



Standard Specification for 2-Ethylhexanol¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers regular and monomer grade 2-ethylhexanol.

1.2 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet for materials listed in this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 2119 Test Method for Aldehydes in Styrene Monomer²
- D 4052 Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter³
- D 5008 Test Method for Ethyl Methyl Pentanol Content and Purity Value of 2-Ethylhexanol by Gas Chromatography²
- E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals⁴
- E 852 Test Methods for C₄-C₁₃ Plasticizer Grade Alcohols⁴

2.2 U.S. Federal Specifications:

- PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry and Paste: Packaging of⁵

3. Properties

3.1 The physical and chemical properties of 2-ethylhexanol shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 1.

4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice E 300.

5. Test Methods:

5.1 The properties enumerated in this specification shall be

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.04.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.02.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.05.

⁵ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, ATTN: NPODS.

TABLE 1 Physical and Chemical Properties of 2-Ethylhexanol

Grade	Monomer Grade	Regular
Acidity (free acid as acetic acid, max, weight %)	0.01 ^A	0.01 ^A
Apparent specific gravity 20/20°C	0.8325 to 0.8345	0.8325 to 0.8345
25/25°C	0.8298 to 0.8318	0.8298 to 0.8318
Assay, weight %, min	99.6	99.0
Color, Pt-Co scale, max	5	5
Carbonyl (as 2-ethylhexanal), max, weight %	0.06	0.1
Ethyl methyl pentanol, max, weight %	0.4	0.5
Sulfuric acid color, Pt-Co scale, max	20	30
Water, max, weight %	0.10	0.10

^A Equivalent to 0.093 mg of KOH per gram of sample.

determined in accordance with the following ASTM methods:

5.1.1 *Acidity*—Test Methods E 852.

5.1.2 *Apparent Specific Gravity*—Test Methods E 852 or Test Method D 4052.

5.1.3 *Assay*—Test Method D 5008.

5.1.4 *Color*—Test Methods E 852.

5.1.5 *Carbonyl*—Test Method D 2119. Calculate the percent aldehyde as 2-ethylhexanal in Reagent Section 6 by using 0.128 in place of 0.106. "C" is the density of specimen used.

5.1.6 *Ethyl Methyl Pentanol*—Test Method D 5008.

5.1.7 *Sulfuric Acid Color*—Test Methods E 852.

5.1.8 *Water*—Test Methods E 852.

NOTE 1—The following distillation properties are given for information only and are not part of the specification. The initial boiling point is 102 °C at 760 mm Hg with all material boiling within a 2 °C range.

6. Packaging and Package Marking

6.1 Package size shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and the supplier.

6.2 Packaging shall conform to applicable carrier rules and regulations, or when specified, shall conform to Fed. Spec. PPP-C-2020.

7. Keywords

7.1 2-ethylhexanol; 2-ethylhexyl alcohol; 2-ethyl-1-hexanol

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D01 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last date of issue that may impact the use of this standard.

- (1) Deletion of the word “Synthetic” from the title of this specification. Other synthetic materials do not contain “Synthetic” in the title.
- (2) Deletion of the standard distillation test from the specification requirements for this material. The capillary column gas

chromatographic analysis already specified, adequately characterizes this material. For reference, the distillation parameters are shown in Note 1.

- (3) Revision of 6.2 to include appropriate commas.

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