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Standard Test Methods for Determination of Carbon, Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Oxygen in Steel and in Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods² cover the determination of carbon, sulfur, nitrogen, and oxygen, in steel and in iron, nickel, and cobalt alloys having chemical compositions within the following limits:

Element	Concentration Range, %
Aluminum	0.001 to 18.00
Antimony	0.002 to 0.03
Arsenic	0.0005 to 0.10
Beryllium	0.001 to 0.05
Bismuth	0.001 to 0.50
Boron	0.0005 to 1.00
Cadmium	0.001 to 0.005
Calcium	0.001 to 0.05
Carbon	0.001 to 4.50
Cerium	0.005 to 0.05
Chromium	0.005 to 35.00
Cobalt	0.01 to 75.0
Columbium	0.002 to 6.00
Copper	0.005 to 10.00
Hydrogen	0.0001 to 0.0030
Iron	0.01 to 100.0
Lead	0.001 to 0.50
Magnesium	0.001 to 0.05
Manganese	0.01 to 20.0
Molybdenum	0.002 to 30.00
Nickel	0.005 to 84.00
Nitrogen	0.0005 to 0.50
Oxygen	0.0005 to 0.03
Phosphorus	0.001 to 0.90
Selenium	0.001 to 0.50
Silicon	0.001 to 6.00
Sulfur (Metal Standards)	0.002 to 0.35
Sulfur (Potassium Sulfate)	0.001 to 0.600
Tantalum	0.001 to 10.00
Tellurium	0.001 to 0.35
Tin	0.002 to 0.35
Titanium	0.002 to 5.00
Tungsten	0.005 to 21.00
Vanadium	0.005 to 5.50
Zinc	0.005 to 0.20
Zirconium	0.005 to 2.500

1.2 The test methods appear in the following order:

Sections

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² Some of these test methods represent revisions of test methods covered by ASTM Methods E 350, E 351, E 352, E 353, and E 354 which appear in the *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

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1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Specific hazards statements are given in Section 5.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications³
- E 50 Practices for Apparatus, Reagents, and Safety Precautions for Chemical Analysis of Metals⁴
- E 1806 Practice for Sampling Steel and Iron for Determination of Chemical Composition⁵
- E 173 Practice for Conducting Interlaboratory Studies of Methods for Chemical Analysis of Metals⁶

3. Significance and Use

3.1 These test methods for the chemical analysis of metals and alloys are primarily intended to test such materials for compliance with compositional specifications. It is assumed that all who use these test methods will be trained analysts, capable of performing common laboratory procedures skillfully and safely. It is expected that work will be performed in a properly equipped laboratory.

4. Apparatus and Reagents

4.1 Apparatus and reagents required for each determination are listed in separate sections preceding the procedure.

5. Hazards

5.1 For hazards to be observed in the use of certain reagents

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.06.

⁶ Discontinued 1998; see 1997 *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.06.