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## Coal — Ultimate analysis

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- updating of referenced documents;
- defining of constants in <u>Table 2</u>.

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## **Coal** — **Ultimate** analysis

## 1 Scope

This document establishes a practice for the ultimate analysis of coal and is intended for general utilization by the coal industry to provide a basis for comparison of coals.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 334, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of total sulfur — Eschka method

ISO 589, Hard coal — Determination of total moisture

ISO 609, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of carbon and hydrogen — High temperature combustion method

ISO 625, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of carbon and hydrogen — Liebig method

ISO 1171, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of ash

ISO 1213-2, Solid mineral fuels — Vocabulary — Part 2. Terms relating to sampling, testing and analysis

ISO 5068-1, Brown coals and lightes — Determination of moisture content — Part 1: Indirect gravimetric method for total moisture

ISO 5068-2, Brown coals and lignites — Determination of moisture content — Part 2: Indirect gravimetric method for moisture in the analysis sample

ISO 11722, Solid mineral fuels — Hard coal — Determination of moisture in the general analysis test sample by drying in nitrogen

ISO 19579, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of sulfur by IR spectrometry

ISO 20336, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of total sulfur by Coulomb titration method

ISO 29541, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of total carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen content — Instrumental method

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1213-2 and the following apply.

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

#### 3.1

#### ultimate analysis

analysis of a solid mineral fuel reported in terms of its carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, sulfur, ash, moisture, and oxygen by difference

Note 1 to entry: This definition includes hydrogen and oxygen present in the water of constitution of the mineral matter associated with the coal substance and carbon and oxygen present in mineral carbonates.

[SOURCE: ISO 1213-2:2016, 3.237, modified — In the definition "on an air-dried basis" has been deleted and "moisture, and oxygen by difference" was added. Notes 1 and 2 to entry have been deleted and Note 3 to entry renumbered as Note 1 to entry.]

#### 3.2

### oxygen by difference

sum of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, sulfur, ash, and moisture of a solid mineral fuel, expressed as percent mass fraction, subtracted from 100

## **Principle**

Coal is analysed for carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, sulfur, ash, and moisture. The oxygen by difference is calculated and the results are reported, to the preferred basis, as an ultimate analysis.

## Preparation of sample

Prepare the sample so that it satisfies the requirements of the various test methods (see <u>Table 1</u>).

### **Test methods**

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Carry out the determination in accordance with the test methods specified in Table 1.

Table 1 — Standard test methods used for ultimate analysis

Component cillstated Aar	Classical test method	Instrumental test method			
Carbon and hydrogen	ISO 609 or ISO 625	ISO 29541			
Nitrogen	_	ISO 29541			
Total sulfur	ISO 334	ISO 19579			
		ISO 20336			
Ash	ISO 1171	_			
Moisture in the air-dried sample	ISO 5068-2	_			
	ISO 11722				
Total moisture	ISO 589	_			
(if an "as received" reporting basis is required)	ISO 5068-1				

## **Expression of results**

The parameters as analysed in the sample or calculated by difference, expressed as percentage mass fraction, may be calculated to different bases using the formulae in <u>Table 2</u>.

See Annex A for an example of ultimate data reported to different bases.

Table 2 — Formulae for calculation of results to different bases

_		Reporting basis		
As analysed <sup>a</sup>	Excluding hydrogen	Excluding hydrogen and oxygen from moisture	Dry	Including hydrogen and oxygen from moisture
	Air dried (ad)	As received (ar)	(p)	As received (ar,m)
Parameter (ash, carbon, nitrogen or sulfur)	ı, nitrogen or sulfur)			
Ь	$P_{\rm ad} = P$	$P_{\rm ar} = P_{\rm ad} \times \left( \frac{100 - M_{\rm ar}}{100 - M_{\rm ad}} \right)$	$P_{\rm d} = P_{\rm ad} \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - M_{\rm ad}}\right)$	$P_{\text{ar,m}} = P_{\text{ad}} \times \left( \frac{100 - M_{\text{ar}}}{100 - M_{\text{ad}}} \right)$
Hydrogen				
Н	$H_{\rm ad} = H - 0,111 9 M_{\rm ad}$	$H_{\rm ar} = H_{\rm ad} \times \left(\frac{100 - M_{\rm ar}}{100 - M_{\rm ad}}\right)$	$H_{\rm d} = H_{\rm ad} \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - M_{\rm ad}}\right)$	$H_{\text{ar,m}} = H_{\text{ad}} \times \left(\frac{100 - M_{\text{ar}}}{100 - M_{\text{ad}}}\right) + 0,1119M_{\text{ar}}$
Oxygen (by difference)				
0 = 100 - (C + H + N + S + A)	$O_{\rm ad} = O - 0.888  1 M_{\rm ad}$ or	$O_{\text{ar}} = O_{\text{ad}} \times \left(\frac{100 - M_{\text{ar}}}{100 - M_{\text{ad}}}\right)$	$O_{\rm d} = O_{\rm ad} \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - M_{\rm ad}}\right)$	$O_{\text{ar,m}} = O_{\text{ad}} \times \left( \frac{100 - M_{\text{ar}}}{100 - M_{\text{ad}}} \right) + 0.8881 M_{\text{ar}}$
	$O_{ad} = 100 - (C_{ad} + H_{ad} + N_{ad} + S_{ad} + A_{ad} + M_{ad})$ $A_{ad} + M_{ad}$	$O_{ar} = 100 - (C_{ar} + H_{ar}C_{Nar} + S_{ar} + A_{ar} + M_{ar})$	$O_d = 100 - (C_d + H_d + N_d + S_d + A_d)$	$O_{ar,m} = 100 - (C_{ar} + H_{ar} + N_{ar} + S_{ar} + A_{ar})$
a Including hydroger	n and oxygen from moisture.	g.		
where		nere stricted and the s	A	
C, H, N, S, A are the pe	ercentage mass fractions of carbon, hydrogen, nitro	gen, sulfur and ash, respectively, expressed on the samp	le as analysed (i.e. no corrections);	
NOTE Hy	drogen and oxygen reported on the as-analysed ba	isis include hydrogen and oxygen in the free moistore the	it is associated with the analysis samp	ie.
M is the moi	isture content, expressed as a percentage mass fra	ction;	dad	
0 is the oxy	gen by difference;	is the oxygen by difference;	ATI ATI	
100 is convers	is conversion factor from dimensionless mass fraction to percent, $\%$ ;	rcent, %;	مودر	
0,111 9 is gravime	etric factor for the ratio of the relative atomic mass	is gravimetric factor for the ratio of the relative atomic mass of H (2H) to the relative molecular mass of ${ m H_2O}$ , dimensionless;	onless;	
0,8881 is gravime	etric factor for the ratio of the relative atomic mass	is gravimetric factor for the ratio of the relative atomic mass of 0 to the relative molecular mass of $ m H_2O$ , dimensionless.	S.	

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## 8 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- a) reference to this document, i.e. ISO 17247:—;
- b) identification of the coal sample tested;
- c) method or methods used;
- d) results and basis of reporting.

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## Annex A

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# Ultimate analysis example

Parameter mass fraction in %	As analysed	Excluding hydrogen and oxygen from moisture Air dried (ad)	Excluding hydrogen and oxygen from moisture As received (ar)	Dry (d)	As received (ar,m)
Carbon	70,0	70,0	66,4	72,2	66,4
Hydrogen	4,34	4,00	3,79	4,12	4,69
Nitrogen	1,50	1,50	1,42	1,55	1,42
Sulfur	0,50	0,50	0,47	0,52	0,47
Ash	10,0	10,0	9,5	10,3	9,5
Oxygen by difference	13,7	11,0	10,4	11,3	17,5
Moisture in air-dried sample	_	3,0	Addi —	_	_
Total moisture	_	0 7 - A. A.	315th 72 8,0	_	_
Total	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

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