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## **Foreword**

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**CEN/TR 10362:2014 (E)****1 Scope**

This Technical Report specifies an electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometric method for the determination of selenium in steels.

The method is applicable to selenium contents between 0,000 4 % (m/m) and 0,02 % (m/m).

**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.

EN ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware - Single-volume pipettes (ISO 648)*

EN ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware - One-mark volumetric flasks (ISO 1042)*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

**3 Principle**

Dissolution of a test portion in hydrochloric and nitric acids and dilution of the solution to a known volume.

Introduction of a known volume of the solution into the electrothermal atomizer of an atomic absorption spectrometer.

Measurement of the absorption of the 196,0 nm spectral line energy emitted by a selenium hollow-cathode lamp, using Zeeman effect background correction.

Calibration by the standard addition technique.

**4 Reagents**

During the analysis, use only reagents of recognised analytical grade and only grade 3 water, as specified in EN ISO 3696.

**4.1 Nitric acid, HNO<sub>3</sub> ( $\rho_{20} = 1,40$  g/ml)****4.2 Hydrochloric acid, HCl ( $\rho_{20} = 1,19$  g/ml)****4.3 Matrix modifiers**

The matrix modifiers described in 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 are recommended. Each laboratory has to investigate on its own equipment which of them is the most suitable, regarding sensitivity and recovery.

**4.3.1 Palladium-nickel modifier**

Prepare a palladium solution (1 mg/ml Pd) by dissolving 167 mg of PdCl<sub>2</sub> in 100 ml of hot water and 1 ml of nitric acid (4.1).

Prepare a nickel solution (1 mg/ml) by dissolving 1 g of nickel (Ni > 99,999 %) in 20 ml of water, 20 ml of nitric acid (4.1) and 5 ml of hydrochloric acid (4.1). Heat until the metal is dissolved. After cooling, transfer the solution into a 1 l one-mark volumetric flask, dilute to the mark with water and mix well.

Into a 50 ml volumetric flask, mix 35 ml of the 1 mg/ml palladium solution with 15 ml of the 1 mg/ml nickel solution. This solution contains 700 µg/ml Pd and 300 µg/ml Ni.



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