



Aluminium oxide primarily used for the production of aluminium — Determination of loss of mass at 300 °C (conventional moisture)

Oxyde d'aluminium principalement utilisé pour la production de l'aluminium — Détermination de la perte de masse à 300 °C (humidité conventionnelle)

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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 803 and found it technically suitable for transformation. International Standard ISO 803 therefore replaces ISO Recommendation R 803-1968 to which it is technically identical.

ISO Recommendation R 803 was approved by the Member Bodies of the following countries :

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Egypt, Arab Rep. of	Netherlands	U.S.A.
France	Norway	U.S.S.R.
Germany	Poland	Yugoslavia

No Member Body expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

The Member Body of the following country disapproved the transformation of ISO/R 803 into an International Standard :

Egypt, Arab Rep. of

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0 INTRODUCTION

Depending on its degree of calcination, aluminium oxide shows a tendency to readsorb variable quantities of water by a process involving physical forces (residual activity).

The water readsorbed cannot be completely eliminated by simply drying at 105 °C, the temperature usually employed for the determination of moisture. Therefore, it is necessary to use a suitably higher drying temperature. It is accepted that elimination of water is almost complete at 300 °C and this temperature is conventionally adopted.

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for the determination of loss of mass on drying at 300 °C (conventional moisture) 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

Drying of a test portion at 300 °C for 2 h and determination of loss of mass.

4 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

4.1 Desiccator, preferably containing freshly activated alumina or phosphorus(V) oxide (the use of calcium chloride shall be avoided).

4.2 Weighing bottle, squat form, of diameter approximately 45 mm.

4.3 Electric oven, capable of being controlled at 300 ± 10 °C.

5 PROCEDURE

5.1 Test portion

Weigh, to the nearest 0,001 g, approximately 5 g of the crude sample (see 3.2 of ISO 802) in the weighing bottle (4.2), previously dried at 300 ± 10 °C, allowed to cool in the desiccator (4.1) and tared to the nearest 0,000 1 g.

5.2 Determination

Place the uncovered weighing bottle and its lid in the oven (4.3), controlled at 300 ± 10 °C, and heat for 2 h. Remove the weighing bottle and lid from the oven and place in the desiccator (4.1) without covering the weighing bottle completely. After 30 min cooling, cover the weighing bottle and weigh it to the nearest 0,000 1 g.

6 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

The loss of mass at 300 °C is given, as a percentage by mass, by the formula

$$\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_0} \times 100$$

where

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

m_1 is the mass, in grams, of the weighing bottle containing the test portion after drying;

m_2 is the mass, in grams, of the weighing bottle containing the test portion before drying.

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.