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Standard Test Methods for Hydrolyzable Chloride Content of Liquid Epoxy Resins¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the determination of the easily hydrolyzable chloride content of liquid epoxy resins which are defined as the reaction product of a chlorohydrin and a di- or polyfunctional phenolic compound.

NOTE 1—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

1.1.1 In Test Method A, the easily hydrolyzable chloride is saponified with potassium hydroxide and directly titrated with hydrochloric acid. This test method can be used for concentrations of 1 weight % and below.

1.1.2 In Test Method B, the easily hydrolyzable chloride is again saponified with potassium hydroxide, then titrated potentiometrically with silver nitrate. This test method can be used for concentrations of 5 to 2500 ppm hydrolyzable chloride.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific hazard statements see Sections 10 and 16.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²
D329 Specification for Acetone
D841 Specification for Nitration Grade Toluene
D1193 Specification for Reagent Water
D3620 Specification for Glacial Acetic Acid
D6440 Terminology Relating to Hydrocarbon Resins
E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

3. Terminology

3.1 The terminology in these test methods follows the standard terminology defined in Terminology D6440.

3.2 *Definitions*:

3.3 *hydrolyzable chloride, n*—the low level chlorine-containing components of the liquid epoxy resin, typically residual chlorohydrin ethers, which react with water or alcohol to form hydrochloric acid (HCl).

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The sample is refluxed in the presence of a known amount of 0.1 N alcoholic potassium hydroxide to saponify the hydrolyzable chlorides.

4.2 *Test Method A*—The amount of potassium hydroxide consumed in the hydrolysis is a measure of the hydrolyzable chloride content of the resin.

4.3 *Test Method B*—The amount of potassium chloride detected by direct titration with standard silver nitrate solution is a measure of the hydrolyzable chloride content of the resin.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The hydrolyzable chloride content of liquid epoxy resins is an important variable in determining their reactivity and the

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

properties of coatings made from them. These test methods may be used to determine the hydrolyzable chloride content of manufactured epoxy resins and confirm the stated hydrolyzable chloride content of purchased epoxy resins.

6. Interferences

6.1 Unless stated otherwise, the following interferences apply to both test methods:

6.1.1 Test Method A—Alkaline substances easily titratable by HCl, can impact the analysis resulting in lower than expected results. Likewise, acidic species, that may behave as the HCl titrant can impact the analysis resulting in higher than expected results. Liquid epoxy resin samples should be neutral when analyzed by this test method.

6.1.2 Test Method B—Thiocyanate, cyanide, sulfide, bromide, iodide, or other substances capable of reacting with silver ion, as well as substances capable of reducing silver ion in acidic solutions will impact the analysis resulting in higher than expected results.

6.1.3 Test Methods A and B (using a visual indicator) may not be applicable to samples containing heat sensitive impurities, leading to high color in the reacted solution.

7. Purity of Reagents

7.1 *Purity of Reagents*—Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society,³ where such specifications are available. Other grades may be used, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficiently high purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

7.2 *Purity of Water*—Unless otherwise indicated, references to water shall be understood to mean reagent water conforming to Type II of Specification **D1193**.

TEST METHOD A – 1 Weight % and Below of Hydrolyzable Chloride

8. Apparatus

8.1 *Reflux Apparatus*, consisting of a 250-mL Erlenmeyer flask attached to a reflux condenser.

8.2 *Hot Plate*, with variable heat control.

8.3 *Magnetic Stirrer*, with polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE)-coated stirring bar.

8.4 *Buret*.

9. Reagents and Materials

9.1 *Hydrochloric Acid, Standard (0.1 N)*—Dilute 9 mL of concentrated hydrochloric acid (HCl, sp gr 1.19) to 1 L with

³ *Reagent Chemicals, American Chemical Society Specifications*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC. For suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see *Analar Standards for Laboratory Chemicals*, BDH Ltd., Poole, Dorset, U.K., and the *United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary*, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.

water. Standardize against 0.25 g of sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃) accurately weighed and dissolved in 75 to 100 mL of water.

9.2 *Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK)*.

9.3 *Phenolphthalein Indicator Solution*—Dissolve 1 g of phenolphthalein in 100 mL of methanol, ethanol, or isopropanol.

9.4 *Potassium Hydroxide, Alcohol Solution (0.1 N)*—Dissolve 5.6 g of potassium hydroxide (KOH) in 1 L of methanol (99 %). No standardization of the solution is necessary.

9.5 *Toluene (Warning—See Section 10.)*, conforming to Specification **D841**.

9.6 *Boiling Chips*.

10. Hazards

10.1 Consult the latest regulations and supplier's Material Safety Data Sheets regarding all materials used in this method.

10.2 Hydrochloric acid and potassium hydroxide are corrosive. Toluene and methyl ethyl ketone are flammable and their vapors can be harmful. Precautions should be taken to avoid inhalation and skin or eye contact with these chemicals. All sample preparations should be done in a well ventilated area, such as a fume hood.

11. Procedure

11.1 Weigh to the nearest 0.001 g, 6 to 8 g of neutral specimen into a 250-mL glass-stoppered Erlenmeyer flask. By means of a pipette, transfer 50.0 mL of 0.1 N alcoholic KOH solution into the flask and add 15 mL of toluene. Stopper the flask and swirl to mix.

11.2 Prepare a blank in a separate 250-Erlenmeyer flask, adding 15 mL of toluene and 50 mL of 0.1 N alcoholic KOH. Swirl to mix.

11.3 Add a few boiling chips and attach each flask to a reflux condensers on the hot plate.

11.4 Allow each solution to reflux gently for 15 ± 1 min on a hot plate. At the end of the reflux period, remove each flask from the hot plate and cool to room temperature with the condenser in place.

11.5 Rinse down each condenser with 20 mL of toluene then remove the condensers from the flasks.

11.6 Add 3 drops of phenolphthalein indicator solution to each flask, and titrate with 0.1 N HCl. The end point is detected when 1 drop of 0.1 N HCl changes the solution from pink to colorless.

NOTE 2—Add 100 mL of MEK to the specimen if required to ensure a homogeneous solution during titration of the excess KOH solution.

12. Calculation

12.1 Calculate the weight percent hydrolyzable chloride content of the specimen as follows:

$$H = \frac{[(B - V)N \times 3.545]}{W} \quad (1)$$