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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a silver diethyldithiocarbamate spectrometric method for the determination of the arsenic content of all grades of fluorspar.

The method is applicable to products having arsenic (As) contents which are equal to or greater than $0,000 \ 1 \% \ (m/m)$.

2 Normative references

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ISO 565:1990, Test sieves — Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet — Nominal sizes of openings.

ISO 8868:1989, Fluorspar - Sampling and sample preparation.

3 Principle

A test portion is dissolved in a mixture of nitric acid, sulfuric acid, hydrochloric acid and saturated bromine water and evaporated to the stage where the sulfuric acid just commences fuming. The arsenic present is reduced by zinc in a hydrochloric acid medium, to arsine. The arsine is absorbed in a solution of silver diethyldithiocarbamate. The purplish-red colour produced by the colloidally dispersed silver is measured in a spectrometer at a wavelength of approximately 530 nm.

4 Reagents

All the reagents, and the zinc in particular, shall be free from arsenic or have a very low arsenic content. Only distilled water, or water of equivalent purity, shall be used in the analysis.

- **4.1** Hydrochloric acid, ρ approximately 1,18 g/ml, about 35 % (m/m) solution.
- **4.2 Nitric acid**, ρ approximately 1,38 g/ml, about 60 % (m/m) solution.
- **4.3 Sulfuric acid**, diluted 1+2, ρ approximately 1,34 g/ml, about 44 % (m/m) solution.

Add 1 volume of sulfuric acid, ρ approximately 1,84 g/ml, to 2 volumes of water. Cool the solution while mixing.

4.4 Sulfuric acid, diluted 1 + 10, ρ approximately 1,10 g/ml, about 15 % (m/m) solution.

Add 1 volume of sulfuric acid, ρ approximately 1,84 g/ml, to 10 volumes of water. Cool the solution while mixing.

- 4.5 Sodium hydroxide, approximately 40 g/l solution.
- 4.6 Bromine water, saturated solution.
- 4.7 Potassium lodide.
- 4.8 Tin(II) chloride, hydrochloric acid solution.

Dissolve 40 g of tin(II) chloride dihydrate $(SnCl_2.2H_2O)$ in hydrochloric acid (4.1) and dilute to 100 ml with the same hydrochloric acid.

Store the solution in an air-tight container.