

ALCOHOL, METHYL

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers methyl alcohol in the form of a liquid.

1.2 Application: Primarily for use as an additive to prevent freezing of water used in aircraft power plant injection systems.

1.3 Precautions: THIS MATERIAL IS A DEADLY POISON IF TAKEN INTERNALLY. Cannot be made non-poisonous. Avoid prolonged breathing of vapor. It is unlawful to use this fluid in any article of food, beverage, or medicinal or toilet preparation for human use.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

2.1 SAE Publications: Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
AMS 2825 - Material Safety Data Sheets

2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM D86 - Distillation of Petroleum Products
ASTM D270 - Sampling Petroleum and Petroleum Products
ASTM D1298 - Density, Specific Gravity, or API Gravity of Crude
Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer
Method

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2.3 U.S. Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.3.1 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-794 - Parts and Equipment, Procedures for Packaging and Packing of

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition: Shall be as follows; aldehydes plus ketones shall be determined as acetaldehyde in accordance with 4.5.1 or other method approved by purchaser:

	Percent	
	min	max
Methyl Alcohol	99.0	--
Aldehydes + Ketones (as acetaldehyde)	--	0.05
Sulfur and Sulfur Compounds (as S)	--	0.03
Acetone	--	0.015
Acidity (as acetic acid)	--	0.01
Esters (as methyl acetate)	--	1.0

3.1.1 Nonvolatile residue shall not exceed 5.0 mg per 100 millilitres.

3.2 Properties: Alcohol shall conform to the following requirements:

3.2.1 Specific Gravity: Shall be 0.7958 - 0.7986 at 15°/4°C (59°/39°F),
 ∅ determined in accordance with ASTM D1298.

3.2.2 Distillation Range: Alcohol shall be completely distilled between 64° and
 ∅ 67°C (147° and 153°F), determined in accordance with ASTM D86.

3.2.3 Corrosion: There shall be no evidence of pitting or black stain on a copper dish when 100 mL of the alcohol is evaporated to dryness in a freshly-polished 3.5 in. (88 mm) diameter hemispherical copper dish by heating on a steam bath; a slight amount of brown stain is acceptable.

3.2.4 Miscibility: Alcohol shall be miscible with distilled water in all proportions.

3.2.5 Odor: Shall be characteristic; there shall be no residual odor after evaporation from filter paper saturated with the alcohol.

3.3 Quality: Alcohol, as received by purchaser, shall be clear and free from suspended matter or other contaminants detrimental to usage of the alcohol.
 ∅ Alcohol shall be colorless unless otherwise required by government rules and regulations.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of alcohol shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all
Ø required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.6. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the alcohol conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests: Tests to determine conformance to all technical requirements of this specification are classified as acceptance tests and as
Ø preproduction tests and shall be performed on each lot, prior to or on the initial shipment of alcohol to a purchaser, when a change in material or processing, or both requires reapproval as in 4.4.2, and when purchaser deems confirmatory testing to be required.

4.2.1 For direct U.S. Military procurement, substantiating test data and, when requested, preproduction test material shall be submitted to the cognizant
Ø agency as directed by the procuring activity, the contracting officer, or the request for procurement.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with ASTM D270, unless otherwise specified. A lot shall be all alcohol from the same batches of raw
Ø materials processed in one continuous run and presented for vendor's inspection at one time. A lot shall not exceed 5,000 gal (19,000 L) and may be packaged in smaller quantities and delivered separately under the basic lot approval as long as lot identity is maintained.

4.4 Approval:

4.4.1 Sample alcohol shall be approved by purchaser before alcohol for
Ø production use is supplied, unless such approval be waived by purchaser. Results of tests on production alcohol shall be essentially equivalent to those on the approved sample.

4.4.2 Vendor shall use ingredients, manufacturing procedures, processes, and
Ø methods of inspection on production alcohol which are essentially the same as those used on the approved sample alcohol. If necessary to make any change in ingredients, in type of equipment for processing, or in manufacturing procedures, vendor shall submit for reapproval a statement of the proposed changes in material or processing, or both and, when requested, sample alcohol. Production alcohol made by the revised procedure shall not be shipped prior to receipt of reapproval.

4.5 Test Methods:

4.5.1 Aldehydes Plus Ketones: The following reagent, apparatus, and procedure are recommended to determine the percentage of aldehydes plus ketones as acetaldehyde:

- 4.5.1.1 **Reagent:** 0.5N hydroxylamine hydrochloride ($\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$) containing no free hydrochloric acid. Dissolve 35 g of CP $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ in water, add sufficient 0.5N sodium hydroxide to neutralize any free hydrochloric acid, and dilute to one litre. The amount of sodium hydroxide needed may be calculated from the amount needed to render a sample of the hydroxylamine hydrochloride neutral to bromophenol blue. The pH of the finished solution should be 3.045 - 3.055.
- 4.5.1.2 **Apparatus:** An electrical pH meter with standard glass electrode and standard calomel electrode. The meter should be standardized against a standard buffer having a pH in or near the working range.
- 4.5.1.3 **Procedure:** Add 1 mL of 0.5N $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$ to 10 mL of distilled water in a 50 mL beaker. Adjust the pH meter to the temperature of the resulting solution and determine the pH. This should be within the range 3.65 - 3.80. Add 10 mL of the alcohol to be tested and mix thoroughly. The temperature of the solution will rise to approximately 35°C (95°F) and, with continued stirring, drop to approximately 30°C (85°F) in the 5 min. period which should be allowed for reaction. At the end of the 5 min., adjust the pH meter to the temperature of the solution and determine the pH. The percentage of aldehydes plus ketones is determined from a curve of change in pH versus concentration. The curve may be plotted from the following data:

Aldehydes + Ketones (as acetaldehyde) %	Decrease in pH
0.0000	0.00
0.0125	0.63
0.0250	0.89
0.0375	1.04
0.0500	1.14

- 4.6 **Reports:** The vendor of alcohol shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the composition and the quantitative results of tests on the lot of alcohol from which the order was filled and stating that the alcohol conforms to the other technical requirements of this specification. This report shall include the purchase order number, lot number, AMS 3004C, formula number, and quantity.
- 4.6.1 A material safety data sheet conforming to AMS 2825 or equivalent shall be supplied to each purchaser prior to, or concurrent with, the report of preproduction test results or, if preproduction testing be waived by purchaser, concurrent with the first shipment of alcohol for production use. Each request for modification of product formulation shall be accompanied by a revised data sheet for the proposed formulation.