

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude assayed

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Here is an assay of West Texas Intermediate, one of the world's market crudes. The price of this crude, known as WTI, is followed by market analysts, investors, traders, and industry managers around the world.

WTI price is used as a benchmark for pricing all other U.S. crude oils. The 41° API, 0.34 wt % sulfur crude is gathered in West Texas and moved to Cushing, Okla., for distribution.

The WTI posted price is the price paid for the crude at the wellhead in West Texas and is the true benchmark on which other U.S. crudes are priced. The spot price is the negotiated price for short-term trades of the crude. And the New York Mercantile Exchange, or Nymex, price is a futures price for barrels delivered at Cushing.

West Texas Intermediate

Cushing, Okla.

Whole crude

Gravity, °API: 40.8
Specific gravity @ 60/60 F.: 0.8212
Sulfur, wt %: 0.34
Vis., cSt @ 60° F.: 5.24
Neut. no., mg/g: 0.10
Nitrogen, wt %: 0.08
Pour pt., °F.: -20

Light ends

C₁-C₅, wt %: 4.35

Range, °F.: 68-347

Yield, vol %: 32.39
RON, clear: 56.4*
Sulfur, wt %: 0.0314

Range, °F.: 347-563

Yield, vol %: 23.50
Specific gravity @ 60/60: 0.8201
Sulfur, wt %: 0.110

Aniline pt., °F.: 150.5
Vis., cSt @ 100° F.: 1.87
Freeze pt., °F.: -25
Pour pt., °F.: -33
Smoke pt., mm: 22.1

Range, °F.: 563-650

Yield, vol %: 8.10
Specific gravity @ 60/60: 0.8529
Sulfur, wt %: 0.289
Aniline pt., °F.: 176.9
Vis., cSt @ 100° F.: 6.21
Freeze pt., °F.: 38*
Pour pt., °F.: 30

Range, °F.: 650-1,049

Yield, vol %: 24.30
Specific gravity @ 60/60: 0.8960
Sulfur, wt %: 0.445
Nitrogen, wt %: 0.105
V/Ni, ppm: 0.04*/0.09*

Range, °F.: 650-1,500

Yield, vol %: 33.30
Specific gravity @ 60/60: 0.9153
Sulfur, wt %: 0.72
Vis., cSt @ 140° F.: 56.8
Pour pt., °F.: 78
V/Ni, ppm: 4.3/4.3
Fe, ppm: 20.2

Range, °F.: 761-1,500

Yield, vol %: 25.30
Specific gravity @ 60/60: 0.9268
Penetration @ 25° C., mm: >2,000†
Vis., cSt @ 212° F.: 26.70

Range, °F.: 878-1,500

Yield, vol %: 17.95
Specific gravity @ 60/60: 0.9403
Penetration @ 25° C., mm: >2,000†
Vis., cSt @ 212° F.: 58.7

Range, °F.: 1,049-1,500

Yield, vol %: 9.00
Specific gravity @ 60/60: 0.9672
Penetration @ 25° C., mm: 1,035.5†
Vis., cSt @ 212° F.: 360.3

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