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Foreword

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Introduction

The bulk density of coal is influenced by its physical characteristics, such as relative density, shape and size distribution of the coal particles, on the coal moisture content as well as on the dimensions of the measuring container. Since the results for coal bulk density change according to variations in the above factors, it is recommended that a separate size analysis and total moisture determination be made in accordance with ISO 1953 and ISO 589, respectively.

The present method describes a procedure for determining a reference bulk density for crushed coal such as that charged into coke ovens. When charging a coke oven, a knowledge of the mass of coal placed in the oven for maintaining a relatively constant oven charge is a requirement. This test is designed to obtain a degree of compaction of coal comparable to the densities attained in industrial coke ovens.

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Coal — Determination of bulk density

1 Scope

This International Standard provides description of a cone procedure for determining an uncompacted bulk density of crushed coal less than 37 mm in size, such as is charged into coke ovens. It focuses on the uncompacted bulk density of coal resulting from flowing the material into a measuring container (box) in the absence of compacting forces.

This International Standard does not cover procedures for determining a compacted coal bulk density nor to the testing of fine or powdered coal (for boiler or utility application) nor to the determination of bulk density of coal in storage piles.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies. **Standards.iteh.ai**)

ISO 589, Hard coal — Determination of total moisture ISO 23499:2008

ISO 1213-1, Solid mineral fuels — Vocabulary — Part 1: Terms relating to coal preparation

ISO 1213-2, Solid mineral fuels — Vocabulary — Part 2: Terms relating to sampling, testing and analysis

ISO 1953, Hard coal — Size analysis by sieving

ISO 13909-4, Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 4: Coal — Preparation of test samples

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1213-1 and ISO 1213-2 apply.

4 Principle

The bulk density is determined by filling a weighed container (measuring box) of known volume with coal and determining the increase in mass.

5 Samples and apparatus

5.1 General

Samples containing fines can show significant variations in bulk density with variations in moisture. Care should be taken to ensure that moisture in the test sample is representative of the portion for bulk density.

5.2 Apparatus

5.2.1 Measuring box, a cubical container of $(0,0284 \pm 0,000082)$ m³ (1 ft³) capacity and internal dimensions of 305 mm (1 ft), with a smooth inner surface, rigidly constructed and fitted with handles. The exact volume of the box, in cubic metres, shall be determined using water of a known density.

The container shall be constructed of metal of sufficient thickness to ensure the rigidity of the walls and the base of the container under the conditions of the test. (Minimum wall thickness of 3 mm is recommended.)

NOTE The internal dimensions of the cubical container can be "rounded off" to 300 mm with an acceptable tolerance, giving a volume of 0,027 m³. The most important criterion is to know the exact volume of the measuring box since it is critical for calculating the coal bulk density.

5.2.2 Cone, for filling the box, should conform to Figure 1. The dimensions of this cone shall be as follows: 610 mm high with an inside diameter at the top of 510 mm and a circular opening of 115 mm in diameter at the bottom. A slide valve consisting of a slide-plate shutter and its supports shall be welded to the bottom of the cone in such a manner that the valve can be opened and closed with ease by removing or inserting the shutter in its supporting slides. The cone shall be supported in a tripod frame having a circular opening at the top of 460 mm in diameter. This frame shall support the cone so that the top side of the shutter shall be 560 mm from the inside bottom surface of the box (see Figure 1).

5.2.3 Leveling bar, a steel strip approximately 760 mm long by 40 mm wide and 5 mm thick.

5.2.4 Weighing device, a weighing platform capable of weighing up to 100 kg and sensitive to 0,05 kg. II EN STANDARD PREVIEW

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6.1 Test portion for bulk density https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/3cfae898-8e8e-4cd0-8632-

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Crushed coal samples shall be collected in accordance with ISO 13909-4. During the collection of the test portion for bulk density, the increments of the sample shall be stored in an airtight container to prevent loss of moisture. The minimum mass of sample for bulk density shall be 150 kg, which is sufficient for four replicate determinations and the subsequent determination of total moisture.

6.2 Test sample

The test portion for bulk density shall be thoroughly mixed and subdivided, without crushing, into four 34 kg portions in accordance with ISO 13909-4. This operation shall be done as quickly as possible to avoid loss of moisture, and the bulk density shall be determined immediately. If the determination cannot be made immediately, the samples shall be kept in air-tight containers and waterproof with minimum airspace and with tightly fitting covers until the time for making the determination.

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7.1 Before filling the cone hopper with coal, level its tripod on a metal plate or solid floor. Pour the prepared sample into a pile on the floor and carefully flatten it using a shovel or scoop to about 100 mm in thickness. Avoid putting undue pressure on the coal with the back of the shovel or scoop. Take successive shovelfuls or scoopfuls from uniformly distributed points in the pile and allow them to slide gently from the shovel or scoop into the hopper at different peripheral points. This prevents segregation and packing while the hopper is being filled. Place about 34 kg of coal in the hopper.

7.2 Centre the previously weighed measuring box under the valve of the cone. Then remove the valve shutter completely, allowing all of the coal to flow into the box and overflow the edges. Loosen wet coal not flowing freely from the hopper by gently thrusting downward through the coal to the valve with the levelling bar.

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Dimensions in millimetres



a) Complete apparatus

