
**Hard coal and coke — Guidance to the
inspection of mechanical sampling
systems**

*Houille et coke — Lignes directrices pour l'inspection des systèmes
d'échantillonnage mécanique*



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Foreword

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Introduction

The objective of this International Standard is to provide users of new and existing mechanical sampling systems for minerals with guidance on their operation and inspection.

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Hard coal and coke — Guidance to the inspection of mechanical sampling systems

1 Scope

This International Standard sets out recommended practices for the inspection of mechanical sampling systems. It serves as a reference for conformance with applicable ISO/TC 27 International Standards.

This International Standard covers general considerations including precision, mineral variability and bias, establishment of inspection systems and inspection procedure.

2 Normatives references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 13909-1, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 1: General introduction*

ISO 13909-2:2001, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 2: Coal — Sampling from moving streams*

ISO 13909-3, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 3: Coal — Sampling from stationary lots*

ISO 13909-4, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 4: Coal — Preparation of test samples*

ISO 13909-5:2001, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 5: Coke — Sampling from moving streams*

ISO 13909-6, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 6: Coke — Preparation of test samples*

ISO 13909-7, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 7: Methods for determining the precision of sampling, sample preparation and testing*

ISO 13909-8:2001, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 8: Methods of testing for bias*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13909-1 and the following apply.

3.1 audit

(external) critical review of a mechanical sampling system, which measures its compliance with stipulated operating specifications, undertaken by a suitably qualified independent person who is not directly involved in the management of that particular system