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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee MN-001, Coal and Coke, as part of the series for the determination of phosphorus in higher rank coal and coke.

The objective of this Standard is to provide those responsible for the determination of phosphorus in coal samples with a rapid, accurate, hydrofluoric acid free method.

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1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out a method for the spectrophotometric determination of phosphorus in coal by a borate fusion/molybdenum blue method using a rapid ashing technique. The method is rapid and does not involve the use of hydrofluoric acid.

An alternative method is also given for determination of phosphorus in coal, ashed in accordance with AS 1038.3. This method can be used if a very rapid turnaround time is not required, or if ash has already been prepared for analysis.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referenced in this Standard:

AS	
1038	Coal and coke—Analysis and testing
1038.3	Part 3: Proximate analysis of higher rank coal
1038.16	Part 16: Assessment and reporting of results
2418	Coal and coke—Glossary of terms
2706	Numerical values—Rounding and interpretation of limiting values
3753	Recommended practice for chemical analysis by ultraviolet/visible spectrophotometry
4264	Coal and coke—Sampling
4264.1	Part 1: Higher rank coal—Sampling procedures
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2243	Safety in laboratories (series)

3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Standard the definitions in AS 2418 apply.

4 PRINCIPLE

The carbonaceous matter of coal or coke is removed using an ashing procedure. The ash is fused with lithium tetraborate and the resultant flux is dissolved in dilute nitric acid. Ammonium molybdate and ascorbic acid are added to an aliquot of the dissolved ash solution to produce a molybdenum blue complex of phosphorus. The absorbance of the blue colour is measured on a UV-vis spectrophotometer at 710 nm and the phosphorus content of the sample determined by comparison with absorbances of standard phosphorus solutions.

5 SAFETY

For information on laboratory safety, reference should be made to the relevant parts of AS/NZS 2243.

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