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# Iron ores — Determination of total iron content — EDTA photometric titration method

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a photometric titration method using EDTA for the determination of the total iron content of iron ores.

This method is applicable to a concentration range of a mass fraction of 37,00 % to 72,00 % of total iron in natural iron ores, iron ore concentrates and agglomerates, including sinter products.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 385, *Laboratory glassware — Burettes*

ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes*

ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks*

ISO 2596, *Iron ores — Determination of hygroscopic moisture in analytical samples — Gravimetric, Karl Fischer and mass-loss methods*

ISO 3082, *Iron ores — Sampling and sample preparation procedures*

ISO 7764, *Iron ores — Preparation of predried test samples for chemical analysis*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Principle

The samples are digested in closed vessels in a microwave oven in a mixture of nitric acid, hydrochloric acid and hydrofluoric acid. The resulting solution is diluted with water and adjusted to pH 1 with sodium hydroxide. Sulphuric acid is added to the solution to eliminate titanium hydroxide precipitation. Boric acid is added to the solution to reduce the interference of fluoride. Iron is determined by automatic photometric titration with EDTA.