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## ERRATUM

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Symbol  $F_V$  should read as follows :

" $F_V$  = volatile matter correction value obtained when using the appropriate national formula"

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# Coal and coke – Calculation of analyses to different bases

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard gives formulae which allow analytical data relating to coal and coke to be expressed on the various different bases in common use. Consideration is given to corrections that may be applied to certain determined values for coal prior to their calculation to other bases.

## 2 REFERENCES

ISO 157, *Hard coal – Determination of forms of sulphur.*

ISO 334, *Coal and coke – Determination of total sulphur – Eschka method.*

ISO 351, *Coal and coke – Determination of total sulphur – High temperature combustion method.*

ISO 352, *Coal and coke – Determination of chlorine – High temperature combustion method.*

ISO 562, *Hard coal and coke – Determination of the volatile matter.*

ISO 587, *Coal and coke – Determination of chlorine using Eschka mixture.*

ISO 602, *Coal – Determination of mineral matter.*

ISO 609, *Coal and coke – Determination of carbon and hydrogen – High temperature combustion method.*

ISO 625, *Coal and coke – Determination of carbon and hydrogen – Liebig method.*

ISO 925, *Hard coal – Determination of carbon dioxide content – Gravimetric method.*

ISO 1928, *Solid mineral fuels – Determination of gross calorific value by the calorimetric bomb method, and calculation of net calorific value.*

ISO 1994, *Hard coal – Determination of oxygen content.*

## 3 PRINCIPLE

In order to convert an analytical result expressed on one basis to another basis, it is multiplied by the appropriate formula (see table) after insertion of the requisite numerical values.

## 4 CALCULATIONS FOR COAL ANALYSES

### 4.1 Introduction

In International Standards covering the analysis of coal, it is generally specified that the determination shall be carried out on the air-dried analysis sample. However, in making use of these analyses, it is sometimes necessary to express the results on some other basis. The bases in common use are "air-dried", "as received", "dry", "dry, ash free", "dry, mineral matter free".

Any analytical value on a particular basis may be converted to any other basis by multiplying it by the appropriate formula given in the table, after insertion of the numerical values for the symbols. However, in some determinations there is a direct involvement of the mineral matter and, in these cases, it is essential to apply a correction to the air-dried result prior to its calculation to the mineral matter free basis. This correction is dependent on the nature, as well as the quantity, of the mineral matter present and, for any given sample, the formula recommended by the national standards organization of the country of origin of the sample should be used and should be quoted in full, together with the analysis. All the determinations that may be expressed on the dry mineral matter free basis are considered individually below.

It should rarely be necessary to calculate an analytical result expressed on the dry mineral matter free basis back to any other basis but, if the need does arise, then it is essential that any correction deducted during the application of any of the formulae in 4.3 to 4.10 inclusive be *added* back to the dry mineral matter free value before applying the appropriate formula from the table.

4.2 Symbols

The symbols employed in the subsequent clauses are as follows, with the suffixes "ad" (air-dried), "ar" (as received), "d" (dry), "daf" (dry, ash free) or "dmmf" (dry, mineral matter free) where appropriate :

- A = ash of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- C = carbon content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- Cl = chlorine content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- CO<sub>2</sub> = carbon dioxide content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- Q<sub>gr,v</sub> = gross calorific value at constant volume of the analysis sample
- F = oxygen correction value obtained when using the appropriate national formula
- F<sub>Cl</sub> = chlorine correction value obtained when using the appropriate national formula
- F<sub>H</sub> = hydrogen correction value obtained when using the appropriate national formula
- F<sub>V</sub> = volatile matter correction value obtained when using the appropriate national formula"
- H = hydrogen content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- M = moisture content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- MM = mineral matter content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass) (see annex)
- N = nitrogen content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- O = oxygen content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- S<sub>o</sub> = organic sulphur content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- S<sub>p</sub> = pyritic sulphur content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- S<sub>s</sub> = sulphate sulphur content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- S<sub>T</sub> = total sulphur content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)
- V = volatile matter content of the analysis sample (percentage by mass)

4.3 Carbon

In ISO 609 and ISO 625, it is specified that, if the mineral carbonate content is high, the carbon equivalent may be deducted before reporting the carbon on the air-dried basis. Thus :

$$C_{dmmf} = (C_{ad} - 0,273 CO_{2 ad}) \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$$

where the carbon dioxide has been determined on the air-dried analysis sample as given in ISO 925.

4.4 Hydrogen

The hydrogen content reported on the air-dried basis includes the hydrogen of the coal substance and the hydrogen present (as water) in the mineral matter (see ISO 609 and ISO 625). The hydrogen present as moisture in the air-dried sample shall be deducted before reporting H<sub>ad</sub>. Before calculating the hydrogen of the coal substance to the dry mineral matter free basis, it is also necessary to deduct the hydrogen of the mineral matter. Since the hydrogen in the mineral matter cannot readily be determined, it is generally estimated from a knowledge of the minerals likely to be present and the total mineral matter content. Thus :

$$H_{dmmf} = (H_{ad} - F_H) \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$$

4.5 Nitrogen

There is no nitrogen in the mineral state normally associated with coal, and the calculation to the dry mineral matter free basis is

$$N_{dmmf} = N_{ad} \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$$

4.6 Sulphur

The total sulphur content, S<sub>T</sub>, as reported on the air-dried basis (see ISO 334 and ISO 351), includes organic sulphur, S<sub>o</sub>, pyritic sulphur, S<sub>p</sub>, and sulphate sulphur, S<sub>s</sub>. The pyritic sulphur and the sulphate sulphur can be determined and the organic sulphur obtained by difference (see ISO 157). Thus the organic sulphur is calculated to the dry mineral matter free basis as follows :

$$S_{o,dmmf} = (S_{T,ad} - S_{p,ad} - S_{s,ad}) \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$$

4.7 Oxygen

The determined oxygen content (see ISO 1994) includes the oxygen in the coal substance, in the carbonate minerals (as carbon dioxide) and in the silicate minerals (as water). Before calculating the oxygen of the coal substance to the dry mineral matter free basis, it is necessary to deduct the oxygen of the mineral matter. Thus :

$$O_{dmmf} = (O_{ad} - F) \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$$

"Oxygen by difference" may be calculated as part of an ultimate analysis on the dry mineral matter free basis and is obtained by subtracting (C + H + N + S<sub>o</sub> + Cl)<sub>dmmf</sub> from 100.

4.8 Chlorine

The chlorine content determined on the analysis sample (see ISO 352 and ISO 587) includes chlorine from the mineral matter and chlorine combined with the coal substance. It is therefore necessary to deduct the inorganic chlorine before calculating to the dry mineral matter free basis :

$$Cl_{dmmf} = (Cl_{ad} - F_{Cl}) \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$$

**4.9 Volatile matter**

The mineral matter associated with a sample also loses mass under the conditions of the volatile matter determination (see ISO 562), the magnitude of the loss being dependent on both the nature and the quantity of the minerals present.

Correction is therefore necessary prior to the calculation of the volatile matter to the dry mineral matter free basis to take account of losses of sulphur, water of hydration, carbon dioxide and chlorine :

$$V_{dmmf} = (V_{ad} - F_V) \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$$

**4.10 Gross calorific value at constant volume**

The gross calorific value at constant volume as reported on the air-dried analysis sample includes the heat liberated by the combustion of pyrites to iron(III) oxide and sulphur dioxide as well as that from the combustion of the coal substance. It is therefore necessary to subtract the heat of

combustion of the pyrites to iron(III) oxide (12,690 kJ/mol) prior to the calculation of the calorific value to the mineral matter free basis. Thus :

$$Q_{gr,v,dmmf} = (Q_{gr,v,ad} - 70 S_{p,ad}) \times \frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} - MM_{ad})}$$

The calculation of net calorific value is dealt with in detail in ISO 1928.

**5 CALCULATIONS FOR COKE ANALYSES**

Coke analyses may be expressed on the "air-dried", "as received", "dry" and "dry, ash free" bases, and these values are calculated by the use of the appropriate formulae given in the table, after insertion of numerical values for the symbols.

It is not proposed at present to recommend the calculation of analytical results on coke to the dry mineral matter free basis.

TABLE – Formulae for calculation of results to different bases

Wanted Given	As analysed (air dried) (ad)	As received <sup>1)</sup> (ar)	Dry (d)	Dry, ash free (daf)	Dry, mineral matter free (dmmf)
As analysed (air dried) (ad)		$\frac{100 - M_{ar}}{100 - M_{ad}}$	$\frac{100}{100 - M_{ad}}$	$\frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + A_{ad})}$	$\frac{100}{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}$
As received (ar)	$\frac{100 - M_{ad}}{100 - M_{ar}}$		$\frac{100}{100 - M_{ar}}$	$\frac{100}{100 - (M_{ar} + A_{ar})}$	$\frac{100}{100 - (M_{ar} + MM_{ar})}$
Dry (d)	$\frac{100 - M_{ad}}{100}$	$\frac{100 - M_{ar}}{100}$		$\frac{100}{100 - A_d}$	$\frac{100}{100 - MM_d}$
Dry, ash free (daf)	$\frac{100 - (M_{ad} + A_{ad})}{100}$	$\frac{100 - (M_{ar} + A_{ar})}{100}$	$\frac{100 - A_d}{100}$		$\frac{100 - A_d}{100 - MM_d}$
Dry, mineral matter free (dmmf)	$\frac{100 - (M_{ad} + MM_{ad})}{100}$	$\frac{100 - (M_{ar} + MM_{ar})}{100}$	$\frac{100 - MM_d}{100}$	$\frac{100 - MM_d}{100 - A_d}$	

1) Note that the formulae given for calculating results to the "as received" basis may be used to calculate them to any other moisture basis, for example capacity moisture or bed moisture.

ANNEX

MINERAL MATTER

In order to calculate analytical results for coal to a mineral matter free basis, it is necessary to know the total amount of mineral matter present; this is normally determined on the air-dried analysis sample by the method specified in ISO 602. However, occasions may arise when it is expedient to derive the amount of mineral matter from the ash content by the application of formulae that take account of the chemical changes occurring during the ashing process. The main changes are

- a) liberation of water of hydration from silicates;
- b) liberation of carbon dioxide from carbonates;
- c) liberation of chlorine from chlorides;
- d) oxidation of pyrites to iron(III) oxide with loss of sulphur;
- e) fixation of sulphur by basic oxides.

Correction values for the last four chemical changes can be calculated with reasonable accuracy from readily determined constituents. However, the correction for the water of hydration in the silicate minerals, which is frequently greater than the sum of the remainder, is normally not very precise because the determination is complex and is seldom carried out. Concentrations of the water of hydration ranging from 5 to 20 % have been reported in various parts of the world and it is clear that no single formula could find universal approval. This is reflected in the variety of formulae in current use (see ASTM D 388-72 <sup>[1]</sup> and BS 1016 <sup>[2]</sup>). If it is necessary to use a calculated (instead of a determined) value for mineral matter, then the formula used should be that recommended by the national standards organization in the country of origin of the sample; the formula should be quoted whenever it is used.

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