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Standard Specification for Laboratory Glass Microvolumetric Vessels (Volumetric Flasks and Centrifuge Tubes)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers volumetric flasks and four types of centrifuge tubes, widely used in microchemistry.

NOTE 1—Specifications for several items listed below were developed by the Committee on Microchemical Apparatus, Division of Analytical Chemistry, American Chemical Society.²

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- E 438 Specification for Glasses in Laboratory Apparatus³
- E 542 Practice for Calibration of Laboratory Volumetric Apparatus³
- E 671 Specification for Maximum Permissible Thermal Residual Stress in Annealed Glass Laboratory Apparatus³
- E 694 Specification for Laboratory Glass Volumetric Apparatus³
- E 920 Specification for Commercially Packaged Laboratory Apparatus³
- E 921 Specification for Export Packaged Laboratory Apparatus³
- E 1133 Practice for Performance Testing of Packaged Laboratory Apparatus for United States Government Procurements³
- E 1157 Specification for Sampling and Testing of Reusable Laboratory Apparatus³

3. Volumetric Flasks

3.1 The volumetric flasks shall be of either Style I or Style

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² Committee on Microchemical Apparatus, Division of Analytical Chemistry, American Chemical Society, "Report on Recommended Specifications for Microchemical Apparatus. Volumetric Glassware: Flasks, Pipets, and Centrifuge Tubes," *Analytical Chemistry*, Vol 28, 1956, p. 1993.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.04.

II of Fig. 1 and shall conform to the requirements of Fig. 1 and Table 1. Each flask shall be marked with the symbol "TC" (or "IN"), the capacity, "20°C", and a 16 mm² marking area. (All in an optional location on the flask.)

4. Centrifuge Tubes

4.1 Centrifuge tubes of four types shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Tables 2-4 and Figs. 2-5. The types shown fit into the metal shields supplied with commercially available centrifuges. Removal of the glass stoppers from the centrifuge tubes shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 is advisable before centrifugation. The four types of centrifuge tubes specified are as follows:

- 4.1.1 Conical bottom, plain (Fig. 2).
- 4.1.2 Conical bottom, stoppered (Fig. 3).
- 4.1.3 Conical bottom, stoppered and graduated (Fig. 4).
- 4.1.4 Cylindrical bottom, plain (Fig. 5).

5. Sampling and Testing

5.1 Refer to Specification E 1157.

6. Calibration

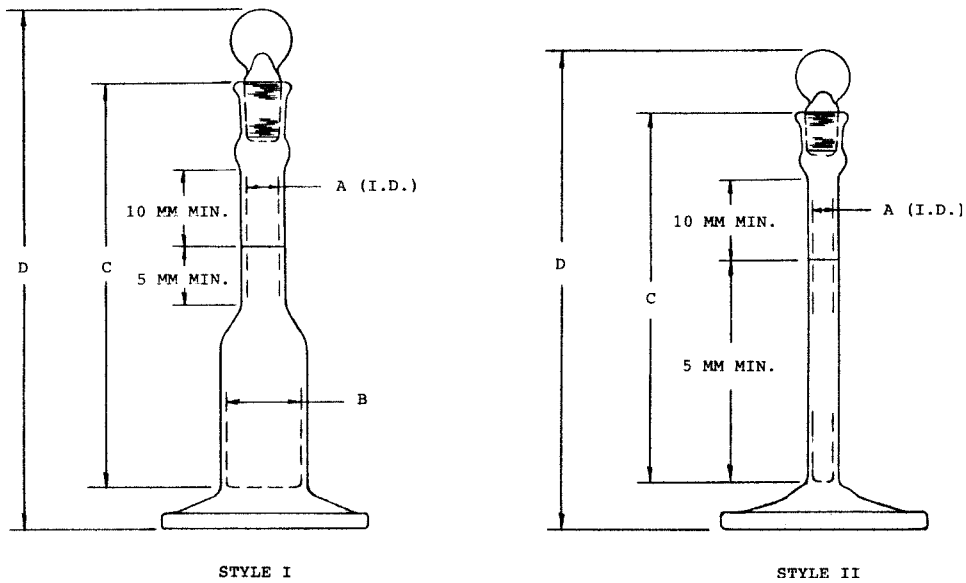
6.1 Flasks and graduated tubes shall be calibrated in accordance with Practice E 542 and conform to applicable requirements of Specification E 694. Glass shall be Type I, Class A of Specification E 438 and annealing shall be in accordance with Specification E 671.

7. Packaging

7.1 Select from Specification E 920, Specification E 921, or Practice E 1133.

8. Keywords

8.1 glass, laboratory; microvolumetric; vessels



NOTE 1—The shape of the base may be either round or hexagonal

FIG. 1 Volumetric Flasks (see Table 1)

TABLE 1 Volumetric Flask (see Fig. 1)

Style	Capacity, mL	Tolerance, ± mL	A, ID, max/mm	B, ID, ref/mm	C, max/mm	D, max/mm	Stopper No.
I	1	0.010	5.3	8.25	70	100	8
II	1	0.010	5.3	—	95	125	8
I	2	0.015	6.4	10.75	70	100	8
I	3	0.015	6.4	13.50	72	100	8
I	4	0.020	7.3	14.00	75	100	8
I	5	0.020	7.3	15.75	75	100	8
I	10	0.020	8.25	18.00	110	135	9
I	25	0.030	8.7	26.00	140	165	9

TABLE 2 Centrifuge Tubes, Conical Bottom, Plain (see Fig. 2)

Nominal Capacity, mL	A, Height, mm	B, OD Cylindrical Portion, mm	C, OD Top Finish, mm	D, Length of Taper, mm	E, OD at Bottom, mm
0.5	58 ± 2	6.0 ± 0.25	13.0 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	3.5 ± 0.5
1	61 ± 2	8.25 ± 0.25	13.0 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	3.5 ± 0.5
2	66 ± 2	10.75 ± 0.25	13.5 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	4.0 ± 0.5
3	74 ± 2	10.75 ± 0.25	13.5 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	4.0 ± 0.5
5	101 ± 2	13.00 ± 0.50	16.25 ± 0.75	40 ± 2	4.0 ± 0.5

TABLE 3 Centrifuge Tubes, Conical Bottom, Stoppered (see Fig. 3)

Nominal Capacity, mL	A, Height, mm	B, OD Cylindrical Portion, mm	C, OD Top Finish, mm	D, Length of Taper, mm	E, OD at Bottom, mm	F, Stopper No.
0.5	66 ± 2	6.0 ± 0.25	13.0 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	3.5 ± 0.5	detail G
1	69 ± 2	8.25 ± 0.25	13.0 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	3.5 ± 0.5	detail H
2	80 ± 2	10.75 ± 0.25	13.5 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	4.0 ± 0.5	9
3	88 ± 2	10.75 ± 0.25	13.5 ± 1.0	30 ± 2	4.0 ± 0.5	9
5	115 ± 2	13.0 ± 0.50	13.5 ± 1.0	40 ± 2	4.0 ± 0.5	9