



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

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers acetaldehyde (99 % grade).

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 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 of Practice E 29.

1.4 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheet for materials listed in this specification.

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>

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

D 1353 Test Method for Nonvolatile Matter in Volatile Solvents for Use in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products

D 2086 Test Method for Acidity in Vinyl Acetate and Acetaldehyde

D 2192 Test Method for Purity of Aldehydes and Ketones

D 5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry

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

E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals

2.2 *U.S. Federal Specification*:

PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Properties

3.1 Acetaldehyde shall conform to the following requirements:

Purity, wt %, min, as acetaldehyde	99
Color, Pt-Co units, max (Note 1)	15
Acidity, wt %, max, (free acid as acetic acid)	0.05
Nonvolatile matter, wt %, max	0.5

NOTE 1—Instrumental Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D 5386 has been shown to have no statistically significant difference from Pt-Co color determined by Test Method D 1209. However, it is not known whether acetaldehyde was part of the sample set included in the interlaboratory study.

## 4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice E 300.

## 5. Test Methods

5.1 The properties enumerated in this specification shall be determined in accordance with the following ASTM test methods:

5.1.1 *Purity*—Test Method D 2192.

5.1.2 *Color*—Test Method D 1209 (see Note 1).

5.1.3 *Acidity*—Test Method D 2086.

5.1.4 *Nonvolatile Matter*—Determine the nonvolatile matter or residue after evaporation in accordance with Test Method D 1353 except use an oven temperature of  $60 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$ .

## 6. Packaging and Package Marking

6.1 Package size shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

6.2 Packaging shall conform to applicable carrier rules and regulations or when specified shall conform to Fed. Spec. PPP-C-2020.

## 7. Keywords

7.1 acetaldehyde; acidity; aldehyde

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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

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