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**Natural gas — Determination of water  
by the Karl Fischer method —**

**Part 2:  
Volumetric procedure**

*Gaz naturel — Dosage de l'eau par la méthode de Karl Fischer —  
Partie 2: Méthode volumétrique*



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## Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- Clause 2 and Bibliography were revised;
- New fixed structure numbering inserted;
- Clause 5 was modified;
- Clause 9 was modified;
- 10.2 was modified.

A list of all parts in the ISO 10101 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

Water vapour may be present in natural gas due to, for example, natural occurrence in the well production stream, the storage of gas in underground reservoirs, transmission or distribution through mains containing moisture or other reasons.



# Natural gas — Determination of water by the Karl Fischer method —

## Part 2: Volumetric procedure

WARNING — Local safety regulations should be taken into account, when the equipment is located in hazardous areas.

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a volumetric procedure for the determination of water content in natural gas. Volumes are expressed in cubic metres at a temperature of 273,15 K (0 °C) and a pressure of 101,325 kPa (1 atm). It applies to water concentrations between 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> and 5 000 mg/m<sup>3</sup>.

### 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 383, *Laboratory glassware — Interchangeable conical ground joints*

ISO 10101-1, *Natural gas- Determination of water by the Karl Fischer method – Part 1- Introduction*

ISO 14532, *Natural gas — Vocabulary*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14532 apply.

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

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

### 4 Principle

A measured volume of gas is passed through a cell containing a relatively small volume of absorbent solution. Water in the gas is extracted by the absorbent solution and subsequently titrated with Karl Fischer reagent. The design of the cell and the absorbent solution are chosen to ensure efficient collection of the water at the high flowrates necessary.

The principle and chemical reactions of the Karl Fischer method are given in ISO 10101-1:2020, Clauses 4 and 5; interferences are also described in ISO 10101-1:2020, Clause 5.

ISO 10101-1:2020, Clause 5 describes interfering substances which may be present in natural gas and corrections for the interference of hydrogen sulfide and mercaptans.