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Standard Test Method for Evaporating Residue of Naphthalene¹

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1. ~~Scope~~ Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the evaporation residue of naphthalene.

1.2 This test method has been found applicable to determining residue in the range of 0.3 and 1.5 wt %.

1.3 In determining the conformance of the test results using this method to applicable specifications, results shall be rounded off in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice [E29](#).

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

1.5 *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 Section 7, 8.1, 9.2, and 9.3.

1.6 *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

[D3438 Practice for Sampling and Handling Naphthalene, Maleic Anhydride, and Phthalic Anhydride](#)

[D4790 Terminology of Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals](#)

[D6809 Guide for Quality Control and Quality Assurance Procedures for Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Materials](#)

[E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

[E145 Specification for Gravity-Convection and Forced-Ventilation Ovens](#)

[E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method](#)

2.2 *Other Document:*

[OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR 1910.1000 and 1910.1200 paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200 Toxic and Hazardous Substances – Air contaminants; Hazard Communication](#)³

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D16](#) on Aromatic, Industrial, Specialty and Related Chemicals and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D16.07](#) on Styrene, Ethylbenzene and C9 and C10 Aromatic Hydrocarbons.

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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.

³ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

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

3. Terminology

3.1 See Terminology [D4790](#) for the definition of terms used in this test method.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A weighed quantity of naphthalene is heated in a tared dish for 3 h at $105 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ in a forced-draft oven and the residue is weighed.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Evaporation residue is an empirical measure of nonvolatile impurities in naphthalene. This test method is suitable for setting specifications and for use as an internal quality control tool.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Evaporating Dishes*, porcelain, shallow form or aluminum weighing dishes, low form, fluted, 60 mm diameter, 15 mm high, 42 mL capacity.

6.2 *Drying Oven*, forced-ventilation, conforming to Specification [E145](#) Type II, Grade A or B.

7. Hazards

7.1 Consult current OSHA regulations, supplier's Safety Data Sheets and local regulations for all materials used in this test method.

8. Sampling and Handling

8.1 Refer to Practice [D3438](#) for proper sampling and handling of this product analyzed by this test method. (**Warning**—Sampling should follow safe rules in order to adhere to all safety precautions as outlined in the latest OSHA regulations. **Caution**—Sampling should follow safe rules in order to adhere to all safety precautions as outlined in the latest OSHA regulations.)

9. Procedure

9.1 Place the evaporating dish in the drying oven and heat at $105 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ for at least 30 min. Remove from the oven and cool in a desiccator. Weigh the cooled dish to the nearest 0.001 g.

9.2 Transfer to the tared dish 9.59.5 g to 10.5 g weighed to the nearest 0.001 g of the thoroughly mixed naphthalene specimen. (**Warning**—Specimens for this determination should be handled in the solid state. **Caution**—Specimens for this determination should be handled in the solid state.)

9.3 Place the dish and contents in the forced draft oven. Maintain at $105 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ for 180 ± 5 min. $105^\circ\text{C} \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ for 180 min ± 5 min (**Warning**—Specimens should be placed as near the center of the oven as possible (both horizontally and vertically). **Caution**—Specimens should be placed as near the center of the oven as possible (both horizontally and vertically). The oven should not contain other volatile materials during this determination, nor should it contain objects large enough to change the flow pattern of the circulating air. The draft control on the oven should be fully open.)

TABLE 1 Evaporation Residue (wt. %)

Material	Average ^A \bar{X}	Repeatability	Reproducibility
		Limit r	Limit R
A	0.07	0.09	0.09
B	0.26	0.04	0.11
C	0.35	0.14	0.34
D	1.48	0.27	1.36

^A The average of the laboratories' calculated averages.

9.4 Remove the dish from the oven, cool in a desiccator, and weigh to the nearest 0.001 g.

10. Calculation

10.1 Calculate the evaporation residue content of the specimen, E , as follows:

$$E = [(B - A)/C] \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where:

- E = evaporation residue, wt %,
- B = weight of evaporating dish and residue, g,
- A = tare weight of evaporating dish, g, and
- C = weight of specimen used, g.

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