



Standard Specification for *n*-Propyl Acetate (96 % Grade)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers *n*-propyl acetate (96 % grade).

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 Sheet for material listed in this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

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)

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

D3545 Test Method for Alcohol Content and Purity of Acetate Esters 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

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:³

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

3. Properties

3.1 *n*-Propyl acetate shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity: 20/20°C	0.885 to 0.890 or 0.880 to 0.885
25/25°C	0.880 to 0.885
Color Pt-Co units, max (Note 1)	15 platinum-cobalt scale
Distillation, °C at 760 mmHg	
Initial boiling point, min	96
Dry point, max	103
Nonvolatile matter, mg/100 ml, max	5
Water, wt %, max (Note 2)	0.1
Acidity (free acid as acetic acid), wt %, max	0.01
Purity, wt %, min	96.0

NOTE 1—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 *n*-propyl acetate was part of the sample set included in the interlaboratory study.

NOTE 2—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.

4. Sampling

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

³ 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 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

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 specimen and water being 20 or 25°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 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**.

5.1.7 *Purity*—Test Method **D3545**.

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 ester; propyl acetate; solvent

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D01 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D3130 - 03) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved November 1, 2011.)

(1) Added new Note 1 in table in 3.1.

(3) Revised 5.1.3.

(2) Added Test Method D5386 to the list of Referenced Documents.

(4) Removed Specification E1 from 2.1.

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