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Standard Test Method for Acetone, *p*-Chlorobenzotrifluoride, Methyl Acetate or *t*-Butyl Acetate Content of Solventborne and Waterborne Paints, Coatings, Resins, and Raw Materials by Direct Injection Into a Gas Chromatograph¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is for the determination of the total concentration of acetone, *p*-chlorobenzotrifluoride (pCBTF), methyl acetate, or *t*-butyl acetate (tBAc), or combination of any of the four, in solvent-reducible and water-reducible paints, coatings, resins, and raw materials. Because unknown compounds that co-elute with the analyte being measured or with the internal standard, will lead to erroneous results, this test method should only be used for materials of known composition so that the possibility of interferences can be eliminated. The established working range of this test method is from 1 % to 100 % for each analyte by weight.

1.2 Allowed exempt compounds vary by regulatory agency. Always verify current local, state, and federal rules and regulations to ensure compliance.

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

1.4 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *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.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D6438 Test Method for Acetone, Methyl Acetate, and Parachlorobenzotrifluoride Content of Paints, and Coatings by Solid Phase Microextraction-Gas Chromatography

D6886 Test Method for Determination of the Weight Percent Individual Volatile Organic Compounds in Waterborne Air-Dry Coatings by Gas Chromatography

E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods

E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 A suitable aliquot of whole paint is internally standardized, diluted with an appropriate solvent, and then injected into a gas chromatographic column that separates the chosen analytes from other volatile components. The analyte content is determined from area calculations of the materials producing peaks on the chromatogram.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 With the need to calculate volatile organic content (VOC) of paints, and with acetone, *p*-chlorobenzotrifluoride, methyl acetate and *t*-butyl acetate considered possible exempt volatile compounds, it is necessary to know the content of these analytes. This gas chromatographic test method provides a relatively simple and direct way to determine their content. However, because the detectors used in this test method are not selective, and because some coatings are very complex mixtures, compounds may be present in the sample that coelute

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