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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers 2-methoxyethanol.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 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.

1.4 For hazard information and guidance, see the supplier's Material 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.*

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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Sampling and Testing Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates for Use in Paint and Related Coatings and Material (Withdrawn 2021)[3]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D1364 Test Method for Water in Volatile Solvents (Karl Fischer Reagent Titration Method) (Withdrawn 2021)[3]

D1613 Test Method for Acidity in Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates Used in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products

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 Standard:*

PPP-C-2020 Specification for Packaging of Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste [4]

3. Properties

3.1 2-Methoxyethanol shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity:	
20/20 °C	0.963 to 0.967
	or
25/25 °C	0.960 to 0.964
Color, Pt-Co scale, max (Note 1)	15
Distillation range:	
Initial boiling point, °C, min	123
Dry point, °C, max	126
Water, weight, % max	0.2
Acidity (free acid as acetic acid), weight, % max	0.01, equivalent to 0.093 mg of KOH per gram of material

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 2-methoxyethanol was part of the sample set included in the interlaboratory study.

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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.

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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 Specific Gravity section of Guide D268 or Test Method D4052.

5.1.2 *Color*—Test Method D1209.

5.1.3 *Distillation Range*—Test Method D1078, using a temperature measuring device having a range of 98 °C to 152 °C and a resolution of 0.1 °C.

5.1.4 *Water*—Test Method D1364.

5.1.5 *Acidity*—Test Method D1613.

6. Packaging and Package Marking

6.1 Package size is to be agreed upon between the purchaser and supplier.

6.2 Packaging shall conform to applicable carrier rules and regulations or when specified shall conform to Fed. Spec. PPP-C-2020.

7. Keywords

7.1 ethylene glycol monomethyl ether; 2-methoxyethanol

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