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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a gravimetric method for the determination of the ash of glycerols for industrial use. This method is a conventional one.

2 REFERENCE

ISO 2096, *Glycerols for industrial use — Methods of sampling*.

3 PRINCIPLE

Combustion of the test portion, ignition of the organic matter and weighing of the inorganic residue.

4 APPARATUS

Ordinary laboratory apparatus and

4.1 Platinum dish, 70 to 90 mm diameter and 40 to 50 mm high.

4.2 Muffle furnace, capable of being controlled at 750 ± 10 °C.

5 SAMPLING

Prepare the laboratory sample as described in ISO 2096.

6 PROCEDURE

6.1 Test portion

Heat the dish (4.1) for a few minutes in the furnace (4.2) regulated at 750 ± 10 °C, cool it to room temperature in a desiccator and weigh it to the nearest 0.001 g.

Then weigh into the tared dish, to the nearest 0.01 g, 5 to 100 g of the laboratory sample according to the expected amount of ash (from greater than 1 % to less than 0.01 %).

6.2 Determination

Gently heat the dish (4.1) containing the test portion (6.1),

over a small flame until the vapours are ignited. Turn off the heat and allow the glycerol to burn until a carbonaceous mass is obtained. After cooling for 1 to 2 min, place the dish (4.1), for 10 min, in the furnace (4.2) regulated at 750 ± 10 °C.

Cool the dish and contents in a desiccator and then weigh them to the nearest 0.001 g.

7 EXPRESSION OF RESULTS

Ash is given, as a percentage by mass, by the formula :

$$\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_3 - m_1} \times 100$$

where

m_1 is the mass, in grams, of the empty dish (4.1);

m_2 is the mass, in grams, of the dish containing the ash;

m_3 is the mass, in grams, of the dish containing the test portion.

Express the results to

- three decimal places for ash less than 0.01 %;
- two decimal places for ash between 0.01 and 1 %;
- one decimal place for ash greater than 1 %.

8 TEST REPORT

The test report shall include the following particulars :

- a) the reference of the method used;
- b) the results and the method of expression used;
- c) any unusual features noted during the determination;
- d) any operation not included in this International Standard, or the ISO document to which reference is made, or regarded as optional.