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Standard Specification for 2-Ethylhexanol (Synthetic)¹

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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 1078 Test Method for Distillation Range of Volatile Organic Liquids²

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 1 Specification for ASTM Thermometers⁴

E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals⁵

E 852 Test Methods for C₄-C₁₃ Plasticizer Grade Alcohols⁵

2.2 U.S. Federal Specifications:

PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry and Paste: Packaging of⁶

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 14.03.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.05.

⁶ 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
Distillation range 760 mm Hg, °C as		
Initial boiling point, min.	182	182
Dry point, max.	186	186
Distillation range	entirely within a 2°C range	NA
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 *Distillation Range*—Test Method D 1078. Use ASTM Thermometer No. 104C (see specification E 1).

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

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

5.1.9 *Water*—Test Methods E 852.


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

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