



Standard Specification for Low Toluene Low Dioxane (LTLTD) Benzene¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers a grade of benzene known as Low Toluene Low Dioxane (LTLTD) Benzene.

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 the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D848 Test Method for Acid Wash Color of Industrial Aromatic Hydrocarbons
- D852 Test Method for Solidification Point of Benzene
- D1685 Test Method for Traces of Thiophene in Benzene by Spectrophotometry (Withdrawn 2009)³
- D3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products
- D4492 Test Method for Analysis of Benzene by Gas Chromatography
- D4735 Test Method for Determination of Trace Thiophene in Refined Benzene by Gas Chromatography
- D5194 Test Method for Trace Chloride in Liquid Aromatic Hydrocarbons

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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.

- D5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry
- D5808 Test Method for Determining Chloride in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals by Microcoulometry
- D6304 Test Method for Determination of Water in Petroleum Products, Lubricating Oils, and Additives by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration (Withdrawn 2016)³
- D6875 Test Method for Solidification Point of Industrial Organic Chemicals by Thermistor
- D7011 Test Method for Determination of Trace Thiophene in Refined Benzene by Gas Chromatography and Sulfur Selective Detection
- D7183 Test Method for Determination of Total Sulfur in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals by Ultraviolet Fluorescence
- D7184 Test Method for Ultra Low Nitrogen in Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Oxidative Combustion and Reduced Pressure Chemiluminescence Detection
- D7359 Test Method for Total Fluorine, Chlorine and Sulfur in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Their Mixtures by Oxidative Pyrohydrolytic Combustion followed by Ion Chromatography Detection (Combustion Ion Chromatography-CIC)
- D7360 Test Method for Analysis of Benzene by Gas Chromatography with External Calibration
- D7375 Test Method for Trace Quantities of Water in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Their Mixtures by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration
- D7457 Test Method for Determining Chloride in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals by Microcoulometry
- D7504 Test Method for Trace Impurities in Monocyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Gas Chromatography and Effective Carbon Number
- D7536 Test Method for Chlorine in Aromatics by Monochromatic Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry
- 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
- E1064 Test Method for Water in Organic Liquids by Coulometric Karl Fischer Titration

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

2.2 Other Document:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200⁴

3. Properties

3.1 Low Toluene Low Dioxane (LTLTD) Benzene shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method ^A
Purity, min, weight %	99.80	D4492 or D7360 or D7504
Toluene, max, weight %	0.05	D4492 or D7360 or D7504
Thiophene, max, mg/kg	1.0	D1685 or D4735 or D7011
Nonaromatic hydrocarbons, max, weight %	0.15	D4492 or D7360 or D7504
Acid wash color, max Appearance	pass with 1 ^B	D848
Color, max, Pt–Co scale	20	D5386 or D8005
1,4 Dioxane, max, mg/kg	10	D4492 or D7504
Total Chlorides, max, mg/kg	1.0	D5194 or D5808 or D7359 or D7457 or D7536

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

^B Clear liquid free of sediment and haze when observed at 18.3 to 25.6°C (65 to 78°F).

3.2 See Section 5 for non-mandatory supplementary requirements.

4. Sampling

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

5. Supplementary Requirements (Non-mandatory)

5.1 The following supplementary requirements shall apply when agreed upon by the supplier and purchaser.

Property	ASTM Test Method ^A
Sulfur, max, mg/kg	D7183
Nitrogen, max, mg/kg	D7184
Solidification point, anhydrous basis, min, °C	D852 or D6875
Water Content, max, mg/kg	D6304 or D7375 or E1064

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

6. Keywords

6.1 benzene; dioxane; LTLTD; toluene

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D16 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D7124–12) 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.

- (3) Removed D6069 from Section 2.
 (4) Modified table in 5.1 to remove D6069.

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