



Standard Specification for Dimensions and Tolerances for Plastic Bottles¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the thread configuration and dimensions for finishes for plastic bottles with screw-type closures, having a maximum capacity of 18.9 L (5 gal) and a maximum bottle dimension of 305 mm (12 in.). Included are tolerances for bottle capacity and body dimensions.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 8 of this specification. *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.*

NOTE 1—There is no similar or equivalent ISO standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing²

D 1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics³

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *bottle finish*—the configuration of the neck or opening of the bottle which serves to engage specific parts of the closure in order to securely attach it to the bottle.

3.1.2 *bottle height*—the maximum dimension of a bottle in a plane perpendicular to the bottle base when the bottle is setting in its normal upright position.

3.1.3 *bottle thickness*—the smaller dimension in a plane parallel to the bottle base.

3.1.4 *bottle width*—the larger dimension in a plane parallel to the bottle base.

4. Dimensions and Recommended Variations

4.1 *Recommended Variations in Overflow Capacity*—In overflow capacity recommended variations of plastic bottles up to 18.9 L (5 gal) in size shall be in accordance with Table 1.

4.2 *Recommended Variations in Body Dimensions*—The recommended variations in the body dimensions of plastic bottles covered by this specification shall be in accordance with Table 2.

4.3 *Finish Dimensions and Design*—The bottle finish dimensions and design for the nine finishes covered by this specification shall be in accordance with Figs. 1-8 and Tables 3-10.

5. Sampling

5.1 A batch or lot shall be considered as a unit of manufacture.

5.2 Unless otherwise agreed upon between manufacturer and purchaser, the material shall be sampled in accordance with the procedure described in Section 9 of Practice D 1898. Adequate statistical sampling prior to packaging shall be considered an acceptable alternative.

6. Conditioning

6.1 *Conditioning*—Condition the test specimens at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$) and $50 \pm 5\%$ relative humidity for not less than 40 h prior to test in accordance with Procedure A of Practice D 618 for those tests where conditioning is required. In cases of disagreement, the tolerances shall be $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ($\pm 1.8^\circ\text{F}$) and $\pm 2\%$ relative humidity.

6.2 *Test Conditions*—Conduct tests in the standard laboratory atmosphere of $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$) and $50 \pm 5\%$ relative humidity, unless otherwise specified in the test methods or in this specification. In cases of disagreement, the tolerances shall be $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ($\pm 1.8^\circ\text{F}$) and $\pm 2\%$ relative humidity.

7. Apparatus

7.1 For Determining Bottle Capacity:

7.1.1 *Balance*, having an accuracy of $\pm 0.1\%$ or better at rated capacity (full scale).

7.1.2 *Pipet, Graduated Cylinder, and Beaker*, as required.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.

³ Discontinued; see 1997 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.