

## Sample Test Procedure and Daily Operation of Ravenfield BS/C+ HTHS Viscometers

## **Instructions**

- 1. Turn on the vacuum pump.
- 2. Clean the measurement chamber and funnel with cleaning solvent while hand-turning the rotor.
- 3. Extract the cleaning solvent via the funnel using the vacuum pump.
- 4. Add one funnel full of fresh oil (RL232 or similar).
- 5. Turn on the heating bath.
- 6. Wait until instrument has reached operating temperature.
- 7. Lower rotor onto ball stop using side handle.
- 8. Check that the rotor turns freely.

## **Sample Test Procedure**

- 1. From the Main Menu select B: Measure.
- 2. If required, select A: Ref for Table and enter the oil ID.
- 3. Select C: Continue to Test.
- 4. Allow the instrument to make one measurement of the oil.
- 5. Make a repeat measurement by selecting D: Repeat and add one funnel full of the same oil.
- 6. When the two measurements on the screen agree within 1% select them and record the viscosity value.
- 7. Select E: Next Oil.
- 8. If the result for RL232 is outside the stated limits, the operator needs to conduct a fresh calibration with all six Newtonian oils as detailed in the calibration guide. If the results are within stated limits then continue with step 9.
- 9. Repeat steps 3 through 8 until all sample oils are tested.
- 10. To conform to ASTM D4741 test method, RL232 should be tested after every four unknown oils.

## **Close Down Procedure**

After testing all desired oils, proceed with the close down procedure.

- 1. Select E: Next Oil.
- 2. Select B: Ramp Motor Off. The motor then turns off and the rotor stops turning.
- 3. Raise the rotor by turning the side handle.
- 4. Turn off the heating bath.

