



# Standard Test Method for Bulk Density of As-Manufactured Carbon and Graphite Shapes<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope—Scope\*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the density of as-manufactured carbon and graphite from measurements of mass and dimensions at room temperature.

1.2 This test method is applicable to boronated carbon and graphite.

1.3 This test method is not applicable to carbon- and graphite-containing materials that are thermally unstable at or below temperatures of ~~200°C~~; 200 °C.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

**C559 Test Method for Bulk Density by Physical Measurements of Manufactured Carbon and Graphite Articles**

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard: Definitions:*

3.1.1 *bulk density, n—in carbon and graphite technology*, the mass of a unit volume including both permeable and impermeable voids (and boron compounds in the case of boronated carbon or boronated graphite) present in the material at room temperature.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method provides a means of determining bulk density on as-manufactured logs, blocks, or shaped articles.

4.2 This test method is suitable for manufacturing control and acceptance specifications.

4.3 Test Method **C559** may be used when a higher degree of accuracy is required.

## 5. Test Specimens

5.1 *Logs or Blocks*—May be measured and weighed as-manufactured or after rough ends have been squared by machining. The stock shall preferably have been indoors after heat treatment; if there is doubt that the piece is dry, weigh, dry, and reweigh it. Repeat, if necessary, until there is less than 0.1 % weight loss. The drying temperature should be from ~~H0110 °C~~ to 200°C; 200 °C.

5.2 *Shaped Articles*—Other than right circular cylinders or rectangular parallelepipeds may be measured, and a correction made for the cavities or protuberances if the specimen volume can be determined within 0.5 % (see 6.2).

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard