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Standard Test Methods for Quicklime and Hydrated Lime for Neutralization of Waste Acid¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the testing of quicklime and hydrated lime for use in the treatment of waste acid solutions and includes the characterization of the liming material and of the acid waste.

NOTE 1—When agreed upon by the manufacturer and the purchaser, this method may be used directly to evaluate the lime requirement for a plant waste acid and in the preparation of the lime slurry; the pH, the time, temperature, and other conditions of treatment may be adjusted to conform to plant practice. Otherwise the test shall be performed as described in this method.

NOTE 2—Under some conditions of test the lime requirement may vary substantially from that indicated by ultimate chemical analysis or by the use of a determination of available alkalinity by titration to a stoichiometric end point.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[C50/C50M Practice for Sampling, Sample Preparation, Packaging, and Marking of Lime and Limestone Products](#)

[C51 Terminology Relating to Lime and Limestone \(as used by the Industry\)](#)

[E11 Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves](#)

[E70 Test Method for pH of Aqueous Solutions With the Glass Electrode](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology [C51](#).

3.2 *Definitions: Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *neutralization coefficient*—the number of parts of lime required to neutralize one million parts by weight of sulfuric acid solution (1.5 %) to a pH of 4.4 in 30 min (see [Note 1](#)).

3.1.2 *pH*—a measure of the hydrogen ion concentration of a sample and representing the logarithm of the reciprocal (negative logarithm) of the activity of hydrogen ions, calculated as follows:

$$\text{pH} = \log_{10} \frac{1}{(\text{H}^+)} = -\log(\text{H}^+)$$

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

where:

H^+ = activity of hydrogen ions.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Since all limes and waste acid solutions are different, this test method evaluates the relative quantity of a given lime needed for the neutralization of a specific quantity of acid.

4.2 Liming materials have a specific basicity factor or measure of alkalinity which can be used for comparing their relative neutralizing power. It avoids dependence on chemical analysis and is determined as grams of calcium oxide equivalents per kilogram of liming material.

4.3 Likewise, specific waste acids have an acid value that can be expressed as grams of hydrochloric acid equivalent per litre of acid waste. This value is related on a stoichiometric basis to lime neutralization requirements of a liquid acid waste.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *pH Measuring Apparatus*, conforming to the requirements of Section 5, Apparatus, and Section 6, Reagents and Materials, of Test Method E70. A time-pH recording device or attachment is desirable but not required.

5.2 *Analytical Balance*, capable of reproducing results within 0.005 g.

5.3 *Stirrer*, motorized, capable of rotating at speeds from 120 to 600 r/min.

5.4 *Sieves*—300- μm (No. 50) and 150- μm (No. 100) sieves conforming to Specification E11.

5.5 *Miscellaneous Equipment*—Chemically resistant glassware,³ metal stands for support of the equipment, etc.

6. Purity of Reagents

6.1 Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society, where such specifications are available.⁴ Other grades may be used, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficiently high purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

6.2 Unless otherwise indicated, references to water shall be understood to mean distilled water.

7. **Test Method A**—for Determining Lime Requirement for the neutralization of a standard sulfuric acid or waste acid solution within a time limit of thirty minutes.

7.1 Reagents:

7.1.1 *Sulfuric Acid, Standard Solution* ($1.5 \pm 0.05\%$)—Thoroughly mix 15.8 g of concentrated sulfuric acid (95 % H_2SO_4) with water, dilute to 1 L, analyze to within 0.005 % H_2SO_4 , and store in a suitable stoppered bottle.

7.2 Preparation of Sample:

7.2.1 Take samples of quicklime and hydrated lime in accordance with Methods ~~E50~~C50/C50M.

7.2.2 *Quicklime*—Weigh a sample of quicklime (2.50 ± 0.01 g) ground to pass a ~~No. 50 mesh~~300- μm (No. 50) sieve. Add to a 500-mL tall-form beaker containing 50 mL of boiling water and continue to boil for 2 min. Remove from hot plate and continue stirring with a magnetic stirrer until the slurry reaches room temperature (at least 10 min).

7.2.3 *Hydrated Lime*—Mix a sample of hydrated lime (2.50 ± 0.01 g) with 50 mL of water in a 500-mL tall-form beaker for at least 10 min.

7.3 Procedure:

7.3.1 Place the pH electrodes within the beaker about $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (~~13 mm~~) 15 mm above the surface of the lime slurry sample. Set the motor stirrer to the highest speed at which splattering or immersion of the electrodes does not occur. Measure 250 g of H_2SO_4 ($1.5 \pm 0.05\%$) into a separate 500-mL beaker. Add this acid to the sample in a single motion and record the pH as a function of time for a period of 30 min (see Note 1).

7.3.2 Test a second slurry sample using more or less than 250 g of H_2SO_4 ($1.5 \pm 0.05\%$), as indicated by the pH value observed after 30 min reaction in the first test. Repeat the procedure at least four times or until sufficient data are available to give a family of curves that indicate pH at 30 min as a function of grams of lime per 1000 g of H_2SO_4 (1.5 %), with particular emphasis in the region of pH equals 4.4.

7.4 Results:

7.4.1 Neutralization Rate Curves:

³ Borosilicate glass has been found satisfactory for this purpose.

⁴ "Reagent Chemicals, American Chemical Society Specifications," Am. Chemical Soc., Washington, DC. For suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see "Reagent Chemicals and Standards," by Joseph Rosin, D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., New York, NY, and the "United States Pharmacopeia."