



Standard Specification for Refined Benzene-535¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers a grade of benzene known as refined benzene-535.

1.2 The following applies to all specified limits in this standard: for purposes of determining conformance with this standard, an observed value or a calculated value shall be rounded off “to the nearest unit” in the last right-hand digit used in expressing the specification limit, in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice E 29.

1.3 Consult current OSHA regulations, supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheets, and local regulations for all materials used in this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 848 Test Method for Acid Wash Color of Industrial Aromatic Hydrocarbons²
- D 852 Test Method for Solidification Point of Benzene²
- D 1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)²
- D 1685 Test Method for Traces of Thiophene in Benzene by Spectrophotometry²
- D 3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products²
- D 4045 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Hydrogenolysis and Rateometric Colorimetry³
- D 4492 Test Method for Analysis of Benzene by Gas Chromatography²
- D 4629 Test Method for Trace Nitrogen in Liquid Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Syringe/Inlet Oxidative Combustion and Chemiluminescence Detection³
- D 5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry²

D 6304 Test Method for Determination of Water in Petroleum Products, Lubricating Oils, and Additives by Coulometric Karl Fisher Titration⁴

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁵

E 1064 Test Method for Water in Organic Liquids by Coulometric Karl Fisher Titration⁴

2.2 Other Document:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR, paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200⁶

3. Properties

3.1 Refined benzene-535 shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Purity, min, weight %	99.80	D 4492
Toluene, max, weight %	0.10	D 4492
Sulfur	(if needed)	D 4045
Thiophene, max, mg/kg	1	D 1685
Nonaromatic hydrocarbons, max, weight %	0.15	D 4492
Nitrogen	(if needed)	D 4629
Water	(if needed)	D 6304 or E 1064 ^A
Acid wash color, max appearance	pass with 1 _B	D 848
Color, max, Pt-Co scale	20	D 1209 or D 5386
1,4 Dioxane	(if needed)	D 4492
Solidification point, anhydrous basis, min, °C	5.35	D 852

^ATest Method E 1064 is the referee test method in case of dispute.

^BClear liquid free of sediment and haze when observed at 18.3 to 25.6°C (65 to 78°F).

4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice D 3437.

5. Keywords

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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 05.04.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁶ Available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC. 20402.

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

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D16 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D 2359 - 98) that may impact the use of this standard.

- (1) Section 3.1 — removed specification for Distillation, added Distillation, and added references to Test Methods D 6304 and specification for water, if needed. E 1064, Water by Karl Fisher Titration.
- (2) Section 2.1 — removed reference to Test Method D 850,

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