



# Standard Specification for 2-Butoxyethanol<sup>1,2</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers 2-butoxyethanol.

1.2 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.

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

1.4 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheet 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)

D1364 Test Method for Water in Volatile Solvents (Karl Fischer Reagent Titration Method)

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 Standard:*

PPP-C-2020 Specification for Packaging of Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste<sup>4</sup>

## 3. Properties

3.1 2-Butoxyethanol shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity	
20/20°C	0.901 to 0.904
	or
25/25°C	0.898 to 0.901
Color, Pt-Co scale, max (Note 1)	15
Distillation range, 760 mm Hg	
Initial boiling point, °C, min	168
Dry point, °C, max	173
Water, weight %, max	0.1
Acidity (free acid as acetic acid), weight %, max	0.01 equivalent to 0.093 mg KOH per gram of material

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 2-butoxyethanol 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.

## 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.)

<sup>4</sup> 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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<sup>2</sup> This compound is also known under the name ethylene glycol monobutyl ether.

<sup>3</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

5.1.2 *Color*—Test Method **D1209** (see **Note 1**).

5.1.3 *Distillation Range*—Test Method **D1078** using a temperature measuring device having a range of 148 to 202°C and a resolution of 0.1°C.

5.1.4 *Water*—Test Method **D1364**.

5.1.5 *Acidity*—Test Method **D1613**.

## 6. Packaging and Package Marking

6.1 Package size to 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 PPP-C-2020.

## 7. Keywords

7.1 ethylene glycol monobutyl ether; 2-butoxyethanol

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