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Standard Test Method for Analysis of Styrene by Capillary Gas Chromatography¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the impurities typically found in styrene and uses those values to determine the purity of styrene by difference by gas chromatography. Typical impurities in commercial styrene are found in [Table 1](#).

1.2 This test method is applicable to impurity concentrations up to 1 %.

1.2.1 The limit of detection is 0.0003 mass % and the limit of quantitation is 0.0010 mass %.

1.2.2 LOD and LOQ were calculated using data from ILS results for *n*-propylbenzene in [Table 3](#).

1.3 In determining the conformance of the test results using this method to applicable specifications, results shall be rounded off in accordance with the rounding-off method of Practice [E29](#).

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* For a specific hazard statement, see [Section 9](#).

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D3437 Practice for Sampling and Handling Liquid Cyclic Products](#)

[D4307 Practice for Preparation of Liquid Blends for Use as Analytical Standards](#)

[D4790 Terminology of Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Chemicals](#)

[D6809 Guide for Quality Control and Quality Assurance Procedures for Aromatic Hydrocarbons and Related Materials](#)

[E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

[E355 Practice for Gas Chromatography Terms and Relationships](#)

[E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method](#)

[E1510 Practice for Installing Fused Silica Open Tubular Capillary Columns in Gas Chromatographs](#)

2.2 Other Document

[OSHA Regulations, 29 CFR paragraphs 1910.1000 and 1910.1200](#)³

3. Terminology

3.1 See Terminology [D4790](#) for definitions of terms used in this test method.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 In this test method, the chromatogram peak area for each impurity is compared to the peak area of the internal standard (*n*-heptane or other suitable known) added to the sample. From the response factors of these impurities relative to that of the internal standard and the amount of internal standard added,

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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