
**Metallic powders — Determination
of flow rate by means of a calibrated
funnel (Hall flowmeter)**

*Poudres métalliques — Détermination du temps d'écoulement au
moyen d'un entonnoir calibré (appareil de Hall)*





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Metallic powders — Determination of flow rate by means of a calibrated funnel (Hall flowmeter)

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the flow rate of metallic powders, including powders for hard metals, by means of a calibrated funnel (Hall flowmeter).

The method is applicable only to powders which flow freely through the specified test orifice.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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4 Principle

Measurement of the time required for 50 g of a metallic powder to flow through the orifice of a calibrated funnel of standardized dimensions.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Calibrated funnel, the dimensions of which are shown in [Figure 1](#). The funnel shall be made of a non-magnetic, corrosion-resistant metallic material with sufficient wall thickness and hardness to withstand distortion and excessive wear.

5.2 Stand and horizontal vibration-free base, which shall support the funnel rigidly. An example is shown in [Figure 2](#).

5.3 Balance of sufficient capacity, capable of weighing the test portion to an accuracy of $\pm 0,05$ g.

5.4 Timing device, capable of measuring the elapsed time to an accuracy of $\pm 0,1$ s.

5.5 Reference grit, a reference powder¹⁾ used for calibration of the funnel, shall be used.

1) Material complying with [5.5](#) can be purchased as “Chinese emery grit” from ACuPowder International, LLC, 901 Lehigh Avenue, Union, NJ 07083, USA. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of the company named above. Equivalent products may be used if they can be shown to lead to the same results.