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The main changes are as follows:

- test conditions such as test sample drying time, type of sieves, heating rate of the test portion, and the accuracy of the weighting device have been cleared out.

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## Introduction

This document concerns one of a number of physical test methods that have been developed to measure various physical parameters and characteristics and to evaluate the behaviour of iron ores, including reducibility, disintegration, crushing strength, apparent density, etc. This method was developed to provide a uniform procedure, validated by collaborative testing, to facilitate comparisons of tests made in different laboratories.

The results of this test need to be considered in conjunction with other tests used to evaluate the quality of iron ores as feedstocks for blast furnace processes.

This document can be used to provide test results as part of a production quality control system, as a basis of a contract, or as part of a research project.

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