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## **Furfural for industrial use – Determination of total carbonyl compounds – Volumetric method**

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# Furfural for industrial use – Determination of total carbonyl compounds – Volumetric method

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a volumetric method for the determination of the total content of carbonyl compounds in furfural ( $\text{OCH}=\text{CHCH}=\text{CCHO}$ ) for industrial use.

## 2 PRINCIPLE

Reaction between hydroxylammonium chloride and carbonyl groups, followed by determination of the hydrochloric acid liberated by titration with standard volumetric sodium hydroxide solution in the presence of bromophenol blue as indicator.

## 3 REAGENTS

Distilled water, or water of equivalent purity, shall be used in the test.

**3.1 Hydroxylammonium chloride**, approximately N solution.

**3.2 Sodium hydroxide**, N standard volumetric solution.

**3.3 Bromophenol blue**, 0,2 g/l solution.

## 4 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus.

## 5 PROCEDURE

### 5.1 Test portion

Weigh, to the nearest 0,01 g, 1,5 to 2 g of the laboratory sample.

## 5.2 Determination

Into two 250 ml conical flasks fitted with ground glass stoppers, place 50 ml of the hydroxylammonium chloride solution (3.1) and 1 ml of the bromophenol blue solution (3.3). Neutralize with the sodium hydroxide solution (3.2) to the blue-green colour of the indicator.

Transfer the test portion (6.1) rapidly to one of the flasks, shake to ensure that the furfural vapours react, open the flask and then close it again.

Neutralize the liberated acid with the sodium hydroxide solution (3.2) to the same blue-green colour as that obtained without the test portion.

## 6 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

Total content of carbonyl compounds, expressed as a percentage by mass of furfural, is given by the formula

$$\frac{9,608 \times V}{m}$$

where

$V$  is the volume, in millilitres, of the standard volumetric sodium hydroxide solution used for the flask containing the test portion;

$m$  is the mass, in grams, of the test portion.

## 7 TEST REPORT

The test report shall include the following particulars :

- the reference of the method used;
- the results and the method of expression used;
- any unusual features noted during the determination;
- any operation not included in this International Standard or regarded as optional.

ANNEX

This document forms part of the following series on methods of test for furfural for industrial use :

ISO 2511 – *List of methods of tests*

ISO 2512 – *Determination of total carbonyl compounds – Volumetric method*

ISO 2888 – *Determination of acidity to phenolphthalein – Volumetric method.*

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