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Standard Specification for Methyl Isoamyl Ketone¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers methyl isoamyl ketone (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 Material Safety Data Sheet.

1.5 *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:²

- D268 Guide for Sampling and Testing Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates for Use in Paint and Related Coatings and Material (Withdrawn 2021)³
- 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- Fischer Reagent Titration Method) (Withdrawn 2021)³
- D1476 Test Method for Heptane Miscibility of Lacquer Solvents (Withdrawn 2021)³
- D1613 Test Method for Acidity in Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates Used in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products
- D3893 Test Method for Purity of Methyl Amyl Ketone and Methyl Isoamyl Ketone by Gas Chromatography
- 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:
PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of⁴

3. Properties

3.1 Methyl isoamyl ketone shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity:	
20/20 °C	0.812 to 0.815
	or
25/25 °C	0.809 to 0.812
Color, Pt-Co scale, max (Note 1)	15
Distillation, °C	
Initial boiling point, min	140
Dry point, max	148
Water, wt %, max	0.1
Acidity as acetic acid, wt %, max	0.02
Purity, wt %, min	98

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 methyl isoamyl ketone 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.

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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.

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