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## **Natural gas — Determination of sulfur compounds —**

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*Gaz naturel — Détermination des composés soufrés —  
Partie 1 : Introduction générale*



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ISO 6326 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Natural gas — Determination of sulfur compounds*:

- *Part 1: General introduction*
- *Part 2: Gas chromatographic method using an electrochemical detector for the determination of odoriferous sulfur compounds*
- *Part 3: Determination of hydrogen sulfide, mercaptan sulfur and carbonyl sulfide sulfur by potentiometry*
- *Part 4: Determination of individual sulfur compounds by gas chromatography with a flame photometric detector*
- *Part 5: Lingener combustion method*

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## Introduction

The standardization of several methods for the determination of sulfur compounds in natural gas is necessary in view of the diversity of these compounds [hydrogen sulfide, carbonyl sulfide, thiols (mercaptans), tetrahydrothiophene (THT), etc.] and the purposes of the determinations (required accuracy, measurement at the drilling head or in the transmission pipes, etc.).

In order to enable the user to choose the method most appropriate to his needs and to perform the measurements under the best conditions, ISO 6326 has been prepared in several parts.

This part gives a rapid comparison of standardized methods and therefore provides information for the choice of the method.

The other parts of ISO 6326 describe in detail the various standardized methods.