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Standard Test Method for Determination of Weight Percent Volatile Content of Solvent-Borne Paints in Aerosol Cans¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is for the determination of the weight percent volatile organic compounds of solvent-borne paints in aerosol cans. It offers a unique way to obtain paint specimens from aerosol cans.

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 *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. A specific hazard statement is given in 6.7.*

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

E145 Specification for Gravity-Convection and Forced-Ventilation Ovens

E180 Practice for Determining the Precision of ASTM Methods for Analysis and Testing of Industrial and Specialty Chemicals (Withdrawn 2009)³

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D01 on Paint and Related Coatings, Materials, and Applications and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D01.21 on Chemical Analysis of Paints and Paint Materials.

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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.

2.2 *Other Standard:*

Method 35 Determination of Percent Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) in Solvent Based Aerosol Paints⁴

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 A designated quantity from an aerosol coating is sprayed into an adapter glass tube assembly and heated in an oven at $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ for 60 min. The percent volatile is calculated from the loss in weight.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method is the procedure of choice for determining the volatile content in aerosol coatings under specified test conditions modeled after Method 35.⁴ The inverse value, nonvolatile, is used to determine the weight percent solids content. This information is useful to the paint producer, user, and to environmental interests for determining the grams of volatile organic compounds per gram of solids emitted from aerosol cans.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Adapter Glass Tube Assembly, (Fig. 1).*

5.1.1 *Sample Adapter Tube*, straight connecting with 35/25 spherical joints. Loosely fill with glass wool and precondition for 30 min in an oven at $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ and store in a desiccator prior to use.^{5,6}

5.1.2 *Charcoal Adapter Tube*, straight connecting with 35/25 spherical joints. Fill with activated charcoal and plug both ends with glass wool. This tube is used to prevent the solvent vapors from contaminating the vacuum pump.^{6,7}

5.1.3 *Adapters*, connecting hose with 35/25 socket joints.^{6,8}

⁴ Bay Area Air Quality Management District, (BAAQMD) *Manual of Procedures*, Vol III, 939 Ellis St., San Francisco, CA 94109.

⁵ The sole source of supply of the adapter tube, No. 5035-35 known to the committee at this time is Ace Glass Inc., P.O. Box 688, 1430 Northwest Blvd., Vineland, NJ 08360.

⁶ If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend.

⁷ The sole source of supply of the charcoal adapter tube, No. 5035-3 known to the committee at this time is Ace Glass Inc.

⁸ The sole source of supply of the adapters (socket joints) No. 5217-35 known to the committee at this time is Ace Glass Inc.