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- *Part 1: General information and sample preparation*
- *Part 2: Determination of loss on ignition, total carbon, free carbon and silicon carbide, total and free silica and total and free silicon*
- *Part 3: Determination of nitrogen, oxygen and metallic and oxidic constituents*

ISO 21068-2:2008(E)**Introduction**

ISO 21068, Parts 1 to 3, have been developed from the combination of a Japanese standard JIS 2011 [6] and work items originally developed within CEN. Because there is a wide variety of laboratory equipment in use, the most commonly used methods are described.

This part of ISO 21068 is applicable to the analysis of all refractory products classified in ISO 10081 [2] to [5] (shaped) and ISO 1927 [1] (unshaped) and raw materials containing carbon and/or silicon carbide. Therefore, this part of ISO 21068 covers the full range of analysis from pure silicon carbide to oxidic refractory composition with a low content of silicon carbide and/or nitrides. Primarily, this part of ISO 21068 provides methods to distinguish between different carbon-bound types like total carbon (C_{total}) and free carbon (C_{free}) and derives from these two the silicon carbide content.

If free carbon is present, this part of ISO 21068 includes different types of temperature treatment, in order to determine the mass changes gravimetrically. Frequently, the resulting residue is used for other determinations.

The determination of other groups of analytes described in this part of ISO 21068 are free metals, free silicon (Si_{free}), free aluminum (Al_{free}), free magnesium (Mg_{free}), free iron (Fe_{free}) and the group of oxides from main to trace components.

This part of ISO 21068 also describes the chemical analysis of SiO_2 , total Si, oxygen and nitrogen and other oxidic-bound metals which typically occur in the materials.

This part of ISO 21068 represents a listing of analytical methods which is approximately structured according to material composition. However, it is still the user who should prove the applicability of the method, depending on the material and analytical requirements.

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Part 2:

Determination of loss on ignition, total carbon, free carbon and silicon carbide, total and free silica and total and free silicon

1 Scope

This part of ISO 21068 specifies analytical techniques for the determination of change in mass by thermal treatment at specified temperatures, and methods for the determination of the total carbon content, free carbon, silicon carbide, silicon, total silica and free silica content of silicon-carbide-containing raw materials and refractory products.

2 Normative references

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ISO 5725-2, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

ISO 9286:1997, *Abrasive grains and crude — Chemical analysis of silicon carbide*

ISO 10060, *Dense, shaped refractory products — Test methods for products containing carbon*

ISO 21068-1:2008, *Chemical analysis of silicon-carbide-containing raw materials and refractory products — Part 1: General information and sample preparation*

EN 12698-1:2007, *Chemical analysis of nitride bonded silicon carbide refractories — Part 1: Chemical methods*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 21068-1 apply.

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4 Determination of change in mass

4.1 General

The determination of change in mass is defined as a loss or increase in mass caused by heat treatment. Several methods are distinguished based on the sample material, temperature and atmosphere. The determination of change in mass is carried out by a gravimetric method. Heat treatments in air will lead to a loss of volatile matter and carbon and an increase of mass due to oxidation, whereas a heat treatment in argon will only lead to a loss of volatile matter.

Normally, the residue is used for other determinations. Therefore, the change in mass is considered for the calculation of the analytical result. The analytical method which is applied to the residue depends on the matrix and the parameters to be determined. It is up to the user to select the appropriate analytical method.

Table 1 gives an overview of methods of determination of change in mass by heat pretreatments and their different applications.

Table 1 — Methods and application purpose of determination of change in mass

Short title of method	Temperature	Subclause	Application
Loss on drying (LOD ₂₅₀)	250 °C	4.2	Attached water and chemically combined water are removed, e.g. in clay containing plastic formulations
Loss on calcination in argon (LOI _{Ar})	750 °C	4.3	All volatile compounds out of pitch- or resin-bonded formulations are removed
Change in mass in air	200 °C	4.4	Volatile compounds are removed from resin-bonded formulations
	400 °C	4.4	Volatile compounds are removed from pitch-bonded formulations
Change in mass (LOI ₇₅₀)	750 °C	4.5	Both procedures are suitable to remove carbon (e.g. graphite) from refractory formulations. If fine-grained SiC is present, care should be taken because SiC may be oxidised as well.
Loss on ignition (LOI ₈₅₀)	850 °C	4.6	
Loss on ignition (LOI _{1 050})	1 050 °C	4.7	Loss or gain of mass; attached water, chemically combined water, carbon, organic compounds (e.g. pitch, resin), silicon carbide, and metals are removed

4.2 Determination of the loss on drying at 250 °C (LOD₂₅₀) gravimetric method

4.2.1 Principle

The test sample is heated at 250 °C ± 10 °C and the loss of mass from attached water is determined.

4.2.2 Apparatus

4.2.2.1 Heat-resistant container, for example with dimensions 200 mm × 150 mm × 30 mm and made from stainless steel.

4.2.3 Procedure

Heat the heat-resistant container at 250 °C ± 10 °C for 30 min. Cool in a desiccator, weigh and record its empty mass, m_0 , to the nearest 0,01 g.

Transfer the sample into the container and spread it out flat. Then weigh and record the mass, m_1 , of the container and sample to the nearest 0,01 g.

Place the container without a lid in an air bath and heat it at $250\text{ °C} \pm 10\text{ °C}$ for 16 h. Allow to cool in a desiccator. Weigh and record the mass, m_2 , of the container plus the dried sample to the nearest 0,01 g.

4.2.4 Calculation

Calculate the loss on drying at 250 °C , LOD_{250} , as a percentage by mass, using Equation (1).

$$\text{LOD}_{250} = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 - m_0} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where

m_0 is the mass of the empty container, in grams;

m_1 is the mass of the container plus the sample before drying, in grams;

m_2 is the mass of the container plus the sample after drying, in grams.

4.3 Determination of the loss on calcination in argon (LOI_{Ar})

4.3.1 Principle

Pretreatment under argon at 750 °C to remove volatile matter. The loss of volatile matter is determined by a gravimetric method.

The residue (R_{Ar}) is normally used for determination of C_{total} , SiC and C_{free} (therefore these parameters will be additionally indexed with Ar), and the change in mass has to be considered for the calculation of the result.

4.3.2 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and the following

4.3.2.1 U-tube, with ground stoppers and filled with magnesium perchlorate.

4.3.2.2 Resistance furnace, heatable and adjustable at $(750 \pm 25)\text{ °C}$, in the centre of the heating zone.

4.3.2.3 Thermocouple with display, registering up to $1\ 200\text{ °C}$.

4.3.2.4 Ceramic tube, with cones or other gastight connector, with an inner diameter $\geq 16\text{ mm}$, made from porcelain, sillimanite, quartz or other suitable material.

4.3.2.5 Open combustion boats, of unglazed ceramic material, the length of which is adapted to the oven's zone of constant temperature. The boats shall be broad enough to accommodate the amount of sample required for the determination.

4.3.2.6 Gas flowmeter, with an upper scale reading of around 20 l/h.

The argon-conducting parts, such as tubes and connections, should be made of material proofed against oxygen diffusion. Preferable materials are glass and copper. Silicone is unsuitable.

4.3.2.7 Test assembly

The test assembly is set up as shown in Figure 1.