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## Aluminium oxide primarily used for the production of aluminium — Determination of untamped density

*Oxyde d'aluminium principalement utilisé pour la production de l'aluminium — Détermination de la densité apparente*

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No Member Body expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

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Egypt, Arab Rep. of

# Aluminium oxide primarily used for the production of aluminium – Determination of untamped density

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of the untamped density of aluminium oxide primarily used for the production of aluminium.

## 2 REFERENCES

ISO 802, *Aluminium oxide primarily used for the production of aluminium – Preparation and storage of test samples.*

ISO 2927, *Aluminium oxide primarily used for the production of aluminium – Sampling.*

## 3 PRINCIPLE

Determination of the mass of a known volume of aluminium oxide collected after allowing it to fall freely into a stationary container, avoiding vibration.

Expression of the untamped density by division of this mass by the mass of an equal volume of water.

## 4 APPARATUS

**4.1 Funnel**, of diameter 10 cm and angle 60°, with a stem of length 8 mm and aperture diameter of 6 mm.

**4.2 Cylindrical container**, of capacity approximately 200 ml, with a ratio of internal diameter to internal length 1/6 approximately.

**4.3 Suitable stand and ring support**, to allow the funnel (4.1) to be set to a predetermined height above the top level of the cylindrical container (4.2).

## 5 PROCEDURE

### 5.1 Sample

Use the crude sample (see 3.2 of ISO 802).

### 5.2 Determination

Set the cylindrical container (4.2) on a flat base. Adjust the funnel (4.1) so that its axis coincides approximately with that of the cylinder, with the tip of the funnel at a height of 10 cm above the cylindrical container top.

Feed the aluminium oxide into the centre of the funnel at about 40 mm above the funnel so as not to communicate any vibration to the apparatus, at about 20 to 60 g/min. If blocking occurs at the stem, facilitate the passage of the

aluminium oxide with a piece of wire, taking care not to vibrate the cylindrical container.

Stop the feed when the aluminium oxide has formed a cone above the top level of the cylindrical container and is spilling over.

Remove the cone of surplus aluminium oxide by gently drawing a straight edge across the top rim of the cylindrical container without communicating any vibration to the latter.

Weigh the cylindrical container and its contents.

## 6 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The untamped density is given by the formula

$$\frac{m_2 - m_0}{m_1 - m_0}$$

where

$m_0$  is the mass, in grams, of the empty cylindrical container (4.2);

$m_1$  is the mass, in grams, of the cylindrical container full of distilled water;

$m_2$  is the mass, in grams, of the cylindrical container full of aluminium oxide;

If the cylindrical container used has a capacity of exactly 200 ml, the formula for the calculation of untamped density becomes

$$\frac{m_2 - m_0}{200}$$

It will usually be more convenient to use one particular cylindrical container of capacity approximately 200 ml and determine the value of  $(m_1 - m_0)$  to be used in all determinations.

## 7 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 operation not included in this International Standard or in the International Standards to which reference is made, or regarded as optional.