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Lead and lead alloys - Analysis by flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS) or inductively coupled plasma emission spectrometry (ICP-ES), after separation by co-precipitation

Plomb et alliages de plomb - Analyse par spectrométrie d'absorption atomique dans la flamme (FAAS) ou par spectrométrie d'émission à plasma inductif couplé (ICP-ES), après séparation par co-précipitation

Blei und Bleilegierungen - Analyse durch Flammen-Atomabsorptionspektrometrie (FAAS) oder Emissions-Spektrometrie mit induktiv gekoppeltem Plasma (ICP-ES), nach Abtrennung durch Mitfällung

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Foreword

This European Prestandard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 306, "Lead and lead alloys", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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The methods in this Prestandard are recommended for the certification of reference materials and as umpire methods in cases of a dispute. The importance of either application, and the paramount issue of safety, requires that they should only be carried out by fully-trained analysts who are experienced in all relevant techniques and the precautions necessary in the inherently hazardous environs of a laboratory, especially those required when using particularly hazardous apparatus and reagents used in some of these methods.

Where a particular hazard exists, this is given as a **DANGER** adjacent to the point in the text where the apparatus or reagent is referenced.

1 Scope

This European Prestandard specifies methods using flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS) and inductively coupled plasma emission spectrometry (ICP-ES) for the determination of elements at low content in lead for the ranges given in Table 1.

Higher contents than those listed in Table 1 should be determined according to ENV 13800.

Table 1 — Ranges of application for the determination of elements

Element	Ranges of applications (% m/m)					
	FAAS			ICP-ES		
As	0,0002	-	0,005	0,00005	-	0,005
Sb	0,0002	-	0,0025	0,0002	-	0,0025
Se	0,0002	-	0,005	0,0002	-	0,005
Sn	0,0005	-	0,005	0,0002	-	0,005
Te	0,00002	-	0,0025	0,00002	-	0,0025

These methods are intended as the definitive methods in case of dispute for the determination of elements at low content in lead. They are also recommended for the analysis of Certified Reference Materials (CRM) and Reference Materials (RM) which are used in analysis according to ENV 12908.

2 Normative references

This European Prestandard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Prestandard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 12402, *Lead and lead alloys - Methods of sampling for analysis*.

ENV 12908, *Lead and lead alloys - Analysis by Optical Emission Spectrometry (OES) with spark excitation*.

ENV 13800, *Lead and lead alloys – Analysis by flame atomic absorption spectrometry (FAAS) or inductively coupled plasma emission spectrometry (ICP-ES), without separation of the lead matrix*.

ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware – One-mark pipettes*.

EN ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware – One-mark volumetric flasks (ISO 1042:1998)*.

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696:1987)*.

3 Principle

3.1 Preparation of the test solution

Dissolution of a test portion in nitric acid.

Separation of analyte by co-precipitation with manganese dioxide.

Dissolution of the precipitate, made up to a defined volume.

Determination of the analyte concentration using one of the two techniques described in 3.2.