



# Standard Specification for Ethylbenzene<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers ethylbenzene.

1.2 Consult current OSHA regulations, supplier’s Safety Data Sheet for all materials, and local regulations used in this specification.

1.3 The following applies to all specified limits in this specification for purposes of determining conformance with this specification, 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*:<sup>2</sup>

D1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)

D3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products

D4176 Test Method for Free Water and Particulate Contamination in Distillate Fuels (Visual Inspection Procedures)

D5060 Test Method for Determining Impurities in High-Purity Ethylbenzene by Gas Chromatography

D5194 Test Method for Trace Chloride in Liquid Aromatic Hydrocarbons

D5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry

D5808 Test Method for Determining Chloride in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals by Microcoulometry

D7183 Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals by Ultraviolet Fluorescence

E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications

2.2 *Other Document*:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Properties

3.1 Ethylbenzene shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Purity, min, weight %	99.00	D5060
Benzene, max, weight %	0.1	D5060
Toluene, max, weight %	0.4	D5060
Xylenes, max, weight %	0.4	D5060
Cumene, max, weight %	0.03	D5060
Diethylbenzene, max, weight %	0.003	D5060
Chlorides, max, mg/kg	1	D5194 or D5808
Sulfur, max, mg/kg	1	D7183
Color, max, Pt-Co	10	D1209 or D5386
Appearance	<sup>A</sup>	D4176

<sup>A</sup> Clear liquid, free of sediment and haze when observed at 18.3 to 25.6°C (65 to 78°F).

## 4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice D3437.

## 5. Keywords

5.1 ethylbenzene; purity


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