



Designation: D5136 – 09

Standard Specification for High Purity *p*-Xylene¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation D5136; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon (ϵ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers high purity *p*-Xylene.

1.2 The following applies to all specified limits in this specification: for purposes of determining conformance with this specification, 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. No other units of measurement are included in this 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

D850 Test Method for Distillation of Industrial Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Materials

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

D3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products

D5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry

D5917 Test Method for Trace Impurities in Monocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Gas Chromatography and External Calibration

D7183 Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals by Ultra-violet Fluorescence

D7504 Test Method for Trace Impurities in Monocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Gas Chromatography and Effective Carbon Number

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

2.2 *Other Document*:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200³

3. Properties

3.1 High purity *p*-Xylene shall conform to the following requirements:

| Property | Specification | ASTM Test Method ⁴ |
|--|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Purity, ^B min, weight % | 99.7 | D5917 or D7504 |
| <i>m</i> -Xylene, max, weight % | 0.20 | D5917 or D7504 |
| <i>o</i> -Xylene, max, weight % | 0.10 | D5917 or D7504 |
| Sulfur, max, mg/kg | 1.0 | D7183 |
| Toluene, max, weight % | 0.10 | D5917 or D7504 |
| Ethylbenzene, max, weight % | 0.20 | D5917 or D7504 |
| Nonaromatic hydrocarbons, max, weight % | 0.20 | D5917 or D7504 |
| Appearance | ... | ... |
| Color, max, Pt/Co scale | 10 | D1209 or D5386 |
| Distillation range, including the temperature 138.3°C at 101.3 kPa (760 mm Hg) pressure, max, °C | 1.0 | D850 |

⁴ If more than one method is listed, the producer and user should agree on the referee method.

^B Purity, molar %, minimum, will be specified when the freeze point procedure under development is completed.

^C Clear liquid free of sediment and haze when observed at 18.3 to 25.6°C.

4. Sampling

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

5. Keywords

5.1 *p*-Xylene

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