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**Direct reduced iron — Determination of  
metallic iron — Bromine-methanol  
titrimetric method**

*Minerais de fer pré-réduits — Dosage du fer métallique — Méthode  
titrimétrique au brome-méthanol*



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## Foreword

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ISO 5416 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 102, *Iron ore and direct reduced iron*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Chemical analysis*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 5416:1997), which has been technically revised. It has been updated to alter the manner in which precision data are presented.

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# Direct reduced iron — Determination of metallic iron — Bromine-methanol titrimetric method

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a titrimetric method for the determination of the mass fraction of metallic iron in reduced iron ores (direct reduced iron: DRI).

This method is applicable to mass fractions of metallic iron between 15 % and 95 % in DRI.

**NOTE** The term “metallic iron” means those forms of iron not bonded to oxygen or not present as pyrite.

## 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 385, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes*

ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark pipettes*

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 2596, *Iron ores — Determination of hygroscopic moisture in analytical samples — Gravimetric, Karl Fischer and mass-loss methods*

ISO 2597-1, *Iron ores — Determination of total iron content — Part 1: Titrimetric method after tin(II) chloride reduction*

ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 10835, *Direct reduced iron and hot briquetted iron — Sampling and sample preparation*

## 3 Principle

Metallic iron is dissolved by treatment with bromine-methanol solution. The insoluble residue is separated by filtration. The iron in the filtrate is reduced to iron(II), which is titrated with potassium dichromate solution.

**NOTE** Other metallic elements, such as chromium, cobalt, manganese, nickel and vanadium, are also dissolved by the bromine-methanol solution but, except for vanadium, they do not interfere with the titration procedure.