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Standard Specification for Molybdenum Oxide Products¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers four grades of molybdenum oxide, designated as A, B1, B2, and molybdic oxide briquets.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

A1025 Specification for Ferroalloys and Other Alloying Materials, General Requirements

3. General Conditions for Delivery

3.1 Materials furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification A1025, including any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A1025 constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification A1025, this specification shall prevail.

4. Chemical Requirements

4.1 The various grades shall conform to the requirements as to chemical composition specified in Table 1.

4.2 The manufacturer shall furnish an analysis of each shipment showing the percentage of each element specified.

5. Sampling

5.1 *Sampling Small Bags*—When packed in the standardized small packages, each holding contained molybdenum, the material shall be sampled by selecting at random one twentieth of the bags that may bear the same manufacturing lot number, and the combined content of these bags shall be reduced and analyzed as a separate sample. When a shipment cannot be divided by lot numbers, one twentieth of the total number of bags constituting the shipment shall be selected and treated as

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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.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

	Molybdenum Oxide			Molybdic Oxide Briquets
	Grade A	Grade B1	Grade B2	
Molybdenum, min	55.0	57.0	57.0	51.6
Sulfur, max	0.25	0.10	0.10	0.15
Copper, max	1.0	1.0	0.15	0.15

one sample. The material forming a sample shall be crushed if necessary, and in any event passed through a No. 10 (2.00-mm) sieve. The sample after sieving shall be thoroughly mixed by coning and then reduced to about 2 lb (0.9 kg) by quartering or by means of a riffle sampler. The reduced sample shall then be crushed and passed through a No. 60 (250- μ m) sieve. The sample after sieving shall again be mixed by coning and then divided through a riffle, preferably a Jones divider, into the required number of analytical samples.

5.2 *Sampling Large Containers*—When packed in drums or large bags or cartons, the material shall be sampled by selecting about one twentieth of the content of each package that may bear the same manufacturing lot number, and the combined material selected shall be reduced and analyzed as a separate sample. When a shipment cannot be divided by lot numbers, about one twentieth of the content of each package in the shipment shall be selected, and the combined material selected shall be treated as one sample. The material comprising a sample shall be thoroughly mixed by coning and reduced by half-shoveling, alternating the operations until the residual weight reaches about 40 lb (18.1 kg). Segregation of sizes shall be carefully avoided. The sample thus reduced shall be crushed, if necessary, to pass through a No. 10 (2.00-mm) sieve, and the subsequent sampling procedure shall be as prescribed in 5.1 .

5.3 *Correcting Sample to Dry Net Weight*—Absorption of moisture by the material would depress the analytical percentages with respect to the dry basis, on which the product was analyzed when packaged. Accordingly, any analytical sample shall be dried at 110°C, before analysis, and the sampler's moist net weight of the shipment, of a manufacturing lot, or of any constituent package shall be appropriately corrected to the corresponding dry weight, thus leading to the proper weight of contained molybdenum.

6. Keywords

6.1 molybdenum; molybdenum oxide

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.