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Standard Test Method for Density of Adhesives in Fluid Form¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the measurement of density (weight per gallon) of adhesives, and components thereof, when in liquid form.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *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.*

1.4 *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

[D907 Terminology of Adhesives](#)

[E1 Specification for ASTM Liquid-in-Glass Thermometers](#)

[E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Many terms in this test method are defined in Terminology [D907](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *density, n*—the mass (weight in vacuum) of a unit volume of the liquid at any given temperature expressed as the

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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.

weight in pounds avoirdupois, of a U.S. gallon measure of the liquid at 25°C, unless otherwise specified.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method is particularly applicable where the fluid has too high a viscosity or where a component is too volatile for a specific gravity balance determination.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Weight-Per-Gallon Cup*—A weight-per-gallon cup³ of plated brass or stainless steel with counterbalance is recommended. The capacity of this cup with cover is exactly 83.2 mL (2.81 fl oz) at 25°C (77°F).

NOTE 1—The use of cups that are factory calibrated eliminates the need for further calibration. These cups are calibrated with distilled water so that their proper net weight is obtained at 25°C. A temperature of 25°C is therefore recommended when using these cups. Volume expansion of both cup and the material to be measured causes erroneous results, if the matter of temperature is not standardized. However, where less accuracy is required, consideration of temperature differentials may be ignored.

5.2 *Thermometer*—ASTM Saybolt Viscosity Thermometer having a range from 19 to 27°C (66 to 80.5°F) and conforming to the requirements for Thermometer 17C as prescribed in Specification [E1](#).

5.3 *Constant-Temperature Bath*, capable of maintaining a temperature of $25 \pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ ($77 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{F}$).

5.4 *Laboratory Balance*, 200 g (0.44 lb) or greater capacity, accurate to ± 0.1 g (0.0002 lb).

NOTE 2—A hanging pan, triple-beam balance, or overhead-beam type of balance with scales graduated to 0.1 g has been found to provide results, the mean of which was consistent with the over all precision and accuracy of this test method.

NOTE 3—Fingerprints and smudges on the cup changes the weight and is to be avoided. Handle only with tongs and with hands protected by clean, dry, absorbent material.

6. Sampling

6.1 Take representative samples of the lot to be evaluated from three or more separate containers, chosen at random. Do

³ Weight-per-gallon cups may be obtained from the Paul N. Gardner Co., Pompano Beach, FL.