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**Sodium and potassium silicates for industrial use —
Determination of dry matter — Gravimetric method**

*Silicates de sodium et de potassium à usage industriel — Détermination de la matière sèche —
Méthode gravimétrique*

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FOREWORD

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Prior to 1972, the results of the work of the Technical Committees were published as ISO Recommendations; these documents are now in the process of being transformed into International Standards. As part of this process, Technical Committee ISO/TC 47 has reviewed ISO Recommendation R 1688 and found it technically suitable for transformation. International Standard ISO 1688 therefore replaces ISO Recommendation R 1688-1970 to which it is technically identical.

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No Member Body expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

No Member Body disapproved the transformation of ISO/R 1688 into an International Standard.

Sodium and potassium silicates for industrial use – Determination of dry matter – Gravimetric method

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a gravimetric method for the determination of dry matter of sodium and potassium silicates for industrial use.

2 REFERENCE

ISO 1686, *Sodium and potassium silicates for industrial use – Samples and methods of test – General*.

3 PRINCIPLE

Drying of a test portion followed by heating to between 600 and 650 °C.

Weighing of the residue.

4 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

4.1 Platinum or silica dish, having a capacity of 30 to 35 ml and an upper diameter of approximately 75 mm.

NOTE – Porcelain dishes may also be used, provided they are allowed to cool in a desiccator for at least 45 min before weighing.

4.2 Electric furnace, capable of being controlled at 600 to 650 °C.

NOTE – Use heating apparatus which does not produce carbon dioxide.

5 PROCEDURE

5.1 Test portion

Heat the platinum or silica dish (4.1) for a few minutes in the electric furnace (4.2) controlled between 600 and 650 °C, allow to cool to ambient temperature in a desiccator and weigh to the nearest 0,001 g.

Weigh into the tared dish, to the nearest 0,001 g, a test portion of 1 to 2 g of the test sample (see ISO 1686).

5.2 Determination

First gently heat the dish containing the test portion (5.1) in order to remove most of the water, while avoiding losses of matter due to splashing. For this purpose, use a device which heats the lower part of the vessel (heating plate) or the upper part (infra-red radiation lamp or other source of heat not in contact with the dish).

Gradually increase the temperature to between 600 and 650 °C, and maintain for 10 min.

Allow to cool in a desiccator to ambient temperature and weigh to the nearest 0,001 g.

Repeat the operation until the difference between the results of two successive weighings does not exceed 0,001 g.

6 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The dry matter content, expressed as a percentage by mass, is given by the formula

$$m_1 \times \frac{100}{m_0}$$

where

m_0 is the mass, in grams, of the test portion (5.1);

m_1 is the mass, in grams, of the weighed dry residue.

7 ACCURACY OF THE METHOD

Practice has shown that the maximum deviation between results obtained using this method is 0,6 % (m/m) in absolute value.

8 TEST REPORT

The test report shall include the following particulars :

- the reference of the method used;
- the results and the method of expression used;
- any unusual features noted during the determination;
- any operations not included in this International Standard or the International Standard to which reference is made, or regarded as optional.