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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15349-2:1999), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- normative references have been revised;
- the precision data has been updated;
- the former Table B.3 has been deleted;
- the text has been improved editorially.

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## European foreword

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# Unalloyed steel — Determination of low carbon content —

## Part 2: Infrared absorption method after combustion in an induction furnace (with preheating)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies an infrared absorption method after combustion in an induction furnace for the determination of the low carbon content in unalloyed steel.

The method is applicable to carbon contents between 0,000 3 % (mass fraction) and 0,009 % (mass fraction).

### 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 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

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

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

ISO 14284, *Steel and iron — Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Principle

Pre-heating of a test portion at low temperature followed by its combustion in presence of an accelerator at a high temperature in an induction furnace in a current of pure oxygen.

Transformation of carbon into carbon dioxide and/or carbon monoxide.

Measurement by infrared absorption of the carbon dioxide and/or carbon monoxide evolved from the sample and carried by a current of pure oxygen.

The calibration is carried out using sucrose or calcium carbonate.

### 5 Reagents

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only water with a low content of organic matter, i.e. grade 2 water as specified in ISO 3696.

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### 5.1 **Water**, free from carbon dioxide.

Boil water for 30 min, cool to room temperature and bubble oxygen (5.2) or a high purity inert gas through it for 15 min. Prepare just before use.

### 5.2 **Oxygen**, minimum purity 99,95 % (volume fraction).

When the presence of organic contaminants is suspected in oxygen, an oxidation catalyst [copper(II) oxide or platinum] tube heated to a temperature above 450 °C shall be used prior to the purifying unit.

The pressure of oxygen in the furnace is controlled by a pressure regulator designed especially for this purpose.

### 5.3 **Pure iron**, containing less than 0,000 3 % (mass fraction) of carbon or having a very low and known carbon content.

### 5.4 **Solvent**, appropriate for cleaning greasy or dirty test samples, for example, acetone.

### 5.5 **Accelerator**, common accelerators are copper, tungsten-tin mixture, iron, tungsten or nickel. Copper, tungsten-tin mixture or tungsten containing less than 0,000 3 % carbon (mass fraction) may be used.

Copper plate or pellet type tin and granular tungsten mixture containing less than 0,000 3 % (mass fraction) of carbon or having a very low and known carbon content.

Plate shape or granular copper (about 0,1 g/plate) should be used after the following treatment. Heat the copper plate at 450 °C to 600 °C for 10 min in a current of oxygen or air and cool in a desiccator without grease. This treatment shall be carried out just before use.

If necessary, wash three times with acetone by decantation to remove organic contaminants and dry at room temperature.

Pellet type tin (about 0,2 g/pellet) and granular tungsten, 1,68 mm (12 mesh) to 0,853 mm (20 mesh) should be used after the following treatment. Heat the tungsten at 450 °C in air for 10 min and cool in a desiccator without grease. Clean the tin for more than 5 min with hydrochloric acid in an ultrasonic cleaner, rinse with water and dry in air. These treatments shall be carried out just before use.

### 5.6 **Sucrose, standard solutions**

Weigh, to the nearest 0,1 mg, the masses of sucrose ( $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ ) indicated in [Table 1](#), previously dried at 100 °C to 105 °C for 2,5 h and cooled in a desiccator, and transfer to a series of seven 100 ml beakers.

Add 30 ml of water (5.1) to dissolve, transfer quantitatively into a series of 100 ml one-mark volumetric flasks, dilute to the mark with water (5.1) and mix.

**Table 1 — Standard solution series of sucrose**

Standard solution reference number	Mass of sucrose g	Corresponding mass of added carbon µg	Carbon content in 1 g of the test portion % mass fraction
1	0 <sup>a</sup>	0	0
2	0,010 0	4,21	0,000 42
3	0,025 0	10,53	0,001 05
4	0,060 0	25,26	0,002 53
5	0,120 0	50,53	0,005 05
6	0,180 0	75,79	0,007 58
7	0,240 0	101,1	0,010 11

<sup>a</sup> Zero member.

### 5.7 Calcium carbonate

Dry calcium carbonate [minimum purity: 99,9 % (mass fraction)] at 180 °C for 1 h and cool in a desiccator before use.

### 5.8 Magnesium perchlorate, anhydrous, [Mg(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], particle size: from 0,7 mm to 2,0 mm.

Phosphorous pentoxide may also be used by some instrument manufacturers.

### 5.9 Inert ceramic (attapulugus clay), impregnated with sodium hydroxide, particle size: from 0,6 mm to 1,2 mm.

## 6 Apparatus

The apparatus required for combustion in an induction furnace and the subsequent infrared absorption measurement of the evolved carbon dioxide and/or carbon monoxide may be obtained commercially from a number of manufacturers. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the operation of the instrument.

Common features of such systems are described in [Annex A](#).

All laboratory glassware shall be class A, in accordance with ISO 648 or ISO 1042, as appropriate.

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and the following should be used.

#### 6.1 Ceramic crucible, capable of withstanding combustion in an induction furnace.

Just before use, ignite the crucibles in an electric furnace in a current of oxygen or air for not less than 2 h at more than 1 200 °C and keep in a desiccator or closed container before use.

For the determination of low carbon contents, it is advisable to ignite the crucibles at 1 350 °C in a current of oxygen.

#### 6.2 Tin capsule, about 6 mm in diameter, 18 mm in height, 0,3 g in mass and approximately 0,4 ml in volume of known and very low carbon content less than 0,000 3 % (mass fraction) of carbon or having very low and known carbon content.

Tin capsules should be used after the following treatment.

Rinse the capsule in hydrochloric acid ( $\rho$  approximately 1,19 g/ml, diluted 1 + 1) for 5 min while shaking frequently, wash it thoroughly with water and dry. Store it in a clean glass bottle.