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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- change the document title within the scope of TC 27,
- editorially update symbols within formulae,
- update references,
- expand on some derivations,
- remove ambiguity around crucible masses, and
- specify the analysis sample.

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Coal and coke — Determination of gross calorific value

WARNING — Strict adherence to all of the provisions specified in this document should ensure against explosive rupture of the combustion vessel, or a blow-out, provided that the combustion vessel is of proper design and construction and in good mechanical condition.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the gross calorific value of a solid mineral fuel at constant volume and at the reference temperature of 25 °C in a combustion vessel calorimeter calibrated by combustion of certified benzoic acid.

The result obtained is the gross calorific value of the analysis sample at constant volume with all the water of the combustion products as liquid water. In practice, fuel is burned at constant (atmospheric) pressure and the water is not condensed but is removed as vapour with the flue gases. Under these conditions, the operative heat of combustion is the net calorific value of the fuel at constant pressure. The net calorific value at constant volume can also be used; formulae are given for calculating both values.

General principles and procedures for the calibrations and the fuel tests are specified in the main text, whereas those pertaining to the use of a particular type of calorimetric instrument are described in [Annexes A](#) to [C](#). [Annex D](#) contains checklists for performing calibration and fuel tests using specified types of calorimeters. [Annex E](#) gives examples illustrating some of the calculations. [Annex F](#) provides guidance around safe use, maintenance and testing of the calorimeter combustion vessel.

NOTE Descriptors: solid fuels, coal, coke, tests, determination, calorific value, rules of calculation, calorimetry.

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 651, *Solid-stem calorimeter thermometers*

ISO 652, *Enclosed-scale calorimeter thermometers*

ISO 687, *Solid mineral fuels — Coke — Determination of moisture in the general analysis test sample*

ISO 1770, *Solid-stem general purpose thermometers*

ISO 1771, *Enclosed-scale general purpose thermometers*

ISO 5068-2, *Brown coals and lignites — Determination of moisture content — Part 2: Indirect gravimetric method for moisture in the analysis sample*

ISO 11722, *Solid mineral fuels — Hard coal — Determination of moisture in the general analysis test sample by drying in nitrogen*

ISO 13909-4, *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling — Part 4: Coal — Preparation of test samples*

ISO 17247, *Coal and coke — Ultimate analysis*

ISO 18283, *Hard coal and coke — Manual sampling*