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Standard Test Method for Determination of Low Level Phthalates in Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Plastics by Solvent Extraction—Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method provides a procedure to quantify six phthalates by solvent extraction of plasticized PVC articles followed by analysis of the extract by gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. Six phthalates, BBP, DBP, DEHP, DNOP, DINP, and DIDP, are used to illustrate how to implement the method.

NOTE 1—The method can be extended to other phthalates in a wide range of polymeric substrates.

1.2 Within the context of this method, “low level” is defined as 1000 ppm.

1.3 The values in SI units are to be regarded as 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.*

NOTE 2—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics

D3465 Guide for Purity of Monomeric Plasticizers by Gas Chromatography

D7083 Practice for Determination of Monomeric Plasticizers in Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) by Gas Chromatography

D7823 Test Method for Determination of Low Level Phthalates in Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Plastics by Thermal Desorption—Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry

D7993 Guide for Analyzing Complex Phthalates

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

E355 Practice for Gas Chromatography Terms and Relationships

E594 Practice for Testing Flame Ionization Detectors Used in Gas or Supercritical Fluid Chromatography

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

IEEE/ASTM SI-10 Practice for Use of the International System of Units (SI), the Modernized Metric System

2.2 *ASTM Adjuncts:* **ADJD7823-EA**

Vinyl Plasticizer Library—Total Ion Chromatograms and Mass Spectra

2.3 *CPSC Standard:*³

CPSC-CH-C1001–09.3 Standard Operating Procedure for Determination of Phthalates

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definition of plastic terms used in this standard, see Terminologies **D883** and **D1600**.

3.2 For units, symbols, and abbreviations used in this standard refer to Practices **E594**, **E355**, or **IEEE/ASTM SI-10**.

3.3 *Compounds and Instrumentation:*

3.3.1 (DOA) Hexanedioic acid, 1,6-bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester
CAS #103-23-1

3.3.2 (DINCH) 1,2-Cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, dinonyl ester, branched and linear CAS #474919-59-0

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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.

³ Available from U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), 4330 East West Hwy., Bethesda, MD 20814, <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard