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Methods for chemical analysis of  
metal impurities in silicon dioxide  
powders using inductively coupled  
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# Fine ceramics (advanced ceramics, advanced technical ceramics) — Methods for chemical analysis of metal impurities in silicon dioxide powders using inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry

## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for the chemical analysis of metal impurities present in silicon dioxide powders used as a raw material for fine ceramics.

It stipulates the methods for the determination of metal impurity elements in silicon dioxide powders that are decomposed by acid decomposition. The aluminium, cadmium, calcium, copper, iron, lead, lithium, magnesium, manganese, nickel, potassium, sodium, titanium, zinc and zirconium contents in the test solution are determined by inductively coupled plasma-optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES).

## 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 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 8656-1, *Refractory products — Sampling of raw materials and unshaped products — Part 1: Sampling scheme*

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## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

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

## 4 Analytes and ranges

- a) Aluminium (Al), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- b) Cadmium (Cd), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- c) Calcium (Ca), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- d) Copper (Cu), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- e) Iron (Fe), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- f) Lead (Pb), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- g) Lithium (Li), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- h) Magnesium (Mg), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.

- i) Manganese (Mn), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- j) Nickel (Ni), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- k) Potassium (K), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- l) Sodium (Na), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- m) Titanium (Ti), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- n) Zinc (Zn), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.
- o) Zirconium (Zr), range of 1,0 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg.

## **5 Preparation of test sample**

### **5.1 General**

Prepare the sample in accordance with ISO 8656-1, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the analyser and customer.

### **5.2 Sampling**

Collect the sample in accordance with ISO 8656-1.

### **5.3 Drying**

Place 10 g of the sample into a flat-type weighing bottle (60 mm × 30 mm) and spread it uniformly at the bottom of the bottle. Place the bottle in an air bath at  $110\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$  for 2 h, then cover the mouth of the bottle and cool in a desiccator for 1 h.

### **5.4 Weighing**

Weigh the sample 1,0 g to the nearest 0,1 mg of the required quantity, using a balance.

## **6 Reporting analytical values**

### **6.1 Blank test**

Upon analysis, perform a blank test to correct the measured values.

### **6.2 Evaluation of analytical values**

If the difference between the maximum and minimum analytical values does not exceed the tolerance value ([Table 1](#)), report the average value. However, if the difference between the two values exceeds the tolerance value, perform two additional analyses. If the difference between the values of these further two analyses does not exceed the tolerance value, report the average value thereof. However, if the difference again exceeds the tolerance value, report the median of the four analytical values.

The results of the interlaboratory test are given in [Annex A](#).