

Note

Excess enthalpies of *n*-butanol + ethyl esters

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Abstract

Excess molar enthalpies of *n*-butanol + ethyl acetate, +ethyl propionate, +ethyl *n*-butyrate, +ethyl *n*-valerate, +ethyl *n*-caproate have been measured at 308.15 K with a Martin-type isothermal displacement calorimeter. The UNIQUAC model is successfully used to correlate the H_m^E of the five binary systems.

INTRODUCTION

The excess molar enthalpies of *n*-butanol with methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, propyl acetate and *n*-butyl acetate were investigated at 308.15 K [1]. In order to obtain more information on the influence of the chain length of the ester, we measured H_m^E calorimetrically for the five binary mixtures *n*-butanol + ethyl acetate, +ethyl propionate, +ethyl *n*-butyrate, +ethyl *n*-valerate, +ethyl *n*-caproate at 308.15 K at atmospheric pressure.

EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

All liquids were dried with molecular sieves before being carefully distilled using 1.5-m-long packed columns. The densities ρ of the final products of fractional distillation were determined with a DMA45 Anton Paar K.G., and are summarized in Table 1, where values of their refractive indices n_D are also listed. Agreement with reliable literature values [2] is satisfactory for all substances.

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TABLE 1

Densities ρ /(g cm⁻³) and refractive indices n_D of component liquids at 20°C

Component	ρ		n_D	
	Exptl.	Ref. 2	Exptl.	Ref. 2
<i>n</i> -Butanol	0.8100	0.8098	1.3994	1.39931
Ethyl acetate	0.9006	0.9003	1.3722	1.3723
Ethyl propionate	0.8920	0.8917	1.3839	1.3839
Ethyl <i>n</i> -butyrate	0.8783	0.8785	1.4001	1.4000
Ethyl <i>n</i> -valerate	0.8774	0.8770	1.4120	1.4120
Ethyl <i>n</i> -caproate	0.8714	0.8710	1.4073	1.4073

Calorimeter

Excess molar enthalpies were determined as described previously [1] with a Martin-type isothermal displacement calorimeter [3] which was constructed in our laboratory [4]. Studies of the test systems indicated that the precision of the results is 1% or better over most of the mole fraction range.

Results

The measured values of H_m^E at 308.15 K are given in Table 2. Numerical equations were established for H_m^E for each binary system with the empirical constants calculated being listed in Table 3.

CORRELATION

The UNIQUAC model [5] represents the excess Gibbs energy as the sum of the combinatorial and residual terms, G_{comb}^E and G_{res}^E

$$G^E = G_{\text{comb}}^E + G_{\text{res}}^E \quad (1)$$

The excess enthalpy H_m^E is given by applying the Gibbs–Helmholtz equation to eqn. (1)

$$H_m^E = \left[\frac{\partial(G^E/T)}{\partial(1/T)} \right]$$

We assume that the temperature dependences of the energy parameters α_{12} and α_{21} are expressed by a linear function of temperature [6]

$$\alpha_{ji} = C_{ji} + D_{ji}(T - 273.15) \quad (2)$$

Table 4 shows values of the structural parameters r , q and q' . Table 5 presents the UNIQUAC parameters and the standard deviations (SD) of the calculated values based on the experimental results.

TABLE 6

Excess enthalpies/(J mol⁻¹) and mole fractions of five binary mixtures at maxima

Ester	H_m^E	X_1
Ethyl acetate	1755.4	0.490
Ethyl propionate	1595.5	0.478
Ethyl <i>n</i> -butyrate	1551.1	0.467
Ethyl <i>n</i> -valerate	1494.4	0.458
Ethyl <i>n</i> -caproate	1440.0	0.451

mixtures show regular increases on ascending the ester series. This phenomenon can reasonably be explained by the lengthening of the ester chain tending to weaken the association between the molecules of *n*-butanol and the esters.

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