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WARNING : Throughout this International Standard, normal precautions regarding the use of perchloric acid in laboratory work should be observed.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a gravimetric method for the determination of the nickel content in all types of copper alloys listed in International Standards.

The method is applicable to the determination of nickel contents between 2 and 50 % (m/m).

2 Reference

ISO 1554, *Wrought and cast copper alloys — Determination of copper content — Electrolytic method.*

3 Principle

Dissolution of a test portion in nitric acid and removal of tin and silicon, if present. Separation of copper by electrolysis and precipitation of nickel from the copper-free electrolysate by the sodium salt of dimethylglyoxime in the presence of citric acid. Separation of the precipitate by filtration.

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, ρ 1,40 g/ml.

4.2 Perchloric acid, ρ 1,67 g/ml.

4.3 Hydrobromic acid, ρ 1,38 g/ml.

4.4 Ammonia solution, ρ 0,925 g/ml.

4.5 Nitric acid solution, 1 + 1.

Dilute 100 ml of the nitric acid (4.1) with 100 ml of water.

4.6 Sulfamic acid, 100 g/l solution.

4.7 Citric acid, 250 g/l solution.

4.8 Sodium dimethylglyoximate, 25,9 g/l solution.

5 Apparatus

Ordinary laboratory apparatus, and

5.1 Beakers, electrolytic, capacity 300 to 400 ml.

5.2 Electrolysis equipment, including current source and platinum electrodes, as specified in ISO 1554.

5.3 Filter crucible, of fritted glass, pore size 16 to 40 μm .

6 Procedure

6.1 Test portion

6.1.1 Nickel content between 2 and 4,25 % (m/m)

Weigh, to the nearest 0,000 1 g, about 2 g of the test sample. The nickel content of the test portion will be 40 to 85 mg.

6.1.2 Nickel content between 4 and 8,5 % (m/m)

Weigh, to the nearest 0,000 1 g, about 1 g of the test sample. The nickel content of the test portion will be 40 to 85 mg.

6.1.3 Nickel content between 8 and 50 % (m/m)

Weigh, to the nearest 0,000 1 g, between 0,25 and 1 g of the test sample so that the nickel content of the test portion will be 80 to 125 mg.