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### Hard coal — Determination of caking index

#### Scope

This International dendard specifies a method of determination of caking index of hard coal. It is applicable to the evaluation of calling power of bituminous coal with random reflectance of vitrinite,  $R_r$ , greater than 0,6 % and less than or equal (0), 8 % (> 0,6 %  $\leq$  1,8 %).

#### Normative reference

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 562, Hard coal and coke — Determination of volatile matter

ISO 589, Hard coal — Determination of total m

ISO 1171, Solid mineral fuels — Determination of

#### Terms and definitions

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caking index
measure of the magnitude of the binding strength between coal particles or between coal particles and inert particles after coal is heated at 850 °C.

#### **Principle**

A portion of prepared sample of coal of limited size range and the standard anthracite are mixed under defined conditions, and the mixture is carbonized rapidly. The crucible coke thus obtained is tested for strength in a drum conforming to certain specifications. The caking power of the test sample is expressed by the abrasive strength, i.e. resistance to breakage of the crucible coke.

#### Reagent

Standard anthracite, having a moisture of less than 2,5 mass % air-dried basis, an ash of less than 4 mass % dry basis and a volatile matter of less than 8 mass % dry, ash free basis. The size limits are 0,1 mm to 0,2 mm, the undersize content of 0,1 mm should not be more than 6 mass % and the oversize content of 0,2 mm should not be more than 4 mass %.

NOTE Annexes A and B provide information on the extraction, preparation and testing of standard anthracite.

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