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European foreword

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- *Part 1: Determination of bulk density and porosity*
- *Part 2: Determination of true density*
- *Part 3: Test methods for carbon-containing refractories*
- *Part 4: Determination of permeability to gases*
- *Part 5: Determination of cold crushing strength*
- *Part 6: Determination of modulus rupture, ambient temperatures*
- *Part 7: Determination of modulus of rupture, elevated temperatures*
- *Part 8: Determination of refractoriness under load* – withdrawn – replaced by EN ISO 1893
- *Part 9: Determination of creep in compression*
- *Part 10: Determination of permanent change in dimensions on heating*
- *Part 11: Determination of resistance to thermal shock (ENV)*
- *Part 12: Determination of pyrometric cone equivalent*
- *Part 13: Specification for pyrometric cones*
- *Part 14: Determination of thermal conductivity (hot wire, cross array)* – withdrawn – replaced by EN ISO 8894-1
- *Part 15: Determination of thermal conductivity (hot wire, parallel)*
- *Part 16: Determination of resistance to acids*
- *Part 17: Determination of bulk density of granular material (mercury method)*
- *Part 18: Determination of bulk density of granular material (water method)*
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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the bulk density, apparent porosity and true porosity of dense shaped refractory products.

NOTE For shaped insulating refractory products, the bulk density and true porosity are determined in accordance with EN 1094-4.

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.

EN 993-2, *Methods of test for dense shaped refractory products — Part 2: Determination of true density*

ISO 5022, *Shaped refractory products - Sampling and acceptance testing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

3.1

bulk density

ρ_b

ratio of the mass of the dry material of a porous body to its bulk volume, expressed in grams per cubic centimetre or in kilograms per cubic metre

3.2

bulk volume

V_b

sum of the volumes of the solid material, the open pores and the closed pores in a porous body

NOTE The roughness of the surface limits the accuracy of definition of the bulk volume and, in consequence, of the bulk density. Also, the concept of bulk density becomes less precise when the volume of the test piece diminishes below certain limits or when its texture (size of pores and grains) is too coarse.

3.3

true density

ρ_t

ratio of the mass of the solid material of a porous body to its true volume, expressed in grams per cubic centimetre or in kilograms per cubic metre

3.4

true volume

volume of the solid material in a porous body

3.5

open pores

pores that are penetrated by the immersion liquid in the current test

NOTE These pores are, in principle, all those that are connected with the atmosphere, either directly or via one another. Here also the roughness of the surface imposes a limit to the accuracy of the definition of the volume of the open pores.