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Standard Test Method for Alkalinity in Acetone¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination in acetone of alkalinity calculated as ammonia (NH_3).

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of whoever uses this standard to consult and establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use. Specific hazard statements are given in Section 7.*

1.3 For specific hazard information and guidance, consult the supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet.

1.4 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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 1193 Specification for Reagent Water²

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications³

E 200 Practice for Preparation, Standardization, and Storage of Standard and Reagent Solutions for Chemical Analysis⁴

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The specimen is added to water previously neutralized to the methyl red end point. If alkalinity is detected, it is titrated with 0.05 N H_2SO_4 and reported as weight percent of NH_3 .

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D01 on Paint and Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D01.35 on Solvents, Plasticizers, and Chemical Intermediates.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 11.01.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.05.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method provides a measurement of alkalinity in acetone. The results of this measurement can be used for specification acceptance.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Buret*, 10-mL, graduated in 0.05-mL subdivisions.

5.2 *Erlenmeyer Flask*, 250-mL capacity.

6. Reagents and Materials

6.1 *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, where such specifications are available.⁵ 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.

6.2 *Purity of Water*—Unless otherwise indicated, references to water shall be understood to mean reagent water conforming to Type IV of Specification D 1193.

6.3 *Methyl Red Indicator Solution* (1 g/L)—Dissolve 0.2 g of methyl red in 100 mL of methanol, ethanol, or isopropanol. Prepare a fresh solution at least once a month as needed.

6.4 *Sodium Hydroxide, Standard Solution* (0.05 N)—Prepare and standardize a 0.05 N sodium hydroxide (NaOH) solution (Note) in accordance with Sections 12 to 17 of Practice E 200.

NOTE 1—Alternatively, potassium hydroxide (KOH) solution may be used.

6.5 *Sulfuric Acid, Standard Solution* (0.05 N)—Prepare and standardize a 0.05 N sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) solution.

⁵ *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.

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