



Standard Specification for Nitration Grade Xylene^{1,2}

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers nitration grade xylene.

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 round off “to the nearest unit” in the last right-hand digit used in expressing the specification limit, in accordance with the round-off method of Practice E 29.

1.3 Consult OSHA regulations, supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheets, and local regulations 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 Hydrocarbons³

D 849 Test Method for Copper for Corrosion of Industrial Aromatic Hydrocarbons³

D 850 Test Method of Distillation of Industrial Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Materials³

D 1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)³

D 2360 Test Method for Trace Impurities in Monocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Gas Chromatography³

D 3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products³

D 5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry³

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁴

2.2 Other Document:

OSHA Regulations 29 CFR, paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200⁵

3. Properties

3.1 Nitration grade xylene shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Nonaromatic hydrocarbons, max, volume %	4.0	D 2360
Acid wash color, max	pass with 6	D 848
Copper corrosion Appearance	pass (1A or 1B) ^A	D 849
Color, Pt/Co scale, max	20	...
Distillation range at 101.3 kPa (760 mm Hg pressure), max, ° C	5	D 1209 or D 5386
Initial distillation temperature, min, ° C	137	D 850
Dry point, max, ° C	143	D 850

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

4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice D 3437.

5. Keywords

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² This material was formerly known as “3° xylol.”

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.04.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

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