



Standard Practice for Sampling Single or Multilayered Liquids, With or Without Solids, in Drums or Similar Containers¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers typical equipment and methods for collecting samples of single or multilayered liquids, with or without solids, in drums or similar containers. These methods are adapted specifically for sampling drums having a volume of 110 gal (416 L) or less. These methods are applicable to hazardous material, product, or waste. Specific sample collection and handling requirements should be described in the site-specific work plan.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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.* Specific precautionary statements are given in 7.2.7.1 and Notes 1 and 2.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 4687 Guide for General Planning of Waste Sampling²
- D 5088 Practice for the Decontamination of Field Equipment Used at Non-Radioactive Waste Sites³
- D 5283 Practice for Generation of Environmental Data Related to Waste Management Activities: Quality Assurance and Quality Control Planning and Implementation²
- D 5495 Practice for Sampling with a Composite Liquid Waste Sampler (COLIWASA)²

2.2 Other Documents:

- Drum Handling Practices at Hazardous Waste Sites*, EPA/600/2-86/013, PB 165362, January 1986⁴

Accident Prevention Manual for Industrial Operations, 1992⁵

Occupational Safety and Health Guidance Manual for Hazardous Waste Site Activities, No. 85-115, October 1985⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *bonding*—touching the sampling equipment to the drum to form an electrically conductive path to minimize potential electrical differences between the sampling equipment and drum, reducing the buildup of static electricity.

3.1.2 *bung*—usually a 2-in. (5.1-cm) or ¾-in. (1.3-cm) diameter threaded plug designed specifically to close a bung hole.

3.1.3 *bung hole*—an opening in a barrel or drum through which it can be filled, emptied, or vented.

3.1.4 *deheading*—removal of the lid of a closed-head drum; it is usually accomplished with a drum deheader.

3.1.5 *drum*—implicitly any drum, barrel, or non-bulk container of 5 to 110-gal (19 to 416-L) capacity.

3.1.6 *pail*—a small container, usually of 5-gal (19-L) capacity. Pails typically have bungs or spouts, or the entire lid can be removed.

3.1.7 *paperwork*—all required site documentation, which may include the manifests, waste profiles, material safety data sheets (MSDS), site forms, sample labels, seals, and chain of custody forms.

3.1.8 *sludge*—any mixture of solids that settles out of solution. Sludges contain liquids that are not apparent as free liquids.

3.1.9 *work plan*—a plan specific to a particular site; it is for conducting activities specified in the plan.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 The drum and its contents are inspected, and appropriate sampling equipment is selected. A clean sampling device is lowered slowly into the liquid to be sampled. After the material

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 11.04.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.08.

⁴ Available from National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

⁵ Available from National Safety Council, 1121 Spring Lake Dr., Itasca, IL 60143.