
**Iron ores — Determination of
aluminium —**

**Part 1:
Flame atomic absorption
spectrometric method**

Minerais de fer — Dosage de l'aluminium —

*Partie 1: Méthode par spectrométrie d'absorption atomique dans
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1 Scope

This document describes a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method for the determination of the mass fraction of aluminium in iron ores.

This method is applicable to mass fractions of aluminium between 0,1 % and 5,0 % in natural iron ores, iron ore concentrates and agglomerates, including sinter products.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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4 Principle

The test portion is decomposed by treatment with hydrochloric acid and a small amount of nitric acid.

The mixture is evaporated to dehydrate silica, followed by dilution and filtration.

The residue is ignited and silica is removed by evaporation with hydrofluoric and sulfuric acids. The residue is then fused with sodium carbonate and the cooled melt is dissolved in the filtrate.

The solution obtained is aspirated into the flame of an atomic absorption spectrometer using a dinitrogen oxide/acetylene burner.

The absorbance values obtained for aluminium are compared with those obtained from the calibration solutions.

5 Reagents

During analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

5.1 Sodium carbonate (Na_2CO_3), anhydrous.