



Standard Specification for Benzene for Cyclohexane Feedstock¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers benzene for cyclohexane feedstock.

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 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 3505 Test Method for Density or Relative Density of Pure Liquid Chemicals²

D 4017 Test Method for Water in Paints and paint Materials by Karl Fisher Method³

D 4045 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Hydrogenolysis and Rateometric Colorimetry⁴

D 4052 Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter⁴

D 4492 Test Method for Analysis of Benzene by Gas Chromatography²

D 4735 Test Method for Determination of Trace Thiophene

in Refined Benzene by Gas Chromatograph²

D 5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry²

D 5713 Test Method for Analysis of High Purity Benzene for Cyclohexane Feedstock by Capillary Gas Chromatography²

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specification⁵

2.2 Other Document:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR, paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200⁶

3. Properties

3.1 Benzene for Cyclohexane Feedstock shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Benzene, min, weight %	99.90	D 5713 or D 4492
Sulfur, max, mg/kg	1.0	D 4045
Thiophene, max, mg/kg	0.6	D 1685 or D 4735
Toluene plus methylcyclohexane max, mg/kg	150	D 5713
Methylcyclopentane, max mg/kg	100	D 5713
N-hexane, max, mg/kg	80	D 5713
Acid wash color, max	pass with 1	D 848
Appearance	A	...
Color, max, Pt-Co scale	10	D 1209 or D 5386
Relative Density, 15.56/15.56°C	0.882 to 0.886	D 3505 or D 4052
Water	(if needed)	D 4017
Solidification point, anhydrous basis, min, °C	5.45	D 852

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

4. Sampling

4.1 Sample the material in accordance with Practice D 3437.

5. Keywords

5.1 benzene; cyclohexane feedstock; purity

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

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.02.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

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