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Standard Specification for Isophorone¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers isophorone² (98 % grade) 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, see the supplier’s Safety Data Sheet for materials listed in this specification.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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

D2192 Test Method for Purity of Aldehydes and Ketones (Withdrawn 2021)⁴

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 Specification:*⁵

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

3. Properties

3.1 Isophorone shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity:	
20/20 °C	0.921 to 0.923
or	
25/25 °C	0.918 to 0.920
Color, Pt-Co scale, max (Note 1)	100
Distillation, °C	
Initial boiling point, min	210
95 % point, max	218
Purity, weight % min	98
Acidity as acetic acid, weight %, max	0.02
Water, weight %, max	0.1

NOTE 1—Instrumental Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D5386 have been shown to have no statistically significant difference from Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D1209. However, it is not known whether isophorone was part of the sample set included in the interlaboratory study.

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² This compound is also known under the name 3,5,5-trimethyl-2-cyclohexene-1-one.

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.

⁴ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

⁵ Available from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, http://quicksearch.dla.mil.