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Standard Specification for Diethylene Glycol^{1,2}

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers diethylene glycol for use in the preparation of surface coatings.
- 1.2 For specific hazard information and guidance, consult the supplier's Material Safety Data Sheet.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 4052 Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter³

E 202 Test Methods for Analysis of Ethylene Glycols and Propylene Glycols⁴

E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals⁴

2.2 U.S. Federal Specification:

PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of⁵

3. Properties

3.1 Diethylene glycol shall conform to the following requirements:

Apparent specific gravity	
20/20°C	1.1170 to 1.1200
25/25°C	1.1147 to 1.1177
Color, Pt-Co units, max	15
Distillation range, 760 mm Hg	
Initial boiling point, °C, min	240
Dry point, °C, max	250
Water, wt %, max	0.2
Acidity as acetic acid, wt %, max	0.01
Ethylene glycol, wt %, max	0.5
Triethylene glycol, wt %, max	1.0
Iron, ppm, max	1.0

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 Test Methods E 202.
- 5.2 The apparent specific gravity can also be determined in accordance with Test Method D 4052.

6. Packaging and Package Marking

- 6.1 Package size shall be agreed upon by 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

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² This compound is also known as 2,2'oxydiethanol.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.02.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.05.

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