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**Iron ores — Determination of  
calcium — Flame atomic absorption  
spectrometric method**

*Minerais de fer — Dosage du calcium — Méthode par spectrométrie  
d'absorption atomique dans la flamme*





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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 10203:2015), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

- in [5.11](#), minor editorial/grammatical amendments have been incorporated;
- in [6.1](#), “with a lid” has been inserted after “crucible”;
- in [6.3](#) b), “the ratio between” has been inserted before “the slope” and minor editorial/grammatical amendments have been incorporated;
- in [7.2](#), reference to ISO 2596 has been incorporated and [7.2](#) has been rearranged in a more appropriate layout/format;
- in [8.2](#), reference to ISO 2596 has been incorporated;
- “predried” has been deleted where it is inappropriate in [8.1](#), [8.2](#), and [8.3.2](#);
- some references to the reagents in [8.4.2](#), [8.4.3](#), and [Table 2](#) have been corrected;
- in the last line of [9.2.3](#), the formula has been corrected from  $|\mu_1 - A_c| \leq P$  to  $|\mu_1 - \mu_2| \leq P$ ;
- in [9.2.4](#), [Formula \(7\)](#) and the relevant descriptions have been modified to harmonize this subclause across all International Standards for which ISO/TC 102/SC 2 is responsible.

# Iron ores — Determination of calcium — Flame atomic absorption spectrometric method

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method for the determination of the mass fraction of calcium in iron ores.

This method is applicable to mass fractions of calcium between 0,010 % and 8,00 % 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 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 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

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

ISO 80000-1:2009, *Quantities and units — Part 1: General*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

## 4 Principle

The test portion is decomposed by the treatment with hydrochloric acid and a small amount of nitric acid, and then evaporated to dehydrate silica, followed by dilution and filtration.

The residue is ignited and silica is removed by evaporation with hydrofluoric and sulfuric acids. The residue is fused with sodium carbonate and the cooled melt is dissolved in the filtrate.