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Foreword

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WARNING — The attention of all persons concerned with managing and carrying out this test is drawn to the fact that fire testing may be hazardous and that there is a possibility that toxic and/or harmful gases may be evolved during the test. Operational hazards may also arise during the testing of specimens, such as the possibility of an explosion, and during the disposal of test residues.

WARNING — An assessment of all the potential hazards and risks to health should be made and safety precautions should be identified and provided. Written safety instructions should be issued. Appropriate training should be given to relevant personnel. Laboratory personnel should ensure that they follow written instructions at all times.

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the gross heat of combustion (Q_{PCS}) of products at constant volume in a bomb calorimeter.

Annex A describes the calculation of the net heat of combustion (Q_{PCI}) when required.

Information on the precision of the test method is given in Annex B.

2 Normative 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 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

ISO 13943, *Fire safety — Vocabulary*

EN 13238, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Conditioning procedures and general rules for selection of substrates*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 13943, and the following apply.

3.1
product
material, element or component about which information is required

3.2
material
single basic substance or uniformly dispersed mixture of substances

EXAMPLE Metal, stone, timber, concrete, mineral wool with a uniformly dispersed binder and polymers.