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## Standard Specification for Glacial Acetic Acid<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers glacial (99.8 %) acetic acid for use in paint, varnish, lacquer, and related products.

~~1.2 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet for materials listed in this specification.~~

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 E 29.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet for materials listed in this specification.

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

D 2191 Test Method for Acetaldehyde Content of Vinyl Acetate

D 3546 Test Method for Formic Acid in Glacial Acetic Acid

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

E 180 Practice for Determining the Precision of ASTM Methods for Analysis and Testing of Industrial and Specialty Chemicals

E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals

E 302 Test Methods for Monobasic Organic Acids (Discontinued 2001)

E 394 Test Method for Iron in Trace Quantities Using the 1,10-Phenanthroline Method

2.2 *U.S. Federal Specification:*

PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of<sup>3</sup>

### 3. Properties

3.1 Glacial acetic acid shall conform to the following requirements:

Acetic acid, weight %, min	99.8
Freezing point, °C, min	16.2
Color, Pt-Co scale, max	10
Water content, weight %, max	0.16
Iron, ppm (mg/kg), max	0.40
Acetaldehyde, weight %, max	0.05
Formic acid, weight %, max	0.09

### 4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice E 300.

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee ~~D-1~~**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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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.04, volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.05.

<sup>3</sup> Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

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