



Standard Test Method for Aldehydes in Styrene Monomer¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the wet chemical determination of aldehydes in styrene monomer. Aldehydes are calculated and reported as benzaldehyde. The range of concentration for this test method is 0.001 % to 0.030 %.

1.2 In determining conformance of the test results using this method to applicable specifications, results shall be rounded off in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice E 29.

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 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For specific hazard statements, see Section 8.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D 1193 Specification for Reagent Water

D 3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products

D 6809 Guide for Quality Control and Quality Assurance Procedures for Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Materials

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

2.2 *Other Documents*:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200³

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D16 on Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D16.07 on Styrene, Ethylbenzene and C₉ and C₁₀ Aromatic Hydrocarbons.

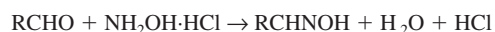
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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, http://www.dodssp.daps.mil.

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 An alcoholic solution of hydroxylamine hydrochloride is added to a specimen of styrene monomer. Active aldehydes present react in accordance with the following equation:



The hydrochloric acid, which is equivalent to the aldehyde present in the sample, is titrated with standard sodium hydroxide solution.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method is suitable for determining the quantity of aldehydes, both for quality control and quality assurance of the product.

5. Interferences

5.1 Ketones, if present, interfere by partially reacting with the reagent.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Erlenmeyer Flasks*, glass-stoppered, 250-mL.

6.2 *Pipets*, 25-mL.

6.3 *Volumetric Flasks*, 100-mL.

6.4 *Burets*, 10-mL. (Microburets are preferred.)

6.5 *Thermometers*, capable of differentiating 1°C at ambient.

7. Reagents and Materials

7.1 *Purity of Reagents*—Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society where such specifications are available.⁴ Other grades may be used, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficiently high purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

⁴ *Reagent Chemicals, American Chemical Society Specifications*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC. For suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see *Analar Standards for Laboratory Chemicals*, BDH Ltd., Poole, Dorset, U.K., and the *United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary*, U.S. Pharmaceutical Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.