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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by CEN/TC 184 "Advanced technical ceramics", of which the secretariat is held by BSI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical standard or by endorsement, at the latest by July 1996, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by July 1996.

The method given is closely based on ISO 8008:1987 "Aluminium oxide primarily used for the production of aluminium - Determination of specific surface area by nitrogen absorption (single point method)", published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

EN 725 'Advanced technical ceramics - Methods of test for ceramic powders' consists of eleven parts:

- Part 1 : Determination of impurities in alumina
- Part 2 : Determination of impurities in barium titanate (ENV)
- Part 3 : Determination of oxygen content of non-oxides by thermal extraction
- Part 4 : Determination of oxygen content of non-oxides by XRF analysis (ENV)
- Part 5 : Determination of particle size distribution
- Part 6 : Determination of specific surface area
- Part 7 : Determination of absolute density
- Part 8 : Determination of tapped density
- Part 9 : Determination of untamped bulk density
- Part 10 : Determination of compaction properties
- Part 11 : Determination of the densification on natural sintering (ENV)

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1 Scope

This Part of EN 725 specifies a method for the determination of the specific surface area of powders used for technical ceramics, by a nitrogen adsorption, single-point method.

The method is limited to the measurement of surface areas of over $1 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$.

2 Principle

The method is based on the property of the solids to adsorb gas molecules at their surface.

In the range from 0,05 to 0,3 times the saturation vapour pressure of the measuring gas, the multilayer absorption begins. The formation of the first monolayer of adsorbed molecules can be detected from the behaviour of the adsorption isotherm in this range; this is the only process relevant to the present method.

Nitrogen is introduced at ambient temperature and at atmospheric pressure into two bottles of equal volume, one of which contains the test portion while the other is empty. The connected bottles are immersed in a refrigerant bath of liquid nitrogen. Since some nitrogen is adsorbed by the sample, a differential pressure occurs between the two bottles and is measured by means of a differential manometer. From this difference, the number of molecules adsorbed on the surface is calculated.

This number is multiplied by the known area occupied by a single adsorbed molecule so that the total surface area is obtained. The area occupied by an adsorbed nitrogen molecule is taken as $16,2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m}^2$.

3 Apparatus

3.1 Adsorption apparatus (see figure 1)

The apparatus consists of a reference bottle (7) and a sample adsorption bottle (8) which are moved on to the two connecting pieces, with sealing rings in between to make the joint gas-tight. At each connecting piece, there is a valve (1 and 2), by which the bottles can be connected to the atmosphere. The measuring gas is admitted to the bottle through the capillaries inside the connecting pieces.

The bottles, made of shock-resisting glass, have a volume of about 100 cm^3 . The difference between the volume of the two bottles shall not exceed 0,1 %. The necks of the bottles consist of calibrated glass tubes with an internal diameter of $9 \text{ mm} \pm 0,02 \text{ mm}$. Each tube has an upper and lower mark.