

## Diethyl phthalate (DEP)

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### Synonyms

Diethyl phthalate

### Formula

$C_{12}H_{14}O_4$

**Molecular weight:** 222.24

**CAS number:** 84-66-2

**EINECS number:** 201-550-6

### Product specification

Characteristics	Unit	Value	Method*
Appearance		Clear Liquid, free from suspended matter	Visual
Colour	APHA/Hazen	$\leq 20$	AM 018
Odour		Very mild	AM 074
Acidity as Phthalic acid	%	$\leq 0.01$	AM 006
Water content	%	$\leq 0.05$	AM 023
Ester content	%	$\geq 99.0$	AM 999

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### Typical properties

Characteristics	Unit	Value
Boiling point @ 760 mmHg	°C	296
Density @ 20 °C	g/ml	1.12
Melting Point	°C	-40
Flash point (closed cup)	°C	152

### Main applications

Main applications for DEP are:

- DEP is mainly used as solvent for fragrances not soluble in water;
- DEP is also used as first choice plasticizer for cellulose acetate;
- In the Pharmaceutical industry, DEP is used as a plasticizer in polymers device and in tablets coating.