
**Soil and waste — Determination
of Chromium(VI) in solid
material by alkaline digestion
and ion chromatography with
spectrophotometric detection**

*Déchets et sols — Dosage du chrome(VI) dans les matériaux solides
par digestion alcaline et chromatographie ionique avec détection
spectrophotométrique*



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Foreword

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Introduction

Under environmental conditions chromium in compounds exists in the trivalent, Cr(III), or the hexavalent, Cr(VI) state. Chromium is an essential trace element for mammals, including man, whereas it is presumed that Cr(VI) compounds are genotoxic and potentially carcinogenic in humans. Interconversion of trivalent and hexavalent chromium species can occur during sample preparation and analysis, but these processes are minimised, to the extent possible, by the sample preparation methods prescribed by this document.

Soil and waste — Determination of Chromium(VI) in solid material by alkaline digestion and ion chromatography with spectrophotometric detection

1 Scope

This document specifies the determination of Cr(VI) in solid waste material and soil by alkaline digestion and ion chromatography with spectrophotometric detection. This method can be used to determine Cr(VI)-mass fractions in solids higher than 0,1 mg/kg.

NOTE In case of reducing or oxidising waste matrix no valid Cr(VI) content can be reported.

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 8466-1, *Water quality - Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods and estimation of performance characteristics - Part 1: Statistical evaluation of the linear calibration function*

ISO 11464, *Soil quality — Pretreatment of samples for physico-chemical analysis*

ISO 11465, *Soil quality — Determination of dry matter and water content on a mass basis — Gravimetric method*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

EN 15002, *Characterization of waste — Preparation of test portions from the laboratory sample*

EN 15934, *Sludge, treated biowaste, soil and waste — Calculation of dry matter fraction after determination of dry residue or water content*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

4 Safety remarks

Anyone dealing with waste and soil analysis shall be aware of the typical risks of the material irrespective of the parameters determined. Waste and soil samples may contain hazardous (e.g. toxic, reactive, flammable, infectious) substances, which can be liable to biological and/or chemical reaction. Consequently, these samples should be handled with special care. The gases which may be produced by microbiological or chemical activity are potentially flammable and can pressurise sealed bottles. Bursting bottles are likely to result in hazardous shrapnel, dust and/or aerosol. It is presupposed that national regulations are followed with respect to all hazards associated with this method.