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## **Foreword**

This document (EN 13925-2:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 138 "Non destructive testing", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 2003.

This European Standard about "Non destructive testing - X-ray diffraction from polycrystalline and amorphous material" is composed of:

- EN 13925-1 General principles;
- EN 13925-2 Procedures;
- prEN 13925-3 Instruments;
- prEN 13925-4 Reference materials.

In order to explain the relationships between the topics described in the different standards, a diagram illustrating typical operations involved in XRPD analysis is given in annex A.

Annexes A to E are informative.

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## EN 13925-2:2003 (E)

### Introduction

X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) is a powerful Non Destructive Testing (NDT) method for determining a range of physical and chemical characteristics of materials. These include the type and quantities of phases present, the crystallographic unit cell and structure, crystallographic texture, macrostress, crystallite size and microstrain, and the electron radial distribution function.

This standard aims to describe the general aspects of the XRPD technique and its applications but not to define a specific or detailed standard for each field of application or type of analysis.

The main purposes of the standard are therefore:

- to provide practical guidance, unified concepts and terminology for use of the XRPD technique in the area of Non Destructive Testing with general information about its capabilities and limitations of relevance to laboratories working at different levels of sophistication, from routine testing to research;
- to provide a basis for Quality Assurance in XRPD laboratories allowing performance testing and monitoring of instruments as well as the comparison of results from different instruments;
- to provide a general basis (without imposing specifications) for further specific NDT product standards and related Quality Assurance applications, with aspects common to most fields of application.

In order to make the standard immediately usable in a wide range of laboratories and applications, diffractometers with Bragg-Brentano geometry are considered in more details than the diffractometers using other geometries.

**Radiation Protection.** Exposure of any part of the human body to X-rays can be injurious to health. It is therefore essential that whenever X-ray equipment is used, adequate precautions should be taken to protect the operator and any other person in the vicinity. Recommended practice for radiation protection as well as limits for the levels of X-radiation exposure are those established by national legislation in each country. If there are no official regulations or recommendations in a country, the latest recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection should be applied.

### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the basic procedures applied in the X-ray Powder Diffraction (XRPD) method. Many of these procedures are common to most types of diffractometer used and types of analysis mentioned in EN 13925-1. In the interests of clarity and immediate usability more details are given for procedures using instruments with Bragg-Brentano geometry and application to phase identification. Aspects of specimen preparation and data quality assessment are included, but the standard remains non-exhaustive. It is anticipated that particular standards will address specific fields of application in more details.

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