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Introduction

The determination of the moisture in the general analysis test sample is required to correct the results of certain analytical determinations, e. g., volatile matter and hydrogen, for the effect of water in the determination and to allow all determinations to be corrected to dry basis.

Since hard coal is hyproscopic, its moisture will vary with change of humidity of the atmosphere and the moisture in the general analysis test sample should therefore be determined whenever portions are weighed out for other analytical determinations. It test portions for several analytical determinations are weighed out at the same time, a single simultaneous moisture determination will suffice to correct those analyses.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the moisture in the general analysis test sample of hard coal by drying in nitrogen

2 Normative reference

The following normative document contains provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, such documents do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the normative document indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 1213-2:1992, Solid mineral fuels — Vocabulary Part 2: Terms relating to sampling, testing and analysis.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in ISO 1213-2 apply.

4 Principle

A known mass of the coal is heated in a stream of nitrogen at a tenderature between 105 °C and 110 °C and maintained at this temperature until it is constant in mass. The moisture content is calculated from the loss in mass of the coal.

5 Reagent

Nitrogen, moisture-free, having an volume fraction of oxygen of less than 30 µl/l.

Commercially available nitrogen with a water content of less than 5 µl/l does not require further drying.

6 Apparatus

6.1 Analytical balance, capable of weighing to the nearest 0,1 mg.

6.2 Oven, capable of being controlled at a temperature of 105 °C to 110 °C and with provision for the nitrogen to pass through it at a flow-rate of approximately 15 times the oven volume per hour and of lowest practical volume, i.e. minimum free space.

NOTE An example of a suitable oven is given in Annex A.