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This Standard is now divided into the following tests:

- (a) Determination of mechanical strength:
  - (i) Micum and IRSID tests.
  - (ii) ASTM test.
  - (iii) JIS tests.
  - (iv) Shatter test.
- (b) Determination of coke reactivity index and coke strength after reaction.

Other tests included in the 1976 edition will be relocated in other Standards.

Determination of bulk density is now included in a new Standard on the bulk density of higher rank coal and coke, and determination of relative density and apparent relative density will be included in AS 1038.21, *Methods for the analysis and testing of coal and coke*, Part 21: *Determination of the relative density of higher rank coal and coke*.

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## Methods for the analysis and testing of coal and coke

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## SECTION 1. SCOPE AND GENERAL

**1.1 SCOPE.** This Standard sets out procedures for the determination of properties which are specific to coke. The various Sections cover the determination of mechanical strength, reactivity and post-reaction strength.

**1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.** The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS	
1038	Methods for the analysis and testing of coal and coke
1038.16	Part 16: Acceptance and reporting of results
1038.18	Part 18: Size analysis of coke
1152	Test sieves
2243	Safety in laboratories
2418	Glossary of terms relating to solid mineral fuels
2646	Sampling of solid mineral fuels
2646.3	Part 3: Coke—Sampling from moving streams
2646.5	Part 5: Coke—Sampling from stationary situations
2646.7	Part 7: Coke—Preparation of samples
2706	Numerical values — Rounding and interpretation of limiting values
ISO	
556	Coke (greater than 200 µm in size) — Determination of mechanical strength
ASTM	
D 3402	Method for tumbling test for coke
BS	
1016	Methods for analysis and testing of coal and coke Part 13: Tests special to coke
JIS	
K215	Sampling methods for testing of coke

**1.3 REFERENCES.** For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions in AS 2418 and those below apply.

**1.3.1 Coke**—the agglomerated product of coal carbonization, generally at a temperature in excess of 1000°C.

**1.3.2 Micum indices**—the percentages of a specially prepared sample of coke remaining on a 40 mm round-hole test sieve and passing a 10 mm round-hole test sieve (denoted  $M_{40}$  and  $M_{10}$  respectively) after the sample has been subjected to 100 revolutions by a specified procedure in a specified rotating drum.

NOTE: Other indices, e.g.  $M_{30}$  and  $M_{20}$ , may be reported if required.

**1.3.3 IRSID indices**—the percentages of a specially prepared sample of coke remaining on a 20 mm round-hole sieve and passing a 10 mm round-hole sieve (denoted  $I_{20}$  and  $I_{10}$  respectively) after the sample has been subjected to 500 revolutions in a specified rotating drum.

**1.3.4 ASTM coke strength factors**—the percentage of a specially prepared sample of coke remaining on a square-hole sieve of 25 mm (stability factor) or of 6.3 mm (hardness factor) after 1400 revolutions in a specified rotating drum.

**1.3.5 JIS indices**—the percentages of a specially prepared sample of coke remaining on a 15 mm square-hole sieve after 30 revolutions or 150 revolutions in a specified rotating drum (designated at  $DI_{50}^{30}$  and  $DI_{50}^{150}$  respectively).

NOTE: Other indices, e.g.  $DI_{50}^{30}$  and  $DI_{50}^{150}$ , may be reported if required.

**1.3.6 Shatter indices**—the percentages of a specially prepared sample of coke remaining on square-hole test sieves after the sample has been subjected to a specified dropping procedure.

**1.3.7 Coke reactivity index (CRI)**—the percentage of a specially prepared sample of coke which reacts with carbon dioxide under specified conditions.

**1.3.8 Coke strength after reduction (CSR) (post-reaction strength)**—the percentage of a specially prepared sample of coke which, after reacting with carbon dioxide, remains on a 10 mm square-mesh sieve after rotating for 600 revolutions in a special tumbler.

**1.4 SAFETY.** For information on laboratory safety, reference should be made to the relevant parts of AS 2243.

**1.5 SAMPLE.** Sampling procedures are described in AS 2646.3 and AS 2646.5.