
**Steel and cast iron — Determination of
vanadium content — Potentiometric
titration method**

*Acier et fonte — Détermination des teneurs en vanadium — Méthode
par titrage potentiométrique*



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- introduction of an optional electrode;
- re-assessment of precision data.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a potentiometric titration method for the determination of vanadium in steel and cast iron.

The method is applicable to vanadium contents between 0,04 % (mass fraction) and 2 % (mass fraction).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 385, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes*

ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 14284, *Steel and iron — Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

Dissolution of a test portion with appropriate acids. Addition of hydrofluoric acid to keep tungsten in solution.

Oxidation of chromium and vanadium by potassium peroxydisulfate. Partial oxidation of chromium.

While checking the potential of the solution:

- reduction of chromium(VI) and vanadium(V) by ammonium iron(II) sulfate;
- oxidation of vanadium by a slight excess of potassium permanganate; reduction of the excess of permanganate by sodium nitrite, and reduction of the excess of sodium nitrite by sulfamic acid.

Potentiometric titration of vanadium with an ammonium iron(II) sulfate standard solution.