

# INDEX OF REFRACTION OF LIQUIDS FOR CALIBRATION PURPOSES

This table gives the index of refraction of six liquids which are available in highly pure form and whose index of refraction has been accurately measured as a function of wavelength and temperature. They are therefore useful for calibration of refractometers. The estimated uncertainty in the values is:

2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	±0.00003
Hexadecane	±0.00008
<i>trans</i> -Bicyclo[4.0.0]decane	±0.00008
1-Methylnaphthalene	±0.00008
Toluene	±0.00003
Methylcyclohexane	±0.00003

Full details are given in the references. This table is reprinted from Reference 1 by permission of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

## References

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$\lambda$ nm	2,2,4-Trimethylpentane			Hexadecane		
	20°C	25°C	30°C	20°C	25°C	30°C
667.81	1.38916	1.38670	1.38424	1.43204	1.43001	1.42798
656.28	1.38945	1.38698	1.38452	1.43235	1.43032	1.42829
589.26	1.39145	1.38898	1.38650	1.43453	1.43250	1.43047
546.07	1.39316	1.39068	1.38820	1.43640	1.43436	1.43232
501.57	1.39544	1.39294	1.39044	1.43888	1.43684	1.43480
486.13	1.39639	1.39389	1.39138	1.43993	1.43788	1.43583
435.83	1.40029	1.39776	1.39523	1.44419	1.44213	1.44007

  

$\lambda$ nm	<i>trans</i> -Bicyclo[4.4.0]decane			1-Methylnaphthalene		
	20°C	25°C	30°C	20°C	25°C	30°C
667.81	1.46654	1.46438	1.46222	1.60828	1.60592	1.60360
656.28	1.46688	1.46472	1.46256	1.60940	1.60703	1.60471
589.26	1.46932	1.46715	1.46498	1.61755	1.61512	1.61278
546.07	1.47141	1.46923	1.46705	1.62488	1.62240	1.62005
501.57	1.47420	1.47200	1.46980	1.63513	1.63259	1.63022
486.13	1.47535	1.47315	1.47095	1.63958	1.63701	1.63463
435.83	1.48011	1.47789	1.47567		1.65627	1.65386

  

$\lambda$ nm	Toluene			Methylcyclohexane		
	20°C	25°C	30°C	20°C	25°C	30°C
667.81	1.49180	1.48903	1.48619	1.42064	1.41812	1.41560
656.28	1.49243	1.48966	1.48682	1.42094	1.41842	1.41591
589.26	1.49693	1.49413	1.49126	1.42312	1.42058	1.41806
546.07	1.50086	1.49803	1.49514	1.42497	1.42243	1.41989
501.57	1.50620	1.50334	1.50041	1.42744	1.42488	1.42233
486.13	1.50847	1.50559	1.50265	1.42847	1.42590	1.42334
435.83	1.51800	1.51506	1.51206	1.43269	1.43010	1.42752