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Standard Specification for Engine Coolant Grade Glycol¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers commercial products, engine coolant grade ethylene glycol and propylene glycol, including virgin glycols and those derived from the recycling of vehicle engine coolants and industrial source glycols.

1.2 Types EG-1 and PG-1 cover glycols with sufficiently low limits on components to allow a blended coolant to meet most OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) specifications. These types will probably be virgin materials, although redistillation could produce a sufficiently pure product. Types EG-2 and PG-2 cover glycol that will be suitable for many coolants. These types can be either redistilled or virgin.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.4 *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.*

1.5 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D1122 Test Method for Relative Density of Engine Coolant Concentrates and Engine Coolants By The Hydrometer](#)

[D1123 Test Methods for Water in Engine Coolant Concentrate by the Karl Fischer Reagent Method](#)

[D1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids \(Platinum-Cobalt Scale\)](#)

[D1287 Test Method for pH of Engine Coolants and Antirusts](#)

[D1613 Test Method for Acidity in Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates Used in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products](#)

[D3634 Test Method for Trace Chloride Ion in Engine Coolants](#)

[D4725 Terminology for Engine Coolants and Related Fluids](#)

[D5827 Test Method for Analysis of Engine Coolant for Chloride and Other Anions by Ion Chromatography](#)

[D5931 Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Engine Coolant Concentrates and Aqueous Engine Coolants by Digital Density Meter](#)

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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.

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

- [D6130 Test Method for Determination of Silicon and Other Elements in Engine Coolant by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy](#)
[D7736 Test Method for Determination of Acids and Glycol Esters in Glycols](#)
[E202 Test Methods for Analysis of Ethylene Glycols and Propylene Glycols](#)
[E300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals](#)
[E394 Test Method for Iron in Trace Quantities Using the 1,10-Phenanthroline Method](#)

3. Requirements

3.1 Engine coolant grade ethylene glycol or propylene glycol, including virgin glycols and those derived from the recycling of vehicle engine coolants and industrial source glycols, shall conform to the chemical and physical property requirements in [Table 1](#).

4. Sampling

4.1 Sample ethylene or propylene glycol in accordance with the appropriate sections of Practice [E300](#) for liquid samples.

5. Test Methods

5.1 Test each composite sample for the chemical and physical requirements listed in [3.1](#).

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TABLE 1 Chemical and Physical Requirements

Requirement	Value for Ethylene Glycol, Type EG-1	Value for Propylene Glycol, Type PG-1	Value for Ethylene Glycol, Type EG-2	Value for Propylene-Glycol, PG-2	ASTM Test Method
Clarity	Clear, no suspended matter	Clear, no suspended matter	Clear, no suspended matter	Clear, no suspended matter	Visual
Color, Pt/Co scale	25 max	25 max	100 max	100 max	D1209
Relative density, 20/20 °C	1.113 to 1.117	1.0375 to 1.0390	1.113 to 1.117	1.0375 to 1.0390	D1122 , D5931
Relative density, 20/20 °C	1.113 to 1.117	1.037 to 1.039	1.113 to 1.117	1.037 to 1.039	D1122 , D5931
pH, 50 % by volume in distilled water	6.5 to 9.0	6.5 to 9.0	6.5 to 9.0	6.5 to 9.0	D1287
Acidity as acetic acid, mass %	0.01 max	0.01 max	0.01 max	0.01 max	D1613 , D7736
Ethylene glycol, mass %	94.5 min	...	94.5 min	...	E202
Propylene glycol, mass %	...	98.5 min	...	98.5 min	E202
Dipropylene glycol, mass %	...	1.0 max	...	1.0 max	E202
Other glycols, ^A mass %	5 max	0.2 max	5 max	0.2 max	E202
Total glycols, mass %	99.5 min	99.5 min	98 min	99.5 min	E202
Water, mass %	0.5 max	0.5 max	2.0 max	0.5 max	D1123
Glycol esters as acetic acid, ppm	150 max	150 max	150 max	150 max	D7736
Nitrite, Nitrate, Phosphate (total, ppm)	10 max	10 max	100 max	50 max	D5827
Silicon, ppm	10 max	10 max	10 max	10 max	D6130
Chloride ion, ppm	5 max	5 max	25 max	25 max	D3634 , D5827 ^B
Sulfate, ppm	10 max	10 max	100 max	100 max	D5827
Boron, ppm	10 max	10 max	50 max	50 max	D6130
Aluminum, Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Lead, Zinc (total, ppm)	5	5	5	5	D6130
Iron, ppm	1.0 max	1.0 max	1.0 max	1.0 max	E394 , D6130

^A Other glycols shall be as defined in Terminology [D4725](#).

^B In case of dispute, Test Method [D3634](#) shall be the preferred test method.