



Standard Specification for O-Xylene 980¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers a grade of o-xylene identified as ortho-Xylene 980.

1.2 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.

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 Consult current OSHA regulations and supplier's Safety Data Sheets, and local regulations for all materials used in this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D850 Test Method for Distillation of Industrial Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Materials](#)

[D1492 Test Method for Bromine Index of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Coulometric Titration](#)

[D3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products](#)

[D3797 Test Method for Analysis of o-Xylene by Gas Chromatography \(Withdrawn 2014\)³](#)

[D5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry](#)

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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.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

[D5776 Test Method for Bromine Index of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Electrometric Titration](#)

[D7504 Test Method for Trace Impurities in Monocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Gas Chromatography and Effective Carbon Number](#)

[D8005 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids \(Platinum-Cobalt Scale\)](#)

[E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

2.2 *Other Document:*⁴

[OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR Paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200](#)

3. Properties

3.1 O-Xylene 980 shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method ^A
Purity, min, wt %	98.0	D3797 or D7504
Nonaromatic hydrocarbons, max, wt %	0.5	D3797 or D7504
p-Xylene plus m-Xylene, max, wt %	1.3	D3797 or D7504
C9 and heavier aromatics, max, wt %	0.8	D3797 or D7504
Cumene, wt % ^B	0.5	D3797 or D7504
Bromine index, max mg/100 g	100	D1492 or D5776
Appearance	^C	...
Color, Pt-Co scale, max	10	D5386 or D8005
Distillation range, including the temperature, 144.4°C at 101.3 kPa (760 mm Hg) pressure, max, °C	2.0	D850

^A If more than one method is listed for a property the producer and user should agree on the referee method.

^B Cumene is a significant component in o-xylene as it may contribute to deflagrations in some processes under certain conditions.

^C Clear liquid, free of sediment and haze when observed at 18.3 to 25.6°C.

4. Sampling

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

5. Keywords

5.1 o-Xylene

⁴ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, <http://www.access.gpo.gov>.

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

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D16 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D5471–10) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved June 1, 2016.)

(1) Removed D1209 and added D8005 in Section 2.

(2) Modified table in 3.1 to replace D1209 with D8005.

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