



# Standard Specification for Isobutyl Alcohol<sup>1,2</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers isobutyl alcohol for use in paint, varnish, lacquer, and related products.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 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.

1.4 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheets for materials listed in this specification.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

- D268 Guide for Sampling and Testing Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates for Use in Paint and Related Coatings and Material
- D1078 Test Method for Distillation Range of Volatile Organic Liquids
- D1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)
- D1353 Test Method for Nonvolatile Matter in Volatile Solvents for Use in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products
- D1364 Test Method for Water in Volatile Solvents (Karl Fischer Reagent Titration Method)

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<sup>2</sup> This compound is also known under the names 2-methyl-1-propanol and isobutanol.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

- D1476 Test Method for Heptane Miscibility of Lacquer Solvents
  - D1613 Test Method for Acidity in Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates Used in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products
  - 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
  - E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications
  - E300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals
- 2.2 U.S. Federal Specification:  
PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of<sup>4</sup>

## 3. Properties

3.1 Isobutyl alcohol shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity:	
20/20°C	0.802 to 0.804
or	
25/25°C	0.794 to 0.801
Color, Pt-Co Scale, max <sup>A</sup>	10
Distillation range	<sup>B</sup>
Nonvolatile matter, max, g/100 mL	0.005
Water, max, weight %	0.2 <sup>C</sup>
Acidity (free acid as acetic), max, weight %	0.003 <sup>D</sup>

<sup>A</sup> Instrumental Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D5386 have been shown to have no statistically significant difference from Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D1209. However, it is not known whether isobutyl alcohol was part of the sample set included in the interlaboratory study.

<sup>B</sup> Shall distill entirely within a 2°C range which shall include 107.9°C.

<sup>C</sup> This quantitative water limit ensures that the material is miscible without turbidity with 19 volumes of 99 % heptane at 20°C.

<sup>D</sup> Equivalent to 0.028 mg of KOH per gram of sample.

## 4. Sampling

4.1 This material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice E300.

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

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

## 5. Test Methods

5.1 The properties enumerated in this specification shall be determined in accordance with the following ASTM methods.

5.1.1 *Apparent Specific Gravity*—Determine the apparent specific gravity by any convenient method that is accurate to the third decimal place, the temperature of both material and water being 20 or 25°C. See Guide **D268** or Test Method **D4052**.

5.1.2 *Color*—Test Method **D1209** (see Note A in **3.1**).

5.1.3 *Distillation Range*—Test Method **D1078** using a temperature measuring device having a range of 72 to 126°C and a resolution of 0.1°C.

5.1.4 *Nonvolatile Matter*—Test Method **D1353**.

5.1.5 *Water*—Test Methods **D1364** and **D1476**.

5.1.6 *Acidity*—Test Method **D1613**.

## 6. Packaging and Package Marking

6.1 Package size shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

6.2 Packaging shall conform to applicable carrier rules and regulations, or when specified, shall conform to Fed. Spec. PPP-C-2020.

## 7. Keywords

7.1 isobutanol; isobutyl alcohol; 2-methyl-1-propanol

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D01 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D1719 – 05) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved November 1, 2011.)

(1) Revised 5.1.3.

(2) Removed Specification E1 from 2.1.

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