



Standard Specification for Styrene Monomer¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers styrene monomer.

1.2 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.

1.3 Consult current OSHA regulations, supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheets, and local regulations for all materials used in this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 1016 Test Method for Purity of Hydrocarbons from Freezing Points²
- D 1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)³
- D 2119 Test Method for Aldehydes in Styrene Monomer³
- D 2121 Test Methods for Polymer Content of Styrene Monomer and AMS (α -Methylstyrene)³
- D 2340 Test Method for Peroxides in Styrene Monomer³
- D 3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products³
- D 4590 Test Method for Colorimetric Determination of *p*-*tert*-Butylcatechol in Styrene Monomer or AMS (α -Methylstyrene) by Spectrophotometry³
- D 5135 Test Method for Analysis of Styrene by Capillary Gas Chromatography³

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.04.

D 5386 Test Method for Color of Liquids Using Tristimulus Colorimetry³

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications⁴

2.2 Other Document:

OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR, paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200⁵

3. Properties

3.1 Styrene monomer shall conform to the following requirements:

Property	Specification	ASTM Test Method
Purity, min, weight %	99.7 ^A	D 5135
Aldehydes, max, weight % as benzaldehyde	0.02	D 2119
Peroxides, max, mg/kg as H ₂ O ₂	100	D 2340
Polymer, max, mg/kg	10	D 2121, Test Method A
Inhibitor, mg/kg	10 to 15 (or as required)	D 4590
Color, max, Pt/Co scale, or	10	D 1209
Color, max, Pt/Co scale,	15	D 5386

^A The most common impurities can be determined by Test Method D 5135.

NOTE 1—Note that weight percent purity of this specification is equivalent to mol percent purity as determined by Test Method D 1016.

4. Sampling

4.1 The material shall be sampled in accordance with Practice D 3437.

5. Keywords

5.1 styrene; styrene monomer

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁵ Available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.



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