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FOREWORD

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Hardmetals — Determination of titanium — Photometric peroxide method

1 SCOPE

This International Standard specifies a photometric peroxide method for the determination of the titanium content of carbides and hardmetals.

2 FIELD OF APPLICATION

This method is applicable to

- carbide and binder metal powder mixtures, free of lubricant,
- all grades of presintered or sintered hardmetals,

with a titanium content exceeding 0,2 % (m/m).

3 PRINCIPLE

Formation of a yellow complex of pertitanic acid. Determination of the absorbance of the complex.

4 INTERFERING ELEMENTS

The effect of interfering elements which also form coloured complexes with hydrogen peroxide under the conditions specified, for example vanadium and molybdenum, shall be taken into account. A correction can be applied if the content is below 5 % (m/m) of each.

5 REAGENTS

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade, and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.

5.1 Ammonium hydrogen fluoride.

5.2 Ammonium sulphate.

5.3 Sodium disulphite.

5.4 High-purity titanium metal or titanium dioxide, analysed for all impurities exceeding 0,01 % (m/m) each.

5.5 Citric acid solution, 30 % (m/m).

5.6 Perchloric acid, ρ 1,54 or 1,67 g/ml.

5.7 Sulphuric acid, ρ 1,84 g/ml.

5.8 Sulphuric acid, ρ 1,54 g/ml (sulphuric acid, ρ 1,84 g/ml, diluted 1 + 1).

5.9 Hydrogen peroxide, 30 % (m/m).

5.10 Hydrofluoric acid, ρ 1,12 g/ml.

5.11 Nitric acid, ρ 1,40 g/ml.

6 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

6.1 Spectrophotometer or filter photometer.

7 SAMPLE PREPARATION

7.1 The sample shall be crushed to a powder in a mortar made of a material which does not alter the sample composition. The powder shall pass a 0,18 mm sieve.

7.2 The analysis shall be carried out on two or three test portions.

8 PROCEDURE

8.1 Preparation

Select the mass of the test portion, the volume of the volumetric flask and the cell length in accordance with table 1.

TABLE 1

Titanium content % (m/m)	Test portion mass g	Flask volume ml	Cell length mm
0,2 to 4	0,2	250	20
2 to 8	0,2	250	10
5 to 15	0,2	500	10
10 to 30	0,1	500	10

NOTE — Approximately 17 mg of titanium in 250 ml of final solution gives unit absorbance with a 10 mm cell.

8.2 Test portion

Weigh, to the nearest 0,000 1 g, 0,1 or 0,2 g of the test sample.

8.3 Attack

Transfer the test portion into a 100 to 200 ml conical flask or a 250 ml beaker. Add 5 g of the ammonium sulphate (5.2) and 10 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.7). Cover the beaker or flask with a watch glass. Heat near the boiling point until complete dissolution is achieved.

Alternative dissolution method: Transfer the test portion into a platinum dish. Add 10 ml of water and 5 ml of the hydrofluoric acid (5.10). Cover the dish with a polypropylene or platinum cover. Heat to approximately 80 °C. Add the nitric acid (5.11) drop by drop until solution is complete. Cool. Add 10 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.7) and 5 g of the ammonium sulphate (5.2). Heat until fumes (SO_3) are observed. Cool.

If any unattacked particles or carbonaceous matter are left, cool to below 100 °C, and cautiously add 1 ml of the perchloric acid (5.6). Heat to fume off the perchloric acid then cool to room temperature.

CAUTION – When using perchloric acid avoid contact with organic matter.

8.4 Preparation of the solution for analysis

Add, in small portions, 1 ml of the hydrogen peroxide (5.9), mixing by shaking. Add, in small portions, 30 ml of the citric acid solution (5.5), while mixing. Add 40 ml of water.

8.4.1 Using a 250 ml volumetric flask

Transfer the solution into the volumetric flask, rinsing copiously with water. Add 25 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.8), fill nearly to the mark and mix. Cool. Add 1 ml of the hydrogen peroxide (5.9), mix, make up to volume and mix again.

8.4.2 Using a 500 ml volumetric flask

Transfer the solution into the volumetric flask, rinsing copiously with water. Add 30 ml of the citric acid solution (5.5) and 50 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.8), fill nearly to the mark and mix. Cool. Add 2 ml of the hydrogen peroxide (5.9), mix, make up to volume, and mix again.

8.5 Compensating solution

Transfer approximately 30 ml of the coloured solution (8.4) into a 50 ml beaker. Add approximately 0,2 g of the sodium disulphite (5.3) to decolorize the solution. If necessary, repeat the addition of sodium disulphite.

8.6 Determination of absorbance

Choose appropriate cells. Measure the absorbance of the

coloured and the compensating solutions at a wavelength of 420 nm using the same cell or a matched pair of cells.

9 ELIMINATION OF INTERFERENCES

9.1 Vanadium

Transfer 30 ml of the coloured solution (8.4) into a 50 ml beaker and add approximately 0,1 g of the ammonium hydrogen fluoride (5.1), which destroys the coloured titanium complex. Wait for 3 min. The colour left is due to vanadium.

Measure the absorbance and subtract it from the absorbance due to titanium plus vanadium.

9.2 Molybdenum

The colour of the molybdenum peroxide complex is weak. It cannot be compensated for chemically but a correction can be calculated from the molybdenum content. 1 % of molybdenum in the sample corresponds to approximately 0,08 % of titanium at 420 nm, but the correction should be determined with the spectrophotometer used.

10 PREPARATION OF THE CALIBRATION CURVE

10.1 Standard titanium solution

The standard titanium solution can be prepared from titanium metal or titanium dioxide.

10.1.1 Standard titanium solution from titanium metal

Weigh approximately 250 mg of the titanium metal (5.4) and transfer it into a 200 ml conical flask. Add 30 ml of water and 20 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.8). Cover the flask. Warm gently and keep the volume constant by adding water until all metal has dissolved. Cool. Add approximately 1 ml of the hydrogen peroxide (5.9) to oxidize the titanium. Evaporate the water by heating to fumes. Cool. Add 10 g of the ammonium sulphate (5.2) and heat gently until deposits on the walls of the flask have dissolved. Cool. Add about 50 ml of water. Transfer into a 250 ml volumetric flask and add 25 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.8). Cool. Make up to volume with water and mix. Calculate the titanium content in grams of Ti per litre.

10.1.2 Standard titanium solution from titanium dioxide

Weigh a quantity of the titanium dioxide (5.4) calculated to contain approximately 250 mg of titanium and transfer it into a 200 ml conical flask. Add 10 g of the ammonium sulphate (5.2) and 10 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.7). Cover the flask. Heat to near boiling until a clear solution is obtained. Cool. Add, in small portions, 1 ml of the hydrogen peroxide (5.9), mixing by shaking. Add about 50 ml of water. Transfer into a 250 ml volumetric flask and add 25 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.8). Cool. Make up to volume with water and mix. Calculate the titanium content in grams of Ti per litre.

10.2 Calibration

Determine the slope of the absorbance-titanium curve, i.e. the absorbance for 1,0 mg of titanium per 250 ml of solution, for example as follows :

Into four conical flasks transfer 5 g of the ammonium sulphate (5.2) and 10 ml of the sulphuric acid (5.7). Add separately to three of the flasks 5,0, 10,0 and 15,0 ml of the standard titanium solution (10.1). Use the remaining flask for the blank test. Continue as in 8.4 to 8.6.

11 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

11.1 Calculation

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

$$\frac{100 \times A \times V}{25 \times a \times m \times L}$$

where

A is the absorbance attributable to the titanium in the hardmetal;

a is the absorbance when the concentration is 1 mg of titanium per 250 ml with a 10 mm cell;

m is the mass, in milligrams, of the test portion;

V is the volume, in millilitres, of the coloured solution;

L is the cell length, in millimetres.

The result shall be rounded to the nearest 0,01 %.

11.2 Tolerances

The deviations between two or three independent determinations shall not exceed the values shown in table 2.

TABLE 2

Titanium content %	Range for two determinations %	Range for three determinations %
from 0,2 to 5	0,10	0,12
over 5 to 8	0,15	0,18
over 8 to 15	0,20	0,25
over 15	0,30	0,35

11.3 Final results

Report the arithmetical mean of acceptable determinations rounded to the nearest 0,1 %.

12 TEST REPORT

The test report shall include the following information :

- reference to this International Standard;
- all details necessary for identification of the test sample;
- the result obtained;
- all operations not specified by this International Standard, or regarded as optional;
- details of any occurrence which may have affected the result.

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