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**Coal and coke — Determination of  
total sulfur — Eschka method**

*Charbon et coke — Dosage du soufre total — Méthode Eschka*





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- updating of referenced documents;
- amending of Introduction;
- adding of the provision of terms and definitions.

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## Introduction

The objective of this document is to provide a reference method for determining the total sulfur content in coal and coke with Eschka method.

Instrumental methods for a more rapid determination of total sulfur are now available. If such a method is to be used, it is important to demonstrate that the method is free from bias, when compared to this reference method, and will give levels of repeatability and reproducibility which are the same as, or better than, those quoted for the reference method (see [Clause 10](#)).



# Coal and coke — Determination of total sulfur — Eschka method

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a reference method for determining the total sulfur content of hard coal, brown coals and lignites, and coke by the Eschka method.

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

ISO 1170, *Coal and coke — Calculation of analyses to different bases*

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 18283, *Hard coal and coke — Manual sampling*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

## 4 Principle

A test portion is ignited in intimate contact with the Eschka mixture in an oxidizing atmosphere at 800 °C to remove combustible matter and to convert the sulfur to sulfate. This is then extracted with hydrochloric acid solution and determined gravimetrically by precipitation with barium chloride.

## 5 Reagents

**WARNING — Care should be exercised when handling the reagents, many of which are toxic and corrosive.**

During the analysis, unless otherwise stated, use only reagents of recognized analytical grade and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity.