



Standard Specification for Refined Benzene-545¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers benzene-545.

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 in Practice E 29.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 848 Test Method for Acid Wash Color of Industrial Aromatic Hydrocarbons²

D 852 Test Method for Solidification Point of Benzene²

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

D 1492 Test Method for Bromine Index of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Coulometric Titration²

D 1685 Test Method for Traces of Thiophene in Benzene by Spectrophotometry²

D 3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products²

D 4017 Test Method for Water in Paints and Paint Materials by Karl Fisher Method³

D 4045 Test Method for Sulfur in Petroleum Products by Hydrogenolysis and Rateometric Colorimetry⁴

D 4492 Test Method for Analysis of Benzene by Gas Chromatography²

D 4629 Test Method for Trace Nitrogen in Liquid Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Syringe/Inlet Oxidative Combustion and Chemiluminescence Detection⁴

D 4735 Test Method for Determination of Trace Thiophene in Refined Benzene by Gas Chromatography²

D 5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry²

D 5776 Test Methods for Bromine Index of Aromatic Hydrocarbons by Electrometric Titration²

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁵

2.2 Other Document:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR, paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200⁶

3. Properties

3.1 Benzene-545 shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Benzene, min, weight %	99.90	D 4492
Sulfur, max, mg/kg	1	D 4045
Thiophene, max, mg/kg	0.6	D 1685 or D 4735
Toluene, max, weight%	0.05	D 4492
Nonaromatic hydrocarbons, max, weight %	0.10	D 4492
Nitrogen	(if needed)	D 4629
1,4 Dioxane	(if needed)	D 4492
Acid wash color, max	pass with 1	D 848
Bromine index, max	20	D 1492 or D 5776
Water	(if needed)	D 4017
Appearance	A	...
Color, max, Pt-Co scale	20	D 1209 or D 5386
Solidification point, anhydrous basis, min, °C	5.45	D 852

^AClear liquid at 18.3 to 25.6°C.

4. Sampling

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

5. Keywords

5.1 benzene; benzene-545; purity

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁶ Available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.04.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.02.



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