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Standard Specification for Styrene Monomer¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers styrene monomer.

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 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 E29.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard.

1.4 Consult current 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*:²

D1016 Test Method for Purity of Hydrocarbons from Freezing Points

D1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)

D2119 Test Method for Aldehydes in Styrene Monomer

D2121 Test Methods for Polymer Content of Styrene Monomer and AMS (α -Methylstyrene)

D2340 Test Method for Peroxides in Styrene Monomer

D3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products

D4590 Test Method for Colorimetric Determination of *p*-*tert*-Butylcatechol In Styrene Monomer or AMS (α -Methylstyrene) by Spectrophotometry

D5135 Test Method for Analysis of Styrene by Capillary Gas Chromatography

D5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry

D6229 Test Method for Trace Benzene in Hydrocarbon Solvents by Capillary Gas Chromatography

D7375 Test Method for Trace Quantities of Water in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Their Mixtures by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration

E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

2.2 *Other Document*:

OSHA Regulations, 29CFR paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200³

3. Properties

3.1 Styrene monomer shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Purity, min, weight %	99.8 ^A	D5135
Aldehydes, max, weight % as benzaldehyde	0.0100	D2119
Peroxides, max, mg/kg as H ₂ O ₂	50	D2340
Polymer, max, mg/kg	10	D2121, Test Method A
Inhibitor, mg/kg	10 to 15 (or as required)	D4590
Ethylbenzene, max, mg/kg	500	D5135
Benzene, max, mg/kg	1	D6229
Water	If needed	D7375
Appearance	^B	...
Color, max, Pt/Co scale	10	D1209
or		
Color, max, Pt/Co scale	15	D5386

^A The most common impurities can be determined by Test Method D5135.

^B Clear liquid free of sediment and haze at 18.3 to 25.6°C (65 to 78°F).

NOTE 1—Note that weight percent purity of this specification is equivalent to mole percent purity as determined by Test Method D1016.

4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice D3437.

5. Keywords

5.1 specification; styrene; styrene monomer

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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.