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**Solid mineral fuels — Determination of  
ash**

*Combustibles minéraux solides — Détermination des cendres*

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## Introduction

The ash remaining after coal or coke has been incinerated in air is derived from inorganic complexes present in the original coal substance and from associated mineral matter. Therefore, the result of the determination is “ash” and not “ash content” as coal does not contain any ash.

The amount of sulfur retained in the ash is in part dependent on the conditions of ashing and, in order to obtain values for the ash on a comparable basis, it is necessary to adhere strictly to the conditions specified.

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