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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a method of determination of the cold crushing strength of shaped insulating refractory products.

2 References

ISO/R 836, *Vocabulary for the refractories industry*.

ISO 5022, *Shaped refractory products — Sampling and acceptance testing*.

3 Definitions

3.1 cold crushing strength : The ultimate load per unit area, at room temperature, that a refractory will withstand before it is crushed.¹⁾

3.2 shaped insulating product : A product having a true porosity of not less than 45 % (V/V).

4 Principle

At ambient temperature, a test piece of specified dimensions is subjected in a compression test machine to a load increasing at a specified rate until either the test piece collapses or its height is reduced to 90 % of its original value. The cold crushing strength is calculated from the maximum force recorded, and the dimensions of the test piece.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Mechanical or hydraulic crushing strength machine that will enable the load to be increased progressively and smoothly, and with a system of measurement that will enable the force exerted on the test piece to be known within $\pm 2\%$. The range of the machine shall be such that the maximum force exerted in the test is greater than 10 % of the maximum force of which the machine is capable. One of the platens of the machine shall be mounted on a spherical seating that will compensate for any small error of parallelism between the face of the test piece and the platen. The platens of the machine shall be ground and the lower one shall be marked so as to facilitate placing the test piece at its centre.

5.2 Micrometer, or other suitable instrument, to measure the deformation of the test piece.

5.3 Equipment to measure the size of each test piece and to verify its geometrical form.

5.4 Drying oven, capable of being controlled at 110 ± 5 °C.

6 Test pieces

6.1 The number of items to be tested (i.e. bricks or blocks) shall be determined in accordance with ISO 5022 or another standard sampling plan agreed between the interested parties.

6.2 It shall be sufficient to take one test piece from each brick or block of standard size.

NOTE — The number to be taken from larger blocks (which detail is outside the scope of this International Standard) is a matter for agreement between the interested parties. To facilitate further statistical evaluation, the same number of test pieces should be taken from each block.

6.3 Each test piece shall be nominally the size of half a standard brick, i.e. :

114 mm × 114 mm × 76 mm

or

114 mm × 114 mm × 64 mm

6.4 In the case of special shapes, the test pieces shall be cut, dry, to one of the sizes specified in 6.3.

NOTE — If possible, the test report should indicate the relationship of the direction of loading to the direction of pressing during manufacture.

6.5 The load-bearing faces of each test piece shall be flat within a tolerance of 0,25 mm. This condition shall be checked across both diagonals of each load-bearing face with a steel rule and a 0,25 mm feeler gauge.

¹⁾ This definition is taken from ISO/R 836, omitting the specific temperature (0 °C) given in that ISO Recommendation.