Standard Specification for Tricresyl Phosphate¹

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1. Scope

- 1.1 This specification covers tricresyl phosphate (99.0 % grade) prepared from commercial cresylic acid.
- 1.2 For specific hazard information and guidance, see the supplier's Material Safety Data Sheets for materials listed in this specification.

2. Referenced Documents

- 2.1 ASTM Standards:
- D 268 Guide for Sampling and Testing Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates for Use in Paint and Related Coatings and Materials²
- D 1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)²
- D 1364 Test Method for Water in Volatile Solvents (Fischer Reagent Titration Method)²
- D 1399 Test Method for Unsaponifiable Contents of Tricresyl Phosphate²
- D 1468 Test Method for Volatile Matter in Tricresyl Phosphate²
- D 1613 Test Method for Acidity in Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates Used in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer and Related Products²
- D 1721 Test Method for Permanganate Time of Tricresyl Phosphate²
- D 4052 Test Method for Density and Relative Density of Liquids by Digital Density Meter³
- 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 Tricresyl phosphate shall conform to the following requirements:

| Apparent specific gravity: | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 20/20°C | 1.150 to 1.180 |
| 25/25°C | 1.147 to 1.177 |
| Color, Pt-Co scale, max | 100 |
| Volatile matter, max, weight % | 0.20 |
| Potassium permanganate test | Α |
| Unsaponifiable matter, max, weight % | 0.5 |
| Water content, max, weight % | 0.1 |
| Acidity, mg of KOH per gram | 0.1 |
| of sample, max | |

^A Color of added KMnO₄ to be retained at least 30 min.

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 methods:
- 5.1.1 Apparent Specific Gravity—Determine the apparent specific gravity at 20°C or 25°C by a convenient method that is accurate to the third decimal place. See Guide D 268 or Test Method D 4052.
 - 5.1.2 *Color*—Test Method D 1209.
 - 5.1.3 *Volatile Matter*—Test Method D 1468.
 - 5.1.4 Potassium Permanganate Test—Test Method D 1721.
 - 5.1.5 Unsaponifiable Matter—Test Method D 1399.
 - 5.1.6 Water—Test Method D 1364.
 - 5.1.7 Acidity—Test Method D 1613.

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

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.04.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.02.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.05.

⁵ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.



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