



## **Manganese ores — Determination of metallic iron content (metallic iron content not exceeding 2 %) — Sulphosalicylic acid photometric method**

*Minerais de manganèse — Dosage du fer métallique (teneur en fer métallique inférieure ou égale à 2 %) — Méthode photométrique à l'acide sulfosalicylique*

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# Manganese ores — Determination of metallic iron content (metallic iron content not exceeding 2 %) — Sulphosalicylic acid photometric method

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a photometric method, by complexing with sulphosalicylic acid, for the determination of the metallic iron content of manganese ores. The method is applicable to ores having metallic iron contents not exceeding 2 % (*m/m*).

## 2 References

ISO 4296/1, *Manganese ores — Sampling — Part 1: Increment sampling*.<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 4296/2, *Manganese ores — Sampling — Part 2: Preparation of samples*.<sup>1)</sup>

ISO 4297, *Manganese ores and concentrates — Methods of chemical analysis — General instructions*.

## 3 Principle

Selective dissolution of the metallic iron in a methanolic solution of mercury(II) chloride and sodium salicylate. [The latter completely eliminates the formation of insoluble basic iron(III) salts and methanol prevents the dissolution of iron(III) oxide. The determination is unaffected by manganese oxide or other oxidants.]

Reaction, in acetate buffer solution, of the trivalent iron with sulphosalicylic acid to form a coloured complex which tints the solution yellow-brown.

Photometric measurement of the coloured complex at a wavelength of 420 to 430 nm.

## 4 Reagents

**4.1 Hydrochloric acid**, diluted 1 + 2.

**4.2 Ammonium sulphosalicylate solution**.

Dissolve 100 g of sulphosalicylic acid in 500 to 600 ml of water, neutralize, checking with an indicator paper (pH approximately 5), with ammonium hydroxide solution, diluted 1 + 1, filter, allow to cool, dilute with water to 1 000 ml and mix.

**4.3 Buffer solution**.

Dissolve 500 g of crystalline sodium acetate trihydrate ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{Na}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) in 500 ml of hot (60 to 70 °C) hydrochloric acid, diluted 1 + 4, filter, allow to cool, dilute with water to 1 000 ml and mix.

**4.4 Solvent**.

Dissolve 2,5 g of mercury(II) chloride and 3 g of sodium salicylate in 100 ml of methanol.

**4.5 Iron, standard solution** corresponding to 0,1 g of Fe per litre.

Dissolve 0,143 0 g of iron(III) oxide, previously calcined at a temperature of 750 to 800 °C, in 15 ml of hydrochloric acid,  $\rho$  1,19 g/ml, evaporate to 10 ml, transfer to a 1 000 ml one-mark volumetric flask, dilute to the mark with water and mix.

1 ml of this standard solution contains 0,000 1 g of iron.

## 5 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

**5.1 Photoelectric absorptiometer**, fitted with a blue (wavelength 420 to 430 nm) light-filter.

1) At present at the stage of draft.