

# King KV Bath

## Kinematic Viscosity Bath

**ASTM D445, D2170, and related test methods**

### Principle

**Kinematic Viscosity:** The ratio of the dynamic viscosity to the density of a material at the same temperature and pressure. Determining the kinematic viscosity of bitumens and liquid petroleum products, both transparent and opaque, occurs by measuring the time for a volume of liquid to flow under gravity through a calibrated glass capillary viscometer tube, expressed in SI units of mm<sup>2</sup>/s or CentiStokes (cSt). Results obtained depend upon the behavior of the sample and apply to primarily Newtonian liquids that exhibit proportional shear stress and shear rates. The procedure also covers residual fuel oils, which under some conditions exhibit non-Newtonian flow behavior.

### History

By using gravity as the driving force, capillary viscometers generate kinematic viscosity values based on the relation between viscosity and time. Because of the availability and reliability of gravity, this principle is widely established in many standardized practices. Originally approved in the 1930's, the D445 method measures the kinematic viscosity of petroleum, fuel, and non-petroleum products.

The reliable King KV Bath models measure low, ambient, or high-temperature viscosity of fluids and lubricants over a wide temperature range. Available King models include two low-temperature baths (KV801 & KV802) and one high-temperature bath (KV803). These standard *manual*/KV Baths offer self-contained refrigeration systems and accommodate four (4) KV Tubes for low-temperature and six (6) for high-temperature testing.

### Features

- Digital microprocessor temperature control for accurate, easy-to-read bath temperature.
- Precise temperature control and stability & a wide range of bath temperature choices.
- Built-in safety features for over temperature and low liquid level conditions.
- Completely self-contained – no additional heating or cooling units needed.
- Large illuminated viewing window.
- Worldwide electrical compatibility.



### ASTM D445

Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids

### ASTM D2170

Kinematic Viscosity of Asphalts

*Additional International Specifications:*

**IP 71**  
**IP 319**  
**ISO 3105**  
**DIN 51550**  
**JIS K2283**

Required test for :

- SAE J300 Viscosity Classification
- ILSAC GF series & dexos™ Specifications
- API 'SL', 'SM' and 'SN' categories for modern engine oils.
- ASTM D4485, D6074, D6158



### KV801 & KV802 Models:

- Hermetic refrigeration system with low vibration fans for quiet operation.
- Air-cooled refrigeration with non-CFC refrigerants - ozone friendly and readily available.

King Kinematic Viscosity Baths offer a wide range of temperature choices:

**KV801 Model:** +30°C to -40°C (86°F to -40°F)  
**KV802 Model:** +30°C to -70°C (86°F to -94°F)  
**KV803 Model:** +40°C to 150°C (104°F to 302°F)

## Parts & Accessories

- 250856: Viscometer Holders, Routine
- 260026: KV Cross Arm Insert, Rectangular Assembly (4 position)
- 260075: KV Ubbelohde Assembly (4 position)
- 350190: Desiccant Assembly
- 550175: Desiccant Media (0.45 kg)



The King KV803 offers a high-temperature bath for measuring kinematic viscosity from 40°C to 150°C.

## Instrument Specifications

<b>Dimensions</b> (W x D x H)	Benchtop: 42 x 53 x 66 cm (16.5 x 21 x 26 inches)
<b>Weight</b>	~ 68 kg   (150 lbs.)
<b>Voltage</b>	208 to 220 VAC, 10 Amp. (KV801 & 802) 115 VAC, 16 Amp. or 220 VAC, 8 Amp. (KV803)
<b>Frequency</b>	50/60 Hz., Single-Phase
<b>Cooling Capacity</b>	600 Watts at 0°C   300 Watts at -40°C   100 Watts at -70°C
<b>Heating Capacity</b>	1500 Watts (KV803 model only)
<b>Temperature Sensor</b>	Stainless steel thermistor and RTD (KV803 model only)
<b>Temperature Range</b>	<b>KV801:</b> +30°C to -40°C (86°F to -40°F) <b>KV802:</b> +30°C to -70°C (86°F to -94°F) <b>KV803:</b> +40°C to 150°C (104°F to 302°F)
<b>Temperature Control</b>	<b>KV801 &amp; KV802:</b> ± 0.1°C Digital   ± 0.01°C Analog <b>KV803:</b> ± 0.1°C Digital   ± 0.02°C Analog
<b>Cooling Rate</b>	<b>KV801:</b> 20°C/ hour average <b>KV802:</b> 30°C/ hour average
<b>Refrigerant</b>	R410A (KV 801)   R507 HFC / R508B (KV 802)
<b>Compressor</b>	1/3 horsepower (KV801 & KV802)
<b>Viewing Window</b>	~ 41 x 23 cm   16 x 9 inches
<b>Testing Capacity</b>	Four (4) samples (KV801 & KV802)   Six (6) samples (KV803)
<b>Bath Size</b>	~ 11.5 liters (3 gallons)
<b>Cabinet Material</b>	Powder Coated Aluminum
<b>Safety</b>	High pressure cutout (KV801 & KV802 models only) Low Level Indicator & Very Low Level Safety Shutdown High temperature limit
<b>Shipping Weight</b>	~ 122 - 136 kg   (270 - 300 lbs.)
<b>Shipping Dimensions</b> (W x D x H)	81 x 76 x 104 cm (32 x 30 x 41 inches)

## Additional KING REFRIGERATION Precision Laboratory Instruments



### Brookfield Liquid Bath (BLB)

- ASTM D2983 | IP 267 | DIN 51398
- Innovative SimAir® Test Cells
- Models: BLB701, BLB702, BLB-DIN



### Mini-Rotary Viscometer (MRV TP-1)

- ASTM D3829, D4684, D6821
- Determines borderline pumping temperatures
- Direct Refrigeration Technology



### Cloud & Pour Point (CP610)

- ASTM D97, D2500, D5853 | IP 15, 219, 441
- ISO 3015, 3016 | DIN 51597 | JIS K2269
- Low temperature liquid bath