



Standard Specification for Normal Butane Thermophysical Property Tables¹

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1. Scope

1.1 The normal butane thermophysical property tables are for use in the calculation of the pressure-volume-temperature (PVT), thermodynamic, and transport properties of normal butane for process design and operations. Tables are provided for gaseous and liquid normal butane at temperatures between 135 and 600K at pressures to 70 MPa. These tables were developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (formerly the National Bureau of Standards) upon culmination of four years of effort in acquiring available physical properties data, performing experimental measurements, and in formulating these tables for use in thermal computations.

2. Sponsorship

2.1 The preparation of the tables and supporting work was done by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the sponsorship of the Gas Research Institute, the American Gas Association, and the Standard Reference Data Program of NIST.

3. Applicability

3.1 These tables apply directly only to pure gaseous and liquid normal butane. However, it is expected that they will find substantial use in mathematical models and tables for the thermophysical properties of mixtures containing normal butane, such as natural gas.

4. Tables

4.1 These thermophysical property tables² are:

4.1.1 *Thermophysical Properties of Coexisting Gaseous and Liquid Normal Butane*, in SI units (Table in Appendix I, pp. 758–760).³

4.1.2 *Thermophysical Properties of Normal Butane*, along isobars, in SI units (Table in Appendix I, pp. 762–793).³

4.2 These tables were produced by equations from a computer package, “NIST Thermophysical Properties of Fluids Database 12” (also designated MIPROPS) of the Standard Reference Data Program of NIST.⁴ A wide selection of units (SI units, engineering units, chemical units) are available with this program.

5. Additional Information

5.1 These tables were originally published by the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Physics for the National Institute of Standards and Technology in a comprehensive report titled “Thermophysical Properties of Fluids. II. Methane, Ethane, Propane, Isobutane and Normal Butane.”⁵ This report also contains the following:

5.1.1 Properties and uncertainties data.

5.1.2 Correlation equations for normal butane.

5.1.3 Description of the research study culminating in the tables.

5.1.4 References to properties data.

5.1.5 Computational methods used.

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² Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report RR: D03–1005.

³ *Journal of Physical and Chemical Reference Data*, Vol 16, 1987.

⁴ Available from Standard Reference Data, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 3460, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

⁵ Younglove, B.A., and Ely, J.F., *Journal of Physical and Chemical Reference Data*, Vol 16, 1987, pp. 577–798. Available from the American Chemical Society, Distribution Office, 1155 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-9976.

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