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To illustrate the influence of surface process "path" on ultimate stock-tank oil volume, one can consider an example using an initial volume of 100 barrels of reservoir fluid at the initial reservoir conditions (11850 psia and 243 °F). The stock tank oil volumes in this example are EOS calculated values for an average for the four fluids. The resulting stock-tank barrels of oil associated with each process is as follows:

1. Single Stage Flash: 43.3 barrels

2. Oceanic Separator (Texit = 210°): 46.7 barrels

3. Oceanic Separator (Texit = 130°): 48.0 barrels

4. 4-Stage Separator: 47.9 barrels

As seen above with the oceanic process, the volume of stock-tank oil depends on the assumed temperature of the fluid at its exit point on the seabed ("Texit").