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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20236:2018), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the method to determine concentrations <1 mg/l of C and N has been expanded;
- the normative references have been updated;
- the method to apply single component standard calibration solutions e.g. based on as ammonium sulfate or potassium nitrate, has been expanded;
- [Clause A.5](#) has been added in order to require referencing the difference methods with the results report.

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Introduction

Total organic carbon (TOC), dissolved organic carbon (DOC), total bound nitrogen (TNb) and dissolved bound nitrogen (DNb) are an analytical convention, whose characteristic is a parameter used for water quality control purposes. These parameters represent the sum of organically bound carbon as well as the sum of inorganic and organic nitrogen (but not nitrogen gas), which can be dissolved in water or bonded to dissolved or suspended matter under specified conditions and, if the sample is not filtered, includes that associated with suspended matter. It does not give information on the nature of the substances. The abbreviations TOC, DOC, TNb, DNb, TC and TIC refer to values determined by the high temperature method.

Details of a validation interlaboratory trial with the performance data for TOC or DOC and TNb or DNb, all using the high temperature method in this document, are given in [Annex B](#).

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IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted in accordance with this document be carried out by suitably qualified staff.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method to determine the total organic carbon (TOC), dissolved organic carbon (DOC), total bound nitrogen (TNb) and dissolved bound nitrogen (DNb) in the form of free ammonia, ammonium, nitrite, nitrate and organic compounds capable of conversion to nitrogen oxides.

Cyanide, cyanate and particles of elemental carbon (soot), when present in the sample, can be determined together with the organic carbon.

Dissolved nitrogen gas (N₂) is not determined.

NOTE Generally, the method can be applied for the determination of total carbon (TC) and total inorganic carbon (TIC) – see [Annex A](#).

The method is applicable to water samples (e.g. drinking water, raw water, ground water, surface water, sea water, waste water, leachates).

This document is applicable to determination of TOC and DOC ≥ 1 mg/l and TNb and DNb ≥ 1 mg/l. The upper working range is restricted by instrument-dependent conditions (e.g. injection volume). Higher concentrations can be determined after appropriate dilution of the sample. The determination of concentrations < 1 mg/l is dependent on instrument conditions applying appropriate calibration.

For samples containing volatile organic compounds (e.g. industrial waste water), the application of the difference method can be considered – see [Annex A](#).

The procedure is carried out by automated analysis.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 8466-1, *Water quality — Calibration and evaluation of analytical methods — Part 1: Linear calibration function*

3 Terms and definitions

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