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Foreword

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies a molybdovanadate spectrophotometric method for the determination of phosphorus in copper and copper alloys in the form of castings or unwrought or wrought products.

The method is applicable to products having phosphorus mass fractions between 0,001 % and 0,5 %.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1811-1, *Copper and copper alloys — Selection and preparation of samples for chemical analysis — Part 1: Sampling of cast unwrought products*

ISO 1811-2, *Copper and copper alloys — Selection and preparation of samples for chemical analysis — Part 2: Sampling of wrought products and castings*

3 Principle

Dissolution of a test portion in nitric acid. Elimination of interfering elements by fuming with perchloric, hydrofluoric and hydrobromic acids. Decomposition of insoluble phosphates by fusion with sodium carbonate. For contents below 0,01 % mass fraction, extraction of phosphorus as phosphomolybdic acid and spectrophotometric determination as molybdenum blue; for content between 0,005 % and 0,05 % mass fraction, extraction and spectrophotometric determination as phosphovanadomolybdic acid.

4 Reagents

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

4.1 Nitric acid, HNO_3 ($\rho = 1,40$ g/ml)

4.2 Nitric acid solution, 1 + 1

Add 500 ml of nitric acid (4.1) to 500 ml of water.

4.3 Hydrofluoric acid, HF ($\rho = 1,13$ g/ml)

4.4 Perchloric acid, HClO_4 ($\rho = 1,67$ g/ml)

4.5 Hydrobromic acid, HBr ($\rho = 1,50$ g/ml)

4.6 Isobutanol

4.7 Sodium carbonate, Na_2CO_3

4.8 Methanol

4.9 Methyl isobutyl ketone