
**Refractory products — Determination
of reduced species in carbon
containing refractories by XRD**

*Produits réfractaires - Détermination par DRX des espèces réduites
dans les réfractaires contenant du carbone*



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1 Scope

This document describes methods for the determination of mineralogical phases often present as additives or reaction products in carbon containing or graphitic refractory products by X-ray Diffraction (XRD) using a Bragg-Brentano diffractometer. It includes details of sample preparation and general principles for qualitative and quantitative analysis of mineralogical phase composition. Quantitative determination of α - Si_3N_4 , β - Si_3N_4 , AlN, aluminium metal, Al_4C_3 , silicon metal, boron carbide and BN are described. The problems encountered with some determinations are highlighted.

Additional reduced species present in some refractories could include $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\cdot\text{AlN}$ solid solutions (so called Alons), $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4\cdot\text{SiO}_2$ solid solutions and $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4\cdot\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ solid solutions (Sialons). The presence of some of these solid solution components will cause problems with both identification and quantification as they are not well-defined structures.

NOTE For rationalisation of nitrogen containing phases, the total nitrogen content, analysed in accordance with EN 12698-1 is used.

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 836, *Terminology for refractories*

ISO 5022, *Shaped refractory products — Sampling and acceptance testing*

ISO 8656-1, *Refractory products — Sampling of raw materials and unshaped products — Part 1: Sampling scheme*

ISO 10081-1, *Classification of dense shaped refractory products — Part 1: Alumina-silica*

ISO 10081-2, *Classification of dense shaped refractory products — Part 2: Basic products containing less than 7 % residual carbon*

ISO 10081-3, *Classification of dense shaped refractory products — Part 3: Basic products containing from 7 % to 50 % residual carbon*

ISO 10081-4, *Classification of dense shaped refractory products — Part 4: Special products*

EN 13925-1, *Non-destructive testing. X-ray diffraction from polycrystalline and amorphous materials. General principles*

3 Terms and definitions

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