



Standard Specification for Methyl Amyl Acetate (95 % Grade)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers methyl amyl acetate² (95 % grade) for use in paint, varnish, 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 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet for materials listed in this specification.

1.4 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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

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)

D1296 Test Method for Odor of Volatile Solvents and Diluents

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)

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

D1617 Test Method for Ester Value of Solvents and Thinners

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:⁴

PPP-C-2020 Packaging of Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste

3. Properties

3.1 Methyl amyl acetate shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity: 20/20°C	0.856 to 0.859 or 0.852 to 0.855
25/25°C	0.852 to 0.855
Color, Pt-Co units, max (Note 2)	15
Distillation range	
Below 142.5°C	none
Above 149.5°C	none
Nonvolatile matter mg/100 mL, max	5
Water, wt %, max (see Note 1)	0.1
Acidity (free acid as acetic acid), wt %, max	0.01
Ester value, wt %, min	95.0

NOTE 1—In some cases, Test Method D1476 may serve as a useful alternative method to determine the presence of water. Because it is a qualitative test, its use would require agreement between user and supplier.

NOTE 2—Instrumental Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D5386 has been shown to have no statistically significant difference from Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D1209. However, it is not known whether methyl amyl acetate was part of the sample set included in the interlaboratory study.

4. Sampling

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

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

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² This compound is also known as 4-methyl-2-pentyl acetate.

³ 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.

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 method that is accurate to the third decimal place, the temperature of both specimen and water being 20°C. See Guide **D268** or Test Method **D4052**.

5.1.2 *Color*—Test Method **D1209**.

5.1.3 *Distillation Range*—Test Method **D1078**, using a temperature measuring device having a range of 123 to 177°C and a resolution of 0.1°C.

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

5.1.5 *Odor*—Test Method **D1296**.

5.1.6 *Water*—Test Method **D1364**.

5.1.7 *Acidity*—Test Method **D1613**.

5.1.8 *Ester Value*—Test Method **D1617**.

6. Packaging and Package Marking

6.1 Package size shall be agreed upon by 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 ester; methyl amyl acetate ; solvent

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