brookfield Cone Plate Viscometer was used to determine the shear-thinning rheology of horse synovial fluid. Nancy L. Korenek, DVM, Frank M. Andrews, DVM, MS, Jeanne M. Maddux DVM, PhD., William L. Sanders, PhD., David L. Faulk, BS, *American J. Vet Research*, Volume 53, No. 5, May 1992.
- AR-103 Viscosity and Rheologic Properties of Blood from Clinically Normal Horses.** A Wells-Brookfield Cone Plate Viscometer was used to show that horse bloods are shear-thinning and that the viscosity at a given shear rate increases with increasing protein concentration. Frank M. Andrews, DVM, MS, Nancy L. Korenek, DVM, William L. Sanders, PhD., Robert L. Hamlin, DVM, PhD., *American J. Vet Research*, Volume 53, No. 6, June 1992.

**AR-109 Viscosity Measurements of Barium Sulfate Mixtures for Use in Motility Studies of the Pharynx and Esophagus.** A Brookfield Viscometer evaluated standard commercial mixes of BaSO<sub>4</sub> suspensions, showing strong shear thinning behavior at shear rates below 3 sec<sup>-1</sup>. Meijing Li, James G. Brasseur, Mark K. Kern and Wylie J. Dodds, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, and Departments of Medicine, Radiology, and Surgery, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

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- AR-8 Control Methods for the Consistency of One-Fire Glazes.** Various methods for measuring viscosity of one-fire glazes are presented as a means for checking consistency. The Brookfield rotational viscometer and Mariott tube are discussed. H. R. Pinnow and B. W. Merwin, Ceramic Bulletin, Vol. 31, No. 9, 1952.
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- AR-22 Determination of the Fineness and Consistency of Ceramic Glazes.** Particle size and rotational viscosity data are correlated to milling time, pick-up, consistency, and effect of electrolyte. Morrison, Draker and Carter, American Ceramic Society Bulletin. April, 1954.

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- AR-51 Viscometers for Thick Films.** A Brookfield Viscometer with cylindrical spindle analyzes the viscosity of thick film inks. R. P. Anjard, Electronic Packaging and Production, December 1971.
- AR-73 Analyzing Thick Film Inks.** Viscosity measurements with a Wells-Brookfield cone/plate viscometer give a good indication of ink screenability. Phillip Creter, Circuits Manufacturing, September 1976.

**AR-105 IPC Test Method for Solder Paste Viscosity-Spiral Pump Method.** Test procedure describes use of Brookfield Spiral Adapter to measure solder paste viscosity. Institute for Interconnecting and Packaging Electronic Circuits. IPC-TM-650 Test Methods manual. Sections. 2.4.34.1, 2.4.34.2 and 2.4.34.3.

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- AR-50 Control of Viscosity and Emulsion Stability in Foods Using Modified Micro Crystalline Cellulose.** A Brookfield Viscometer was used to measure viscosities of various emulsified foods. Richard D. McCormick, Food Product Development, June-July 1970.
- AR-53 Rheological Properties of Single-Cell Protein Concentrate: Dope Formation and Its Flow Behavior.** A Brookfield Viscometer was used with cylindrical spindles and UL Adapter to compare the rheological properties of Torula Yeast Protein Extracts in water at 60°C. Frank Huang and C. K. Rha, University of Massachusetts, Journal of Food Science. Volume 36, 1971.
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- AR-79 A Quick, Reliable Method for Measuring Yield Value, Plastic Viscosity and “Mac Michael” Viscosity of Chocolate.** Groundbreaking article describes a new technique using the Brookfield HA torque range viscometer with Small Sample Adapter for measuring the yield value and plastic viscosity of chocolate. J. W. Robbins, *The Manufacturing Confectioner*, May 1979.
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- AR-106 Controlling Viscosity in Dressings and Sauces.** The viscosity of dressings, sauces, and gravies significantly affects both the texture and mouth feel of the product and its processing. Scott Hegenbart, *Food Product Design*, Sept. 1995.
- AR-109 Viscosity Measurements of Barium Sulfate Mixtures for Use in Motility Studies of the Pharynx and Esophagus.** The non-Newtonian behavior of barium sulphate plus strawberry syrup mixtures is characterized using a Brookfield Viscometer with LV cylindrical spindles and a UL Adapter. Meijing Li, James G. Brasseur, Mark Kern and Wylie J. Dodds (1992).
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- AR-120 Quality Testing with Instrumental Texture Analysis in Food Manufacturing.** A description of a flexible texture analysis system which objectively assesses core attributes of food products. Jon Hellyer, *LabPlus International*, September 2004.

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## HIGH TEMPERATURE

**AR-27 Improved Apparatus for Rapid Measurement of Viscosity of Glass at High Temperatures.** A custom designed platinum alloy spindle is used with a Brookfield Viscometer to measure molten glass viscosities from 6.5 to 13,000 Poise. Ralph L. Tiede, as presented at the Sixty-First Annual Meeting, *The American Ceramic Society*, 1959.

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**AR-56 Titanium Bearing Ore and Blast Furnace Slag Viscosity.** TiO<sub>2</sub> additions to industrial blast furnace slag cause a decrease in the slag viscosity. G. Handfield, G. G. Charette, and H. Y. Lee, *Journal of Metals*, September 1972.

**AR-58 Viscosity of Industrial Titania Slags.** Completely molten high concentration TiO<sub>2</sub> slags are very fluid melts characterized by high crystallization. G. Handfield, G. G. Charette, and H. Y. Lee. March 1971.

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- AR-87 Evaluation of Frac Fluid Stability Using a Heated, Pressurized Flow Loop.** Tests showed that cross-linked frac fluids degrade with temperature and shear, losing much of their viscosity and proppant-carrying capacity in a few hours. J. A. Lescarbourea et. al, SPE 10962, September 26-29, 1982.
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- AR-119 Viscosity and Petroleum Products.** Various methods to test petroleum viscosity are described, including flow cups, capillary tubes and rotational viscometers. Viscosity vs. temperature profiling is also discussed. Robert G. McGregor, Brookfield Engineering Laboratories, Inc.
- AR-125 Determining the Low Temperature Properties of Grease with a Brookfield Viscometer.** Ten different greases are evaluated for viscosity behavior at low temperature (-40°C) using a DV-III Rheometer with Helipath Stand and T-bar spindles. Paul A. Bessette, Technical Director, Engineered Custom Lubricants,

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## PAINTS, INKS &amp; COATINGS

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- AR-25 Thixotropic Properties of Paints.** With thixotropic paints, viscosity diminishes with agitation and increases again upon standing. Desirable thixotropic behavior enables good leveling. Dr. J. Rinse, Paint and Varnish Production, July 1958.
- AR-28 Measurement of Rheological Properties.** Various methods for measuring paint viscosity are reviewed: Moving Fluid - flow cups, capillary tubes; Moving Element - falling ball/cylinder; Rotating Element - rotational viscometer. Donald W. Brookfield, as presented at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Societies for Paint Technology, November 1960.
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- AR-43 A New Method for the Viscosity Measurement of Paint in the Settling, Sagging, Leveling and Penetration Shear Rate Range of .001 to 1.0 Reciprocal Seconds Using a Cone/Plate Spring Relaxation Technique.** A relatively inexpensive and routine method for developing precise shear stress, shear rate and viscosity data in the ultra-low shear rate region is presented. Temple C. Patton, Journal of Paint Technology, November 1966.
- AR-47 Measurement of Rheology of Thixotropic Organic Coatings and Resins with the Brookfield Viscometer.** A method for measuring the viscosity of pseudoplastic and thixotropic coatings is described for development & quality control laboratories. Percy E. Pierce, Journal of Paint Technology, June 1971.

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**AR-59 Viscosity Profiles of Solvent Based Paints: Their Measurement and Interpretation.** Single data point viscosity measurements are proven meaningless in determining rheological and application properties of paint. Arthur Ehrlich, Temple C. Patton and Armando Franco, *Journal of Paint Technology*, Volume 45, No. 576, January 1973.

**AR-76 Instrumental Techniques for the Rheological Control of Coatings.** Low shear rate measurement of paint viscosity predicts settling tendencies of pigment during storage. E. H. Erenrich and R. E. Van Doren, *Australian OCCA Proceedings and News*, November 1977.

**AR-84 Brookfield Viscometers for Determination of Low-Shear Viscosity and Leveling Behavior.** A stress relaxation technique for use with Brookfield Viscometers with standard spindles and coaxial cylinder geometry allows measurements in the 0.001 to 1.0 sec<sup>-1</sup> shear rate range. Ronald E. Smith, *JCT*, Vol. 54, No. 694, pp. 21-29, November 1982.

**AR-85 Rheology Control of High-Solids Coatings.** Viscosity measurements of liquid coatings are correlated with finished product appearance (sag, settling, gloss). D. Miller, W. Moll, V. Taylor, *Modern Paint and Coatings*, April 1983.

**AR-88 Selecting Solvents for High-Solids Coatings.** Various solvent/coating relationships are examined through viscosity measurement vs. solids content, resistivity, and surface tension. Garland P. Sprinkle, Jr., *Modern Paint and Coatings*, April 1983.

**AR-94 Control of Foaming in Water-Born Coatings.** Bulk viscosity is shown to be the strongest single factor controlling foaming. P. Kuschner, R. Eley, F. L. Floyd, *JCT*, Vol. 59, No. 744, January 1987.

**AR-107 Ink Monitor Safeguards Against Color Shifts.** Regulation of print color is accomplished through viscosity and pH measurement and control. Lynanne Feilen, *Converting Magazine*, July 1995.

**AR-112 The Importance of Viscosity Control in Pleasing Print Buyers.** Viscosity control on multi-station printing presses will help control final print color. Steve Litschig, *Converting Magazine*, July 1999.

**AR-121 Quick, Easy, Accurate, Meaningful: What a Viscosity Measurement Should Be.** Summarizes the viscosity test methods used by industry and provides information on a proposed two-point test method. Diane M. Beltran, *Paints & Coatings*, August 2005.

**Related ASTM Test Methods** (see page 17 for description)  
D115, D562, D803\*, D1076, D1824, D2243\*, D2336\*, D2669, D3716, D3730\*, D3794\*, D3806\*, D4016, D4143\*, D4212\*, D4368\*, D4400\*, D4712\*, D5146\*, D5324\*, D5400\*, D6083\*, D6577\*

## PAPER COATINGS

**AR-38 Some Factors That Influence the Viscosity of Paper Coating Compositions.** The effects of particle composition of the pigment, chemical treatment and mixing intensity are evaluated with respect to the viscosity of the coating. N. Millman, *TAPPI*, November 1964.

**AR-66 The Relationship Between Degree of Clay Dispersion and the Optical and Pore Properties of Starch-Clay Coatings.** Viscosity change of starch-clay coatings when treated with different amounts of tetrasodium pyrophosphate (TSPP) is examined experimentally. Chinu S. Dalal and James E. Kline, *TAPPI*, Volume 57, No. 5, May 1974.

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**AR-42 Adaptation to Commercial Viscometers for Special**



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D1439, D2364

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**AR-19 Quality Control and Application Tests for Plastics.** The Brookfield Viscometer is recommended for testing raw materials for plastics. Arnold C. Wasser, *Products Finishing*, October 1955.

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C1276, D789, D3468, D4878\*, D4889

## PROCESS CONTROL

**AR-87 Evaluation of Frac Fluid Stability Using a Heated, Pressurized Flow Loop (TT-100 Process Viscometer)** Flow loop is used to evaluate rheological properties of frac fluids as a function of time and temperature to simulate actual use conditions. J. A. Lescarboursa et. al, *SPE* 10962, September 26-29, 1982.

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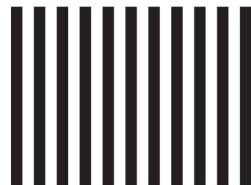
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