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## European foreword

This document (EN 15984:2017) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 19 “Gaseous and liquid fuels, lubricants and related products of petroleum, synthetic and biological origin”, the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a gas chromatographic analysis for the determination of the composition of fuel gases, as used in refinery heating gas. These results are used to calculate the carbon content and the lower calorific value.

With this gas chromatographic analysis, an overall of 23 refinery heating gas components are determined in concentrations as typically found in refineries (see Table 1 for further details).

Water is not analysed. The results represent dry gases.

NOTE 1 Depending on the equipment used, there is a possibility to determine higher hydrocarbons as well.

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms “% (V/V)” is used to represent the volume fraction ( $\varphi$ ).

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## 2 Principle

This European Standard defines a procedure that is used to determine all components that are present in a typical refinery heating gas, as indicated in Table 1.

The composition range in which each component can be analysed does depend on the actual sample composition as higher amounts of a certain component may affect the detection range of other components eluting close by. The general ranges which apply to all the individual components are:

- hydrocarbons from 0,01 (mol/100 mol) up to 100 (mol/100 mol);
- non-condensable gases from 0,02 (mol/100 mol) up to 100 (mol/100 mol);
- for hydrogen sulfide a range between 0,1 (mol/100 mol) up to 10 (mol/100 mol) has been found applicable.

Three different analysis systems are necessary; they may be built in three separate gas chromatographs, or be integrated into one.

Depending on the configuration, hydrocarbons with more than five carbon atoms are reported as a sum parameter. The composition of the refinery heating gas is used to calculate the carbon content and the calorific value. A typical procedure is described hereafter. A configuration is acceptable when the determination gives the precision as described in Clause 9.

## 3 Reagents and materials

### 3.1 Gases.

**3.1.1 Hydrogen**, with a minimum purity of 99,995 % (V/V).

**3.1.2 Helium**, with a minimum purity of 99,995 % (V/V).

**3.1.3 Nitrogen**, with a minimum purity of 99,995 % (V/V).

**3.1.4 Air**, free of oil and water.