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## Standard Test Method for Chemical Analysis of Wood Charcoal<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of moisture, volatile matter, and ash in charcoal made from wood. The test method is applicable to lumps and briquets and is designed for the evaluation of charcoal quality. The test method employs apparatus that is found in most laboratories and is adapted to routine analyses of a large number of samples.

1.2 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

D346 Practice for Collection and Preparation of Coke Samples for Laboratory Analysis

D410 Method of Sieve Analysis of Coal (Withdrawn 1988)<sup>3</sup>

D3176 Practice for Ultimate Analysis of Coal and Coke

D3180 Practice for Calculating Coal and Coke Analyses from As-Determined to Different Bases

### 3. Summary of Method

3.1 The sample is ground in a specified manner and the moisture determined as loss in weight in a drying oven at 105°C. Volatile matter is determined as loss in weight at 950°C under specified conditions. Ash is determined as the residue after burning to constant weight at 750°C.

<sup>1</sup> This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D07 on Wood and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D07.01 on Fundamental Test Methods and Properties.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 Low quality wood and wood residues are used for wood charcoal. This test method is used for evaluating the charcoal to assess the methods of production and assist in developing new methods.

### 5. Apparatus

5.1 *Mill*,<sup>4</sup> for grinding samples.

5.2 *Oven*, with automatic temperature control at  $105 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ .

5.3 *Muffle Furnace*, to control temperatures at  $750 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  and  $950 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ .

5.4 *Analytical Balance*, with a capacity of at least 100 g and a sensitivity of 0.1 mg.

5.5 *Containers*, airtight, such as screw-top bottles for storage of ground samples.

5.6 *Sieves*, as specified in Method D410.

5.7 *Crucibles*, porcelain, 41 by 37 mm with porcelain lids.

5.8 *Desiccator*, containing calcium chloride as drying agent.

### 6. Sample

6.1 *Sample Selection*—The sample shall be selected so as to be representative of all of the material contained in a lot. Sample selection shall be carried out in accordance with Practices D346, D3176, and D3180.

6.2 *Sample Preparation*—Samples will normally be air-dry charcoal lumps or briquets. Rainsoaked or wet samples shall be spread out to air-dry before carrying out the analysis. For purchase specifications, the moisture content of the charcoal, as received, shall be determined on samples ground to pass a No. 20 (850- $\mu\text{m}$ ) sieve, since excessive grinding will result in loss of moisture due to the generation of heat. For laboratory evaluation, moisture, ash, and volatile matter shall be determined on a sample ground as follows:

<sup>4</sup> A Wiley Mill, size No. 2, with a 1-mm screen, or an equivalent mill has been found satisfactory for this purpose. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,<sup>1</sup> which you may attend.