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Introduction

Size analysis involves the separation of a sample of coal into size fractions having defined limits. In the methods described in this International Standard the results are expressed in terms of the percentage mass of coal remaining on sieves of different aperture sizes. This information can be of use in a number of applications, including the following: assessing the yields of products from run-of-mine coals; providing design data for coal preparation plants; checking that products from screening plants are within the required limits; assessing the performance of coal-crushing plants; and selecting coals for particular processes and equipment.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies reference methods for the size analysis of coal by manual sieving (wet or dry), using test sieves of aperture sizes between 125 mm and 45 μm . A guide to sampling is given in [Annex A](#).

This International Standard is applicable to all hard coals. It is not applicable to coke or other manufactured fuels.

In the case of pulverized coal which has been ground so that a high proportion passes through the test sieve of smallest aperture size, the methods described in this International Standard will determine only the percentage oversize.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1213-1, *Solid mineral fuels — Vocabulary — Part 1: Terms relating to coal preparation*

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

ISO 13909 (all parts), *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling*

ISO 18283, *Hard coal and coke — Manual sampling*

ISO 3310-1, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth*

ISO 3310-2, *Test sieves — Technical requirements and testing — Part 2: Test sieves of perforated metal plate*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1213-1 and ISO 1213-2 apply.

4 Apparatus

4.1 For all methods

4.1.1 Test sieves, exclusively round-hole or exclusively square-hole, complying with ISO 3310-1 or ISO 3310-2, as appropriate.

The recommended series of test sieves for general purposes is 125 mm, 90 mm, 75 mm, 63 mm, 50 mm, 45 mm, 31,5 mm, 22,4 mm, 16 mm, 11,2 mm, 8 mm, 5,6 mm, 4 mm, 2 mm and 1 mm nominal aperture sizes, square-hole, or the same sizes of round-hole sieves. If this series is inadequate for the sizing of graded coals, sieves from the supplementary sizes 100 mm, 80 mm, 40 mm, 25 mm, 20 mm, 12,5 mm, 10 mm and 6,3 mm may be included. For samples greater than 125 mm, single square-hole gauges of the required dimensions may be used for the larger pieces. Test sieves of nominal aperture size 4 mm and less should be of metal wire cloth; the recommended series of nominal aperture sizes is 4 mm, 2,8 mm, 2 mm, 1,4 mm, 1 mm, 710 μm , 500 μm , 355 μm , 250 μm , 180 μm , 125 μm , 90 μm , 63 μm and 45 μm .