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**Metallic powders — Determination of  
acid-insoluble content in iron, copper,  
tin and bronze powders**

*Poudres métalliques — Détermination de la teneur en insolubles dans  
les acides pour les poudres de fer, de cuivre, d'étain et de bronze*

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/ TC 119, *Powder metallurgy*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Sampling and testing methods for powders (including powders for hardmetals)*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4496:1978), of which it constitutes a minor revision. The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- “ashless grade (less than 0,01 % residual ash [1])” has been added in 6.3;
- general formatting of the structure.

# Metallic powders — Determination of acid-insoluble content in iron, copper, tin and bronze powders

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for determining, in iron, copper, tin and bronze powders, the approximate content of non-metallic materials which are insoluble in the ordinary mineral acids.

The insoluble matter referred to is generally considered to be acid-insoluble silica and silicates, carbides, alumina, clays or other refractory oxides which are either present in the raw material from which the powders are manufactured or introduced during the manufacturing process.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Field of application

The methods are applicable to lubricant-free metallic powders of iron, copper, tin, alloy bronze and elemental mixtures of copper and tin.

## 5 Reagents

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity. See [Table 1](#) for the required reagents.

Table 1 — Required reagents

Type of powder	Reagent	Density, $\rho$ g/ml	Concentration of solution
Iron	Hydrochloric acid (5.1)	1,19	1 + 1
	Hydrochloric acid (5.2)	1,19	1 + 25
	Potassium thiocyanate (5.3)	—	5 %
	Nitric acid (5.4)	1,42	concentrated
Copper Tin Bronze	Hydrochloric acid (5.5)	1,19	concentrated
	Nitric acid (5.6)	1,42	1 + 1
	Hydrogen peroxide (5.7)	—	30 %
	Ammonium acetate (5.8)	—	200 g/l
Copper Bronze	Sodium diethyldithiocarbamate (5.9)	—	4 %
Tin	Sodium sulfide (5.10)	—	—
	Hydrogen sulfide (5.11)	—	—

## 6 Equipment

Ordinary laboratory equipment and the following.

**6.1 Laboratory balance**, of sufficient capacity and capable of weighing to an accuracy of  $\pm 0,000\ 1$  g.

**6.2 Glass filter funnel**, diameter approximately 70 mm.

**6.3 Filter paper**, ashless grade (less than 0,01 % residual ash [1]) for medium precipitates, diameter approximately 110 mm.

**6.4 Furnace**, capable of operating between 900 °C and 1 000 °C.

**6.5 Fused silica or porcelain crucibles**, pre-treated to constant mass at 900 °C to 1 000 °C and stored in a desiccator.

## 7 Sampling

### 7.1 Number of test portions

Determine the content of insoluble matter on two test portions.

### 7.2 Mass of test portion

The mass of the test portion shall be approximately 5 g.