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## Hardmetals — Determination of total carbon — Gravimetric method

#### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a gravimetric method for the determination of the mass fraction of total carbon in carbides and hardmetals.

This method is applicable to

- carbides of chromium, hafnium, molybdenum, niobium, tantalum, titanium, vanadium, tungsten and zirconium,
- mixtures of these carbides and binder metals, free of lubricant,
- all grade of presintered or sintered hardmetals, produced from these carbides, and

having a mass fraction of total carbon exceeding 4 %.

#### 2 Principle

Oxidation of carbon to carbon dioxide at a high temperature in a stream of pure oxygen, with the addition of a flux, if necessary.

Absorption of the carbon dioxide, carried by oxygen, by Ascarite<sup>1)</sup> in a tared bulb. Determination of the increase in mass of the Ascarite<sup>1)</sup> which corresponds to the quantity of carbon dioxide formed.

$$C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2$$

$$2\,\text{NaOH} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \, + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

### 3 Reagents

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

**3.1 Oxygen,** with a limitation of carbon-containing impurities of  $\leq 0.6$  ml of carbon per cubic metre of oxygen.

<sup>1)</sup> Ascarite is the trade name of a product supplied by Arthur H. Thomas Co. This information is given for the convenience of users of the International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of the product named. Equivalent products may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.



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