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1 Scope

This European Standard describes a test method to determine the ash content in natural asphalts (including lake asphalts), binders containing natural asphalts or bitumens. For the method to apply, it is essential that any mineral matter in the binder be finely divided and cannot exceed 45 % by mass.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

EN 58, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Sampling bituminous binders*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 ash

inorganic residue remaining after ignition at 650 °C expressed as a proportional mass of the original sample

3.2 natural asphalt

highly viscous liquid or semi-solid materials found in nature and containing varying amounts of bitumen, as defined by solubility in carbon disulphide, that can be used in asphalt

4 Principle

A sample of the natural asphalt is weighed into a crucible which is then gently heated until fuming ceases. The sample is then ignited at (650 ± 50) °C until free from carbon.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Silica, porcelain or platinum crucible, with a capacity of (120 ± 20) ml.

5.2 Furnace, capable of heating the crucible to (650 ± 50) °C in a natural draft of air.

NOTE An electrical muffle furnace is suitable for this purpose.

5.3 Desiccator (or other suitable container).

5.4 Gas burner, pipe-clay triangle and tripod.

NOTE An electric pre-incinerator may be used instead of a gas burner.

5.5 Oven, capable of heating the material to 90 °C above its softening point (optional).

5.6 Balance, of suitable capacity.

5.7 Spatula (optional).

5.8 4 mm sieve (optional).

6 Sample preparation

6.1 Obtain a representative sample, basing sampling on the specifications given in EN 58.

6.2 For materials that can be crushed at ambient temperature (e.g. refined lake asphalt), break up at least 500 g of the material so that it can pass through the 4 mm sieve.

6.3 For materials that cannot be crushed at ambient temperature but can be softened by heating in an oven, heat the material in the oven to approximately 80 °C to 90 °C above its expected softening point, and then carefully stir with the spatula until it is probable that any mineral matter present is uniformly dispersed.

NOTE 1 The method of obtaining the test sample from the sample sent to the laboratory will depend upon the type of bituminous material under examination.

NOTE 2 After either method of sample preparation, the material is then in a suitable condition for weighing into the crucible.

7 Procedure

7.1 Heat the crucible in the furnace at (650 ± 50) °C for at least 10 min. Place the crucible in the desiccator (or other suitable container) and allow to cool to room temperature. Weigh the crucible to the nearest 0,005 g as m_1 .

7.2 Place in the crucible sufficient sample, prepared in accordance to Clause 6, to yield a mass of ash of not less than 0,10 g and not more than 0,35 g. Weigh the crucible and sample to the nearest 0,005 g as m_2 .

7.3 Heat the crucible gently using a low flame of the bunsen burner until fumes cease to be evolved. Then heat the crucible and contents in the furnace to (650 ± 50) °C until no more carbon is visible in the sample and the weight of the sample is constant. Place the crucible and contents in the desiccator (or other suitable container) and allow to cool to room temperature. Weigh the crucible and contents to the nearest 0,005 g.

7.4 Reheat the crucible and contents in the furnace to (650 ± 50) °C for (25 ± 5) min. Place the crucible and contents in the desiccator (or other suitable container) and allow it to cool to room temperature. Weigh the crucible and contents to the nearest 0,005 g.

7.5 Repeat 7.4 until constant mass is achieved as demonstrated by consecutive weightings differing by not more than 0,005 g. Define this reading as m_3 .

8 Calculation

Calculate the mass of ash as a proportion by mass of the original sample as follows:

$$Ash = \frac{A}{B} \times 100 = \frac{m_3 - m_1}{m_2 - m_1} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where

Ash is the proportion of ash by mass in percent;

A is the mass of ash in grams;

B is the mass of original sample in grams;

- m_1 is the mass of empty crucible in grams;
- m_2 is the mass of crucible with sample in grams;
- m_3 is the mass of crucible with ash after ignition in grams.

9 Precision

9.1 Repeatability

Duplicate results by the same operator shall be considered suspect if they differ by more than 0,3 % by mass.

9.2 Reproducibility

The results submitted by each of two laboratories shall be considered suspect if they differ by more than 0,9 % by mass.

10 Test report

With reference to this European Standard, the test report shall include the following information:

- a) description and an identification of the sample, and the date of receipt;
- b) the mass of the original sample in grams;
- c) the ash content in percent to two significant figures;
- d) the date and time of the test;
- e) that the test has been carried out according to this method.

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