



## Standard Specification for Ethylbenzene<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers ethylbenzene.

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

1.3 The following applies to all specified limits in this specification for purposes of determining conformance with this specification, 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 E 29.

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

D 1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)<sup>2</sup>

D 3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products<sup>2</sup>

D 3961 Test Method for Trace Quantities of Sulfur in Liquid Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Oxidative Microcoulometry<sup>2</sup>

D 4045 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Hydrogenolysis and Rateometric Colorimetry<sup>3</sup>

D 5060 Test Method for Determining Impurities in High-Purity Ethylbenzene by Gas Chromatography<sup>2</sup>

D 5194 Test Method for Trace Chloride in Liquid Aromatic Hydrocarbons<sup>2</sup>

D 5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry<sup>2</sup>

D 5808 Test Method for Determining Organic Chloride in Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals by Microcoulometry<sup>2</sup>

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications<sup>4</sup>

2.2 *Other Document:*

*OSHA Regulations*, 29 CFR, paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200<sup>5</sup>

### 3. Properties

3.1 Ethylbenzene shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Purity, min, weight %	99.00	D 5060
Benzene, max, weight %	0.1	D 5060
Toluene, max, weight %	0.4	D 5060
Xylenes, max, weight %	0.4	D 5060
Cumene, max, weight %	0.03	D 5060
Diethylbenzene, max, weight %	0.003	D 5060
Chlorides, max, mg/kg	3	D 5194 or D 5808
Sulfur, max, mg/kg	1	D 3961 or D 4045
Color, max, Pt-Co	10	D 1209 or D 5386

### 4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice D 3437.

### 5. Keywords

5.1 ethylbenzene; purity

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<sup>4</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

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