



Standard Specification for Hexylene Glycol¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers hexylene glycol² for use in paint, varnish, lacquer, and related products.

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, consult supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheet.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

- 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
- D1722 Test Method for Water Miscibility of Water-Soluble Solvents
- D4052 Test Method for Density, Relative Density, and API

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² This compound is also known as 2-methyl pentanediol-2,4.

³ 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.

- 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:
- PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of ⁴

3. Properties

3.1 Hexylene glycol shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity, 20/20°C	0.921 to 0.925
	or
25/25°C	0.918 to 0.922
Color, Pt-Co units, max (Note 1)	15
Distillation range	3.0°C to include 197.1°C
Acidity (free acid as acetic acid) wt %, max	0.005
Water, wt %, max	0.1
Water miscibility	passes test

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 if hexylene glycol 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 method that is accurate to the third decimal place, the temperature of both specimen and water being 20°C or 25°C. (See Guide D268 and Test Method D4052).

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

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://www.dodssp.daps.mil>.

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