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Foreword

This document (CEN/TS 15023-3:2006) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 "Copper and copper alloys", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

Within its programme of work, Technical Committee CEN/TC 133 requested CEN/TC 133/WG 10 "Methods of analysis" to prepare the following Technical Specification:

CEN/TS 15023-3, *Copper and copper alloys — Determination of nickel content — Part 3: Flame atomic absorption spectrometry method (FAAS)*

This is one of three parts of the standard/technical specification for the determination of nickel content in copper and copper alloys. The other parts are:

prEN 15023-1, *Copper and copper alloys — Determination of nickel content — Part 1: Spectrometric method*

prEN 15023-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Determination of nickel content — Part 2: Titrimetric method*

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method (FAAS) for the determination of the nickel content of copper and copper alloys in the form of unwrought, wrought and cast products.

The method is applicable to products having a nickel mass fractions between 0,001 % and 6,0 %.

2 Normative references

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

ISO 1811-1, *Copper and copper alloys — Selection and preparation of samples for chemical analysis — Part 1: Sampling of cast unwrought products*

ISO 1811-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Selection and preparation of samples for chemical analysis — Part 2: Sampling of wrought products and castings*

3 Principle

Dissolution of a test portion in hydrochloric and nitric acid solution followed, after suitable dilution and the addition of lanthanum chloride to mask the effect of interfering ions, by aspiration into an air/acetylene flame of an atomic absorption spectrometer. Measurement of the absorption of the 232,0 nm or the 352,4 nm line emitted by a nickel hollow-cathode lamp.

4 Reagents and materials

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4.1 General

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

4.2 Hydrochloric acid, HCl ($\rho = 1,19$ g/ml)

4.3 Nitric acid, HNO₃ ($\rho = 1,40$ g/ml)

4.4 Nitric acid solution, 1 + 1

Dilute 500 ml of nitric acid (4.3) in 500 ml of water.

4.5 Lanthanum (III) chloride solution, 100 g/l

Dissolve 100 g of lanthanum (III) chloride (LaCl₃ · 7H₂O) in a 600 ml beaker with water and transfer the solution into a 1 000 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

4.6 Nickel stock solution, 1,0 g/l Ni

Weigh ($1 \pm 0,001$) g of nickel ($\text{Ni} \geq 99,8 \%$) and transfer it into a 250 ml beaker. Dissolve it in 10 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2) and 10 ml of the nitric acid solution (4.4). Cover with a watch glass and, if necessary, heat gently to assist dissolution. When dissolution is complete, allow to cool and transfer the solution quantitatively into a 1 000 ml one-mark volumetric flask, dilute to the mark with water and mix.

1 ml of this solution contains 1,0 mg of Ni.

4.7 Nickel standard solution, 0,1 g/l Ni

Using a calibrated pipette, transfer 20,0 ml of nickel stock solution (4.6) into a 200 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

Prepare this solution immediately prior to use.

1 ml of this solution contains 0,1 mg of Ni.

4.8 Nickel standard solution, 0,01 g/l Ni

Using a calibrated pipette, transfer 5,0 ml of nickel stock solution (4.6) into a 500 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

Prepare this solution immediately prior to use.

1 ml of this solution contains 0,01 mg of Ni.

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4.9 Copper base solution, 40 g/l Cu

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Transfer 20,0 g of nickel-free copper ($\text{Cu} \geq 99,95 \%$) into an 800 ml beaker. Add 100 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2) and, cautiously, 200 ml of nitric acid solution (4.4). Cover with a watch glass and heat gently until the copper has been completely dissolved, then heat up to the boiling point until the nitrous fumes have been expelled. Allow to cool and transfer the solution quantitatively into a 500 ml one-mark volumetric flask, dilute to the mark with water and mix.

4.10 Copper base solution, 2 g/l Cu

Transfer 25,0 ml of copper base solution (4.9) into a 500 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Add 95 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2) and 190 ml of nitric acid solution (4.4). Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

5 Apparatus**5.1 Ordinary laboratory apparatus**

5.2 Burettes, 25 ml and 50 ml graduated in 0,05 ml or calibrated pipettes

5.3 Atomic absorption spectrometer, fitted with an air/acetylene burner

5.4 Nickel hollow-cathode lamp

6 Sampling

Sampling shall be carried out in accordance with ISO 1811-1 or ISO 1811-2, as appropriate.

Test samples shall be in the form of fine drillings, chips or millings, with a maximum thickness of 0,3 mm.

7 Procedure

7.1 Preparation of the test portion solution

7.1.1 General

Prepare test portion solutions in accordance with 7.1.2, 7.1.3 or 7.1.4 depending on the expected nickel content of the test sample.

7.1.2 Nickel mass fractions between 0,001 % and 0,012 %

Weigh ($2 \pm 0,001$) g of the test sample.

Transfer the test portion into a 250 ml beaker. Add 10 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2) and 20 ml of the nitric acid solution (4.4). Cover with a watch glass and heat gently until the test portion is completely dissolved. Allow to cool. Wash the beaker cover and the sides of the beaker with water.

Transfer the dissolved test portion quantitatively into a 100 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Add 10 ml of the lanthanum (III) chloride solution (4.5). Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

7.1.3 Nickel mass fractions between 0,01 % and 0,25 %

Weigh ($1 \pm 0,001$) g of the test sample.

Transfer the test portion into a 250 ml beaker. Add 5 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2) and 10 ml of the nitric acid solution (4.4). Cover with a watch glass and heat gently until the test portion is completely dissolved. Allow to cool. Wash the beaker cover and the sides of the beaker with water.

Transfer the dissolved test portion quantitatively into a 100 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Add 10 ml of the lanthanum (III) chloride solution (4.5). Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

7.1.4 Nickel mass fractions between 0,2 % and 6,0 %

Weigh ($1 \pm 0,001$) g of the test sample.

Transfer the test portion into a 250 ml beaker. Add 5 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2) and 10 ml of the nitric acid solution (4.4). Cover with a watch glass and heat gently until the test portion is completely dissolved. Allow to cool. Wash the beaker cover and the sides of the beaker with water.

Transfer the dissolved test portion quantitatively into a 100 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Dilute to the mark with water and mix well. Transfer, by means of a calibrated pipette, 10,0 ml of this solution into a 200 ml one-mark volumetric flask. Add 10 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.2), 20 ml of the nitric acid solution (4.4) and 20 ml of the lanthanum (III) chloride solution (4.5). Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

7.2 Blank test

Carry out a blank test simultaneously with the determination, following the same procedure and using the same quantities of all reagents as used for the determination, but omitting the test portion.

7.3 Check test

Make a preliminary check of the apparatus by preparing a solution of standard material or a synthetic sample containing a known amount of nickel and of a composition similar to the material to be analysed. Carry out the procedure specified in 7.5.

7.4 Establishment of the calibration curve

7.4.1 Preparation of the calibration solutions

7.4.1.1 General

In all cases, copper, chloride and nitrate concentrations, and acidity in the calibration solutions shall be similar to those of the test portion solutions.

The presence of copper in the calibration solutions compensates for chemical interaction effects of copper in the test portion solution. Normally no similar additions are required to compensate for the effect of alloying elements. If any alloying element is present in the material to be analysed in mass fraction > 10 %, an appropriate mass of this element shall be added to the calibration solutions.

The range of the calibration solutions is appropriate for most current models of equipment of average performance. The range and operating conditions shall be selected for optimum measurements by the particular equipment available, so that the curve of absorbance as a function of concentration is a straight line.

7.4.1.2 Nickel mass fractions between 0,001 % and 0,012 %

Into each of a series of seven 100 ml one-mark volumetric flasks, introduce the volumes of nickel standard solution (4.8) using the burette or calibrated pipette (5.2) and copper base solution (4.9) shown in Table 1. Add 10 ml of lanthanum (III) chloride solution (4.5). Dilute to the mark with water and mix.

Table 1 — Calibration for nickel mass fractions between 0,001 % and 0,012 5 %

Nickel standard solution volume (4.8) ml	Corresponding nickel mass mg	Corresponding nickel concentration after final dilution µg/ml	Copper base solution volume (4.9) ml	Corresponding copper mass g	Corresponding nickel mass fraction of sample %
0 ^a	0	0	50	2	0
2	0,02	0,2	50	2	0,001 0
6	0,06	0,6	50	2	0,003 0
10	0,10	1,0	50	2	0,005 0
15	0,15	1,5	50	2	0,007 5
20	0,20	2,0	50	2	0,010 0
25	0,25	2,5	50	2	0,012 5

^a Blank test on reagents for calibration curve.

7.4.1.3 Nickel mass fractions between 0,01 % and 0,25 %

Into each of a series of eight 100 ml one-mark volumetric flasks, introduce the volumes of nickel standard solution (4.7) using the burette or calibrated pipette (5.2) and copper base solution (4.9) shown in Table 2. Add 10 ml of the lanthanum (III) chloride solution (4.5). Dilute to the mark with water and mix.