



THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY  
SALES SPECIFICATION

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**Name:** Propylene Glycol USP/EP

**Specification Number:** 000000059518

**Previous Specified Material:** 00111814

**Shelf Life**

Container Type	Conditions of Handling	Conditions of Storage	Shelf Life	Deterioration Characteristics
Drum			24 Months	
Bulk			24 Months	

**Government and Industry Standards**

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 231/2012 (food additives)  
EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA (EP)  
FOOD CHEMICALS CODEX (FCC)  
THE JAPANESE PHARMACOPOEIA (JP)  
THE UNITED STATES PHARMACOPOEIA (USP)  
21CFR Part 117

**Final Testing Requirements**

Test and Test Condition	Limit	Unit	Method	Note
Assay	99.80 Min	%	Current USP	
Acidity <b>Test Frequency:</b>	0.20 Max quarterly	ml	Current USP	
Chlorides <b>Test Frequency:</b>	70 Max quarterly	ppm	Current USP	
Heavy Metals <b>Test Frequency:</b>	5.0 Max quarterly	ppm	Current USP	
Residue on Ignition, per 50g <b>Test Frequency:</b>	3.50 Max quarterly	mg	Current USP	

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Specific Gravity, @ 25/25degC <b>Test Frequency:</b>	1.035 — 1.037 quarterly		Current USP	
Sulfate <b>Test Frequency:</b>	60 Max quarterly	ppm	Current USP	
Water Content	0.200 Max	%	Current USP	
ID Test A, matches IR scan <b>Test Frequency:</b>	Pass quarterly		Current USP	
ID Test B, Limit of Ethylene Glycol	Pass		Current USP	
ID Test B, Limit of Diethylene Glycol	Pass		Current USP	
ID Test C, Matches GC Scan	Pass		Current USP	
Acidity <b>Test Frequency:</b>	0.05 Max quarterly	ml	Current EP	
Boiling Point <b>Test Frequency:</b>	184 — 189 quarterly	°C	Current EP	
Clarity <b>Test Frequency:</b>	Pass quarterly		Current EP	
Color <b>Test Frequency:</b>	Pass quarterly		Current EP	
Heavy Metals <b>Test Frequency:</b>	5.0 Max quarterly	ppm	Current EP	
Melting Point <b>Test Frequency:</b>	121 — 128 annually	°C	Current EP	
Oxidizing Substances, 0.05M sodium thiosulfate <b>Test Frequency:</b>	0.20 Max quarterly	ml	Current EP	

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Reducing Substances <b>Test Frequency:</b>	Pass quarterly		Current EP	
Refractive Index, @ 20degC <b>Test Frequency:</b>	1.431 — 1.433 quarterly		Current EP	
Relative Density, @ 20/20degC <b>Test Frequency:</b>	1.035 — 1.040 quarterly		Current EP	
Sulfated ash <b>Test Frequency:</b>	0.0100 Max quarterly	%	Current EP	
Water Content	0.200 Max	%	Current EP	
Assay	99.80 Min	%	Current FCC	
Acidity <b>Test Frequency:</b>	Pass quarterly		Current FCC	
Appearance, clear & colorless <b>Test Frequency:</b>	Pass quarterly		Current FCC	
Distillation, IBP <b>Test Frequency:</b>	185.0 Min quarterly	°C	Current FCC	
Distillation, DP <b>Test Frequency:</b>	189.0 Max quarterly	°C	Current FCC	
Lead (Pb) <b>Test Frequency:</b>	1.0 Max annually	ppm	Current FCC	
Identification, matches IR scan <b>Test Frequency:</b>	Pass quarterly		Current FCC	
Residue on Ignition <b>Test Frequency:</b>	0.0070 Max quarterly	%	Current FCC	
Specific Gravity, @ 25/25degC <b>Test Frequency:</b>	1.035 — 1.037 quarterly		Current FCC	

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Water Content	0.200 Max	%	Current FCC	
Acidity	Pass		Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Arsenic	2.0 Max	ppm	Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Chlorides	0.007 Max	%	Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Distilling Range, 184 - 189 degC	95 Min	% vol	Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Glycerine (Odor)	Pass		Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Heavy Metals	5.0 Max	ppm	Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Melting Point	174 — 178	°C	Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	annually			
Odor	Pass		Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Residue on Ignition	0.0050 Max	%	Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Specific Gravity, @ 20/20degC	1.035 — 1.040		Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Sulfate	0.002 Max	%	Current JP	
<b>Test Frequency:</b>	quarterly			
Water Content	0.500 Max	%	Current JP	
Acidity, as acetic acid	0.0020 Max	%	DOWM 101370	

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Appearance, clear, free of suspended matter	Pass		Visual	
Chlorides	1.0 Max	ppm	DOWM 101867	
Color, Pt-Co	10 Max		ASTM D5386	
Dimer, Trimer, & Higher Polymers	0.100 Max	%	DOWM 100687	
Ethylene Glycol	0.0080 Max	%	DOWM 100687	
Diethylene Glycol	0.0080 Max	%	DOWM 100687	
Iron	0.30 Max	ppm	ASTM E394	
Odor, practically odorless	Pass		Olfactory	
Spec. Grav. @ 20C	1.0376 — 1.0389		ASTM D4052	

**Test Frequency:** quarterly

**General Notes**

- 1 Values reported for Assay, Ethylene Glycol and Diethylene Glycol under USP and for Assay under FCC are obtained using the validated Dow GC Method DOWM 100687.
- 2 Concerning Regulation (EU) No 231/2012: Distillation range of 185 – 189°C is covered by current FCC; Purity of 99.5% is covered by GC analysis (DOWM 100687)

READ PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION AND MATERIAL SAFETY SHEETS. THIS PRODUCT IS SHIPPED IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING CLASSIFICATION, PACKAGING, SHIPPING AND LABELING.

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