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1 SCOPE This Standard sets out a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method for the determination of the copper content of zinc and zinc alloys. The method is suitable for the determination of copper content in the range 0.25% to 1.25%. The method is suitable for the determination of copper in diecast alloys containing a maximum of:

Aluminium	4.3%
Cadmium	0.003%
Iron	0.08%
Lead	0.005%
Magnesium	0.08%
Tin	0.001%

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS

- 2134 Recommended practice for chemical analysis by atomic absorption spectrometry
2134.1 Part 1: Flame atomic absorption spectrometry
2162 Code of practice for the use of volumetric glassware
2164 One-mark volumetric flasks
2166 One-mark pipettes
2167 Straight pipettes
2347 Method for the sampling of zinc metal and zinc alloys for chemical analysis
2850 Chemical analysis—Interlaboratory test programs—For determining precision of analytical methods—Guide to the planning and conduct

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- 4237 Report on reproducibility of methods of chemical analysis used in the iron and steel industry

3 PRINCIPLE The sample is dissolved in nitric acid and the copper determined by flame atomic absorption spectrometry.

4 REAGENTS

4.1 General requirements During the analysis, only reagents of recognized analytical reagent grade, and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity, shall be used. Solutions shall be freshly prepared and, where necessary, filtered.

4.2 Special reagents

4.2.1 Zinc metal Zinc metal (>99.99% zinc) containing less than 1 µg of copper per g.

4.2.2 Nitric acid (ρ_{20} 1.42 g/mL)