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Standard Specification for *n*-Butyl Acrylate[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers *n*-butyl acrylate (99 % grade) for use in paint, varnish, lacquer, and related products.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Specific hazard statements are given in 4.1.

1.3 For specific hazard information and guidance, consult supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

D 1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)[2]

D 1364 Test Method for Water in Volatile Solvents (Karl Fischer Reagent Titration Method)[2]

D 1613 Test Method for Acidity in Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates Used in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products[2]

D 3125 Test Method for Monomethyl Ether of Hydroquinone in Colorless Monomeric Acrylate Esters and Acrylic Acid[2]

D 3362 Test Method for Purity of Acrylate Esters by Gas Chromatography[2]

E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals[3]

2.2 *U.S. Federal Specification:*

PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of[4]

3. Properties

3.1 *n*-Butyl acrylate shall conform to the following requirements

Purity wt % as *n*-butyl acrylate, min	99.0
Water wt %, max	0.10
Color, Pt-Co scale, max	20
Acidity (free acid as acrylic acid) wt %, max	0.01
Methyl ether of hydroquinone	as agreed upon between the purchaser and the manufacturer

4. Hazard

4.1 Store Butyl acrylate samples in amber bottles or protect them from light by other means to aid in preventing polymerization. Keep samples away from heat sources and chemicals that can cause free radical polymerization. Butyl acrylate can polymerize violently evolving considerable heat. Refer to supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet.

5. Sampling

5.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice E 300. (See Hazard Section 4.)

6. Test Methods

6.1 The properties enumerated in this specification shall be determined in accordance with the following ASTM methods:

6.1.1 *Purity*—Test Method D 3362.

6.1.2 *Water*—Test Method D 1364.

6.1.3 *Color*—Test Method D 1209.

6.1.4 *Acidity*—Determine the acidity in accordance with Test Method D 1613, except multiply the results obtained "as acetic acid" by 72.06/60.05 or 1.2. This will convert the results obtained to "as acrylic acid." The results obtained "as mg KOH per gram of material" are unaffected.

6.1.5 *Level of Methyl Ether of Hydroquinone*—Test Method D 3125.

7. Packaging and Package Marking

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

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[2] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.04.

[3] *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.05.

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

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

8. Keywords

8.1 *n*-butyl acrylate; 2-propenoic acid butylester