amount of camphor, chloral hydrate or thymol: the mixture liquefies.

(2) Shake 1 g of dl-Menthol with 20 mL of sulfuric acid: the mixture becomes turbid with a yellow-red color. Allow to stand for 3 hours: a clear, oily layer possesses no aroma of menthol is separated.

Congealing point 27 - 28°C

Optical rotation $[\alpha]_D^{20}$: −2.0 - +2.0° (2.5 g, ethanol (95), 25 mL, 100 mm).

Purity **(1)** Non-volatile residue—Volatilize 2.0 g of *dl*-Menthol on a water bath, and dry the residue at 105°C for 2 hours: the residue weighs not more than 1.0 mg.

(2) Thymol—Add 0.20 g of dl-Menthol to a cold mixture of 2 mL of acetic acid (100), 6 drops of sulfuric acid and 2 drops of nitric acid: no green to blue-green color immediately develops.

(3) Nitromethane or nitroethane—To 0.5 g of *dl*-Menthol placed in a flask add 2 mL of a solution of sodium hydroxide (1 in 2) and 1 mL of strong hydrogen peroxide, connect a reflux condenser to the flask, and boil the mixture gently for 10 minutes. After cooling, add water to make exactly 20 mL, and filter. Take 1 mL of the filtrate in a Nessler tube, add water to make 10 mL, neutralize with dilute hydrochloric acid, then add 1 mL of dilute hydrochloric acid, and cool. To the mixture add 1 mL of a solution of sulfanilic acid (1 in 100), allow to stand for 2 minutes, and then add 1 mL of a solution of *N*-(1-naphthyl)-*N'*-diethylethylenediamine oxalate (1 in 1000) and water to make 25 mL: no red-purple color immediately develops.

Assay Weigh accurately about 2 g of *dl*-Menthol, add exactly 20 mL of a mixture of dehydrated pyridine and acetic anhydride (8:1), connect a reflux condenser, and heat on a water bath for 2 hours. Wash down the condenser with 20 mL of water, and titrate with 1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS (indicator: 5 drops of phenolphthalein TS). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction.

Each mL of 1 mol/L sodium hydroxide VS
= 156.27 mg of $C_{10}H_{20}O$

Containers and storage Containers—Tight containers.
Storage—In a cold place.

l-Menthol

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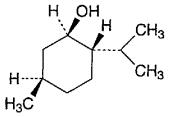

$C_{10}H_{20}O$: 156.27
(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-2-Isopropyl-5-methylcyclohexanol
[*2216-51-5*]

l-Menthol contains not less than 98.0% of $C_{10}H_{20}O$.

Description *l*-Menthol occurs as colorless crystals. It has a characteristic and refreshing odor and a burning taste, followed by a cool taste.

l-Menthol is very soluble in ethanol (95) and in diethyl ether, and very slightly soluble in water.

l-Menthol sublimes gradually at room temperature.

Identification **(1)** Triturate *l*-Menthol with an equal amount of camphor, chloral hydrate or thymol: the mixture liquefies.

(2) Shake 1 g of *l*-Menthol with 20 mL of sulfuric acid: the mixture becomes turbid with a yellow-red color. Allow to stand for 3 hours: a clear, oily layer which possesses no aroma of menthol is separated.

Optical rotation $[\alpha]_D^{20}$: −45.0 - −51.0° (2.5 g, ethanol (95), 25 mL, 100 mm).

Melting point 42 - 44°C

Purity **(1)** Non-volatile residue—Volatilize 2.0 g of *l*-Menthol on a water bath, and dry the residue at 105°C for 2 hours: the residue weighs not more than 1.0 mg.

(2) Thymol—Add 0.20 g of *l*-Menthol to a cold mixture of 2 mL of acetic acid (100), 6 drops of sulfuric acid and 2 drops of nitric acid: no green to blue-green color immediately develops.

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Methyl Parahydroxybenzoate

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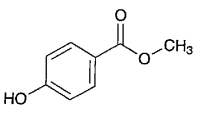

$C_8H_8O_3$: 152.15
Methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate [*98-76-3*]