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CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF MAGNESIUM AND MAGNESIUM ALLOYS

POLAROGRAPHIC DETERMINATION OF ZINC
(Zinc content between 0.1 and 4 %)

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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 807, *Chemical analysis of magnesium and magnesium alloys – Polarographic determination of zinc (Zinc content between 0.1 and 4 %)*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 79, *Light metals and their alloys*, the Secretariat of which is held by the Association Française de Normalisation (AFNOR).

Work on this question by the Technical Committee began in 1957 and led, in 1965, to the adoption of a Draft ISO Recommendation.

In December 1966, this Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 1128) was circulated to all the ISO Member Bodies for enquiry. It was approved, subject to a few modifications of an editorial nature, by the following Member Bodies :

Argentina	India	South Africa,
Austria	Ireland	Rep. of
Belgium	Israel	Spain
Brazil	Italy	Switzerland
Canada	Japan	Sweden
Chile	Korea, Rep. of	Turkey
Czechoslovakia	Netherlands	U.A.R.
France	New Zealand	U.S.A.
Germany	Norway	U.S.S.R.
Hungary	Poland	Yugoslavia

One Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft :

United Kingdom

The Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided, in August 1958, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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1. SCOPE

This ISO Recommendation describes a polarographic method for the determination of zinc in magnesium and its alloys which do not contain zirconium.

The method is applicable to the determination of zinc content between 0.1 and 4 %.

2. PRINCIPLE

Polarographic determination in an ammonium citrate and ammonium chloride medium at approximately pH 9. Zinc is reduced at about -1.2 volt.

3. REAGENTS

3.1 *Ammonium chloride* (NH_4Cl).

3.2 *Pure magnesium* (99.99 %).

3.3 *Hydrochloric acid*, $d = 1.19$ (approximately 12 N).

3.4 *Citric acid*, 400 g per litre.

Dissolve 40 g of citric acid crystals ($\text{H}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_7 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$) in water and make up the volume to 100 ml.

3.5 *Ammonia solution*, $d = 0.90$ (approximately 14.4 N).

3.6 "Suppressor"

3.6.1 *Solution of gum arabic*, 10 g per litre.

To 1 g of gum arabic add, in small portions and while stirring, 100 ml of water. Prepare just before use.

3.6.2 *Solution of tylose*, 20 g per litre.

To 2 g of tylose (methyl - ethyl cellulose; viscosity 100 centipoises) add, in small portions and while stirring, 100 ml of water. Do not heat.

3.6.3 *Solution of Triton X-100*, 1 g per litre.

Dissolve 0.1 g of Triton X-100 ($p\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OH}$) in water and make up the volume to 100 ml.