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Metallic powders, excluding powders for hardmetals — Determination of compressibility in uniaxial compression

1 Scope

This document specifies methods for measuring the extent to which a metallic powder is compacted when subjected to uniaxial compressive loading in a confining die under specified conditions.

The method is not applicable to powders for hardmetals.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
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4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the symbols given in [Table 1](#) apply.

Table 1 — Symbols

Symbol	Designation	Unit
ρ_p	Compressibility ^a	g/cm ³
m	Mass of the compact	g
V	Volume of the compact	cm ³
^a If the compressibility is measured at one pressure only, e.g. 400 N/mm ² , the symbol becomes $\rho_{p(400)}$.		

5 Principle

Uniaxial compaction of a powder in a confining die by double-action pressing. Samples of the powder may be pressed either at a single specified pressure or at a series of specified pressures. After ejection from the die, the density of the compacts is determined.

The density obtained in the former case represents the compressibility of the powder at the specified pressure. The densities obtained in the latter case can be utilized for drawing the compressibility curve of the powder, i.e. a plot of the density as a function of the compacting pressure.