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Standard Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Plasticizers Used in Plastics¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 These test methods cover sampling and testing of liquid plasticizers used in compounding of plastics. Acid number, ester content, specific gravity, color, refractive index, and water content are determined.

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

1.3 *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.* Specific hazards information is given in Section 5.

NOTE 1—There is no similar or equivalent ISO-known ISO equivalent to this standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[D70 Test Method for Density of Semi-Solid Bituminous Materials \(Pycnometer Method\)](#)

[D287 Test Method for API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products \(Hydrometer Method\)](#)

[D792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity \(Relative Density\) of Plastics by Displacement](#)

[D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics](#)

[D1193 Specification for Reagent Water](#)

[D1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids \(Platinum-Cobalt Scale\)](#)

[D1218 Test Method for Refractive Index and Refractive Dispersion of Hydrocarbon Liquids](#)

[D1544 Test Method for Color of Transparent Liquids \(Gardner Color Scale\)](#)

[D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics](#)

[D3465 Test Method for Purity of Monomeric Plasticizers by Gas Chromatography](#)

[D4052 Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API Gravity of Liquids by Digital Density Meter](#)

[D5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry](#)

[E1 Specification for ASTM Liquid-in-Glass Thermometers](#)

[E203 Test Method for Water Using Volumetric Karl Fischer Titration](#)

[E2251 Specification for Liquid-in-Glass ASTM Thermometers with Low-Hazard Precision Liquids](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology [D883](#) and Terminology [D1600](#), unless otherwise indicated.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 These test methods shall be used in establishing and confirming quality control standards for liquid plasticizers used in the compounding of plastics.

5. Hazards

5.1 *Chemical Hazard of Reagents*—It is possible that some of the chemicals used in this test method are hazardous. Accepted laboratory safety procedures must be followed. See suppliers' material safety data sheets for further information.

¹ These methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D20](#) on Plastics and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D20.15](#) on Thermoplastic Materials (Section [D20.15.11](#) on Plasticizers), [D20.15.07](#) on Vinyl Chloride Polymers).

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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

6. Sampling

6.1 The method of sampling specified in 6.2 or 6.3 shall be used, according to the special conditions that exist.

6.2 *From Loaded Tank Car or Other Large Vessel*—The composite sample taken shall be not less than 2 L (½ gal). It is important that the composite sample consists of small samples of not more than 1 L (1 qt) each, taken from near the top and bottom by means of a metal or glass container with removable stopper or top. This device, attached to a suitable pole, shall be lowered to the desired depth, when the stopper or top shall be removed and the container allowed to fill. A bomb sampler attached to a chain is convenient to use; adjust the opening so that the bomb will fill on the way down.

6.3 *From Barrels and Drums*—At least 5 % of the packages in any shipment shall be represented in the sample. It is permissible for the purchaser to increase the percentage of packages to be sampled at his discretion; in the case of plasticizers that are purchased in small quantity, it is permissible to sample and analyze each package, if desired. A portion shall be withdrawn from near the center of each package sampled by means of a “thief” or other sampling device and composited. The composite sample thus obtained shall be not less than 1 L (1 qt) and shall consist of equal portions of not less than 250 mL (½ pt) from each package sampled.

7. Purity of Reagents

7.1 *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.³

7.2 Unless otherwise indicated, references to water shall be understood to mean reagent water conforming to Specification **D1193**.

ACID NUMBER

8. Thermometers

8.1 All temperature measurements shall be made with ASTM thermometers of suitable range, accurate to within 0.1°C and conforming to the requirements prescribed in Specification **E1**. Thermometric devices such as RTDs, thermistors, thermocouples, and liquid-in-glass thermometers (as in Specification **E2251**), with appropriate temperature range and equal or better accuracy as the selected thermometer, are acceptable for use.

9. Reagents

9.1 *Alcohol*—Denatured alcohol, Formula No. 3A of the U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

9.2 *Alkali, Standard Solution (0.01 N)*—Prepare and standardize a 0.01 N aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) or a 0.01 N alcoholic solution of potassium hydroxide (KOH).

9.3 *Alkali, Standard Solution (0.1 N)*—Prepare and standardize a 0.1 N aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (NaOH) or a 0.1 N alcoholic solution of potassium hydroxide (KOH).

9.4 *Acetone*.

9.5 *Bromthymol Blue Indicator Solution*.

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10. Procedure

10.1 Weigh 25 g of the sample into a 125-mL Erlenmeyer flask and dissolve in 50 mL of alcohol. If the sample is not completely soluble in alcohol, use 50 mL of a mixture of equal parts of alcohol and acetone. With certain samples it will potentially be necessary first to add 25 mL of acetone, warm to effect solution, and then add 25 mL of alcohol.

³ *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. Pharmaceutical Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.