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Standard Test Methods for Carbon Black—Heating Loss¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the determination of the heating loss of carbon black at 125°C. This heating loss consists primarily of moisture, but other volatile materials may also be lost. These test methods are not applicable to treated carbon blacks that contain added volatile materials, if moisture loss is to be measured.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *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:*²

[D1799 Practice for Carbon Black—Sampling Packaged Shipments](#)

[D1900 Practice for Carbon Black—Sampling Bulk Shipments](#)

[D4483 Practice for Evaluating Precision for Test Method Standards in the Rubber and Carbon Black Manufacturing Industries](#)

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 A carbon black sample is weighed before and after heating for 1 h at 125°C. The observed difference in mass is the heating loss.

¹ These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D24 on Carbon Black and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D24.31 on Non-Carbon Black Components of Carbon Black.

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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.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 In addition to determining the heating loss (primarily moisture content) of carbon black, these drying conditions are used to prepare samples prior to performing other carbon black tests.

4.2 When larger samples are prepared for other tests, use an open vessel of suitable dimensions so that the depth of the black is no more than 10 mm during conditioning.

4.3 Carbon black is hygroscopic. The amount of moisture absorbed is related to the surface area of the black and to the relative humidity, ambient temperature, and time to which the material is exposed.

Method A—Convection–Gravity Oven Method

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Oven*, gravity-convection type, capable of temperature regulation of within $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ at 125°C and temperature uniformity within $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$.

5.2 *Weighing Bottle*, low-form, 30 mm in height and 60 mm in diameter, equipped with a ground-glass stopper.

5.3 *Analytical Balance*, having a sensitivity of 0.1 mg.

5.4 *Desiccator*.

6. Sampling

6.1 Samples shall be taken in accordance with Practices D1799 or D1900.

6.1.1 Place the samples of carbon black in airtight sample containers. Allow the closed container to reach room temperature before starting the test.

7. Procedure

7.1 Dry the weighing bottle and the stopper, with the stopper removed, in the specified oven set at 125°C for 30 min. Place the bottle and stopper in the desiccator and allow to cool to room temperature. Weigh the bottle with stopper to the nearest 0.1 mg.

7.2 Weigh 2 g of carbon black into the weighing bottle to the nearest 0.1 mg.