

SPECIFICATION FOR BIODIESEL (B100)

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Biodiesel is defined as the mono alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, for use in compression-ignition (diesel) engines. This specification is for pure (100%) biodiesel prior to use or blending with diesel fuel.#

Property	ASTM Method	Limits	Units
Flash Point	D93	130 min.	Degrees C
Water & Sediment	D2709	0.050 max.	% vol.
Kinematic Viscosity, 40 C	D445	1.9 - 6.0	mm²/sec.
Sulfated Ash	D874	0.020 max.	% mass
Sulfur S 15 Grade S 500 Grade	D5453	15 max. 500 max.	ppm
Copper Strip Corrosion	D130	No. 3 max.	
Cetane	D613	47 min.	
Cloud Point	D2500	Report	Degrees C
Carbon Residue 100% sample	D4530**	0.050 max.	% mass
Acid Number	D664	0.80 max.	mg KOH/gm
Free Glycerin	D6584	0.020 max.	% mass
Total Glycerin	D6584	0.240 max.	% mass
Phosphorus Content Distillation Temp, Atmospheric Equivalent	D 4951	0.001 max.	% mass
Temperature, 90% Recovered	D 1160	360 max.	Degrees C

^{*} To meet special operating conditions, modifications of individual limiting requirements may be agreed upon between purchaser, seller and manufacturer.

^{**} The carbon residue shall be run on the 100% sample.



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A considerable amount of experience exists in the US with a 20% blend of biodiesel with 80% diesel fuel (B20). Although biodiesel (B100) can be used, blends of over 20% biodiesel with diesel fuel should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis until further experience is available.