



Standard Specification for Commercial Hexanes¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers the range of products commonly referred to as hexanes, which find uses in the preparation of adhesives, coatings, and printing inks, as raw materials in chemical synthesis operations, and as solvents in various kinds of extraction operations.

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 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 For specific hazard information and guidance consult supplier’s Material Safety Data Sheet.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 156 Test Method for Saybolt Color of Petroleum Products (Saybolt Chromometer Method)²
- D 268 Guide for Sampling and Testing Volatile Solvents and Chemical Intermediates for Use in Paint and Related Coatings and Materials³
- D 611 Test Methods for Aniline Point and Mixed Aniline Point of Petroleum Products and Hydrocarbon Solvents²
- D 1078 Test Method for Distillation Range of Volatile Organic Liquids³
- D 1133 Test Method for Kauri-Butanol Value of Hydrocarbon Solvents³
- D 1209 Test Method for Color of Clear Liquids (Platinum-Cobalt Scale)³

D 1296 Test Method for Odor of Volatile Solvents and Diluents³

D 1353 Test Method for Nonvolatile Matter in Volatile Solvents for Use in Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Related Products³

D 2710 Test Method for Bromine Index of Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Electrometric Titration⁴

D 3120 Test Method for Trace Quantities of Sulfur in Light Liquid Petroleum Hydrocarbons by Oxidative Microcoulometry⁴

D 4367 Test Method for Benzene in Hydrocarbon Solvents By Gas Chromatography³

E 1 Specification for ASTM Thermometers⁵

E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data To Determine Conformance with Specifications⁶

E 300 Practice for Sampling Industrial Chemicals⁷

2.2 U.S. Federal Specification:

PPP-C-2020 Chemicals, Liquid, Dry, and Paste: Packaging of⁸

3. Properties

3.1 Commercial hexanes shall conform to the following requirements:

Aniline point, min	57°C
Apparent specific gravity 15.6/15.6°C	0.660–0.686
Bromine index, max	100
Color	not darker than + 28 on the Saybolt Scale or 10 on the Pt-Co Scale
Distillation range:	
Initial boiling point, min	63°C
Dry point, max	71°C
Kauri-butanol value, max	33
Nonvolatile matter, mg/100 mL, max	1
Odor	nonresidual
Sulfur, ppm, max	5
Benzene content, weight %, max	0.1

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.04.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.03.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁷ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.05.

⁸ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098