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**Classification of dense shaped refractory  
products —**

**Part 4:  
Special products**

*Classification des produits réfractaires façonnés denses —*

*Partie 4: Produits spéciaux*



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## Foreword

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ISO 10081 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Classification of dense shaped refractory products*:

- *Part 1: Alumina-silica*
- *Part 2: Basic products containing less than 7 % residual carbon*
- *Part 3: Basic products containing from 7 % to 50 % residual carbon*
- *Part 4: Special products*

# Classification of dense shaped refractory products —

## Part 4: Special products

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 10081 specifies the classification and designation of dense shaped refractory products of special composition including

- a) oxide products,
- b) oxide and non-oxide products,
- c) non-oxide silicon carbide or carbon-based products, and
- d) further special products which are only designated but not classified, for example, non-oxide products, such as boride, nitride or further combinations of the series listed above.

### 2 Principle

Dense shaped special products shall be classified according to the following six criteria:

- a) the type of product;
- b) the group determined by the content of its main chemical component(s);
- c) the principal raw material(s);
- d) the state of the raw materials;
- e) the nature of the bond;
- f) any post-treatment;

### 3 Classification

#### 3.1 Type of product

The following types of dense shaped refractory special products shall be classified by chemical analysis as shown in 3.2.

- a) alumina-chromia (ACr);
- b) chromia (Cr);
- c) alumina-chromia-zirconia (ACrZ);
- d) alumina-chromia-zirconia-silica (ACrZS);
- e) zirconia-silica (ZS);
- f) alumina-zirconia-silica (AZS);
- g) alumina-carbon (AC);
- h) alumina-magnesia-carbon (AMC);
- i) alumina-fused silica-carbon (AFC);
- j) alumina-silicon carbide-carbon (ASC);
- k) zirconia-carbon (ZC);
- l) silicon carbide (SiC);
- m) carbon (C).

#### 3.2 Group

The groups of dense shaped refractory special products in the above-mentioned series shall be determined by the content of their main chemical component(s) as shown in Tables 1 to 11, and in accordance with the ranges given in the tables.

**Table 1 — Alumina-chromia refractory special products — Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents	
		% (mass fraction)	
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Alumina-Chromia	ACr90/5	90 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 95	5 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 10
	ACr80/10	80 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 90	10 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 20
	ACr70/20	70 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 80	20 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 30
	ACr60/30	60 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 70	30 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 40
	ACr50/40	50 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 60	40 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 50
Chromia	Cr90		90 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	Cr50		50 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 90

NOTE The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.

**Table 2 — Alumina-chromia-zirconia refractory special products —  
Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents % (mass fraction)		
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ZrO <sub>2</sub>
Alumina-Chromia-Zirconia	ACrZ15/5	15 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 70	5 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 25	25 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 50
	ACrZ5/25	5 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 65	25 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 40	10 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 40
	ACrZ5/40	5 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 55	40 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 80	5 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 30
NOTE 1	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + ZrO <sub>2</sub> ≥ 85 % by mass, 5 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 70 % by mass, 5 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 80 % by mass, and 5 < ZrO <sub>2</sub> ≤ 50 % by mass.			
NOTE 2	ZrO <sub>2</sub> content includes HfO <sub>2</sub> .			
NOTE 3	The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.			

**Table 3 — Alumina-chromia-zirconia-silica refractory special products —  
Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents % (mass fraction)		
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ZrO <sub>2</sub> +SiO <sub>2</sub>
Alumina-Chromia-Zirconia-Silica	ACrZS20/10	20 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 55	10 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 25	25 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> +SiO <sub>2</sub> < 50
	ACrZS15/25	15 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 60	25 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 40	10 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> +SiO <sub>2</sub> < 50
	ACrZS5/40	5 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 30	40 ≤ Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 80	10 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> +SiO <sub>2</sub> < 30
NOTE 1	ZrO <sub>2</sub> content includes HfO <sub>2</sub> .			
NOTE 2	The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.			

**Table 4 — Zirconia-silica refractory special products —  
Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents % (mass fraction)	
		ZrO <sub>2</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>
Zirconia	Z95	95 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub>	
	Z90	90 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 95	
	Z70	70 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 90	10 ≤ SiO <sub>2</sub> < 30
Zirconia-Silica	ZS60	60 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 70	30 ≤ SiO <sub>2</sub> < 40
	ZS50	50 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 60	40 ≤ SiO <sub>2</sub> < 50
	ZS35	35 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 50	50 ≤ SiO <sub>2</sub> < 65
NOTE 1	The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.		
NOTE 2	ZrO <sub>2</sub> content includes HfO <sub>2</sub> .		
NOTE 3	If necessary, the stabilizer should be specified in "Nature of raw materials" (see 3.3).		

**Table 5 — Alumina-zirconia-silica refractory special products —  
Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents		
		% (mass fraction)		
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ZrO <sub>2</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>
Alumina-Zirconia-Silica	AZS70/2	70 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 95	2 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 15	SiO <sub>2</sub> < 28
	AZS30/15	30 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 50	15 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 30	SiO <sub>2</sub> < 35
	AZS30/30	30 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 55	30 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 40	SiO <sub>2</sub> < 40
	AZS30/40	30 < Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ≤ 55	40 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 50	SiO <sub>2</sub> < 30

NOTE 1 The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.

NOTE 2 For AZS products, a group is indexed according to the zirconia content (see Table 4).

NOTE 3 ZrO<sub>2</sub> content includes HfO<sub>2</sub>.

**Table 6 — Alumina-carbon refractory special products —  
Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents	
		% (mass fraction)	
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	C
Alumina-Carbon	AC90/N*	90 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	N
	AC80/N*	80 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 90	N
	AC70/N*	70 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 80	N
	AC60/N*	60 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 70	N
	AC50/N*	50 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 60	N
	AC40/N*	40 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 50	N
	AC30/N*	30 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 40	N
	<b>N*</b>	<b>Carbon contents</b>	
		% (mass fraction)	
	1	1 ≤ C < 5	
	5	5 ≤ C < 10	
	10	10 ≤ C < 15	
	15	15 ≤ C < 20	
	20	20 ≤ C < 25	
	25	25 ≤ C < 30	
	30	30 ≤ C	

NOTE 1 The asterisk indicates the antioxidant additive which is denoted by adding A to the group classification.

NOTE 2 The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.

NOTE 3 Residual carbon content after coking.

NOTE 4 N is equal to the lowest limit of the residual carbon content range.



**Table 7 — Alumina-magnesia-carbon refractory special products —  
Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents % (mass fraction)		
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	C
Alumina-magnesia-carbon	AMC90/N*	$90 \leq \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	$5 \leq \text{MgO} < 10$	N
	AMC80/N*	$80 \leq \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < 90$	$10 \leq \text{MgO} < 20$	N
	AMC70/N*	$70 \leq \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < 80$	$10 \leq \text{MgO} < 30$	N
	AMC60/N*	$60 \leq \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < 70$	$30 \leq \text{MgO} < 40$	N
	AMC50/N*	$50 \leq \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < 60$	$40 \leq \text{MgO} < 50$	N
<b>N*</b>		<b>Carbon contents</b> % (mass fraction)		
1		$1 \leq \text{C} < 5$		
5		$5 \leq \text{C} < 10$		
10		$10 \leq \text{C} < 15$		
15		$15 \leq \text{C} < 20$		
20		$20 \leq \text{C} < 25$		
25		$25 \leq \text{C} < 30$		
NOTE 1	The asterisk indicates the antioxidant additive which is denoted by adding A to the group classification.			
NOTE 2	The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.			
NOTE 3	Residual carbon content after coking.			
NOTE 4	N is equal to the lowest limit of residual carbon content range.			

**Table 8 — Alumina-fused silica-carbon refractory special products —  
Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents % (mass fraction)		
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Fused Silica (FS)	C
Alumina-fused silica-carbon	AFC80/N*	$80 < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	$5 \leq \text{SiO}_2 < 20$	N
	AFC70/N*	$70 < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < 80$	$15 \leq \text{SiO}_2 < 30$	N
	AFC60/N*	$60 < \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 < 70$	$25 \leq \text{SiO}_2$	N
<b>N*</b>		<b>Carbon contents</b> % (mass fraction)		
1		$1 \leq \text{C} < 5$		
5		$5 \leq \text{C} < 10$		
10		$10 \leq \text{C} < 15$		
15		$15 \leq \text{C} < 20$		
20		$20 \leq \text{C} < 25$		
25		$25 \leq \text{C} < 30$		
30		$30 \leq \text{C} < 35$		
NOTE 1	The asterisk indicates the antioxidant additive which is denoted by adding A to the group classification.			
NOTE 2	The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.			
NOTE 3	Fused silica content determined in delivered state.			
NOTE 4	Residual carbon content after coking.			
NOTE 5	N is equal to the lowest limit of residual carbon content range.			

**Table 9 — Alumina-silicon carbide-carbon refractory special products — Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents		
		% (mass fraction)		
		Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiC	C
Alumina-SiC-carbon	ASC80/N*	80 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1 ≤ SiC < 5	N
	ASC70/N*	70 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 80	5 ≤ SiC < 15	N
	ASC60/N*	60 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 70	10 ≤ SiC	N
	ASC50/N*	50 ≤ Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> < 60	10 ≤ SiC	N
N*		Carbon contents		
		% (mass fraction)		
1		1 ≤ C < 5		
5		5 ≤ C < 10		
10		10 ≤ C < 15		
15		15 ≤ C < 20		
20		20 ≤ C < 25		
NOTE 1	The asterisk indicates the antioxidant additive which is denoted by adding A to the group classification.			
NOTE 2	The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.			
NOTE 3	SiC content determined on product as received.			
NOTE 4	Residual carbon content after coking.			
NOTE 5	N is equal to the lowest limit of residual carbon content range.			

**Table 10 — Zirconia-carbon refractory special products — Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents	
		% (mass fraction)	
		ZrO <sub>2</sub>	C
Zirconia-Carbon	ZC90/N*	90 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub>	N
	ZC80/N*	80 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 90	N
	ZC70/N*	70 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 80	N
	ZC50/N*	50 ≤ ZrO <sub>2</sub> < 70	N
N*		Carbon contents	
		% (mass fraction)	
1		1 ≤ C < 5	
5		5 ≤ C < 10	
10		10 ≤ C < 20	
20		20 ≤ C < 30	
30		30 ≤ C < 50	
NOTE 1	The asterisk indicates the antioxidant additive which is denoted by adding A to the group classification.		
NOTE 2	The analysis is carried out on calcined products using International Standards such as ISO 12677.		
NOTE 3	Residual carbon content after coking.		
NOTE 4	N is equal to the lowest limit of residual carbon content range.		

**Table 11 — Silicon carbide refractory special products — Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents % (mass fraction)	
		SiC	
Silicon carbide	SiC99	$99 \leq \text{SiC}$	
	SiC90	$90 \leq \text{SiC} < 99$	
	SiC80	$80 \leq \text{SiC} < 90$	
	SiC70	$70 \leq \text{SiC} < 80$	
	SiC50	$50 \leq \text{SiC} < 70$	
	SiC30	$30 \leq \text{SiC} < 50$	

NOTE The analysis is carried out on the product as received, using the analytical methods in International Standards such as ISO 12677.

**Table 12 — Carbon refractory special products — Classification by product type and group**

Designation	Group	Contents % (mass fraction)	
		C	Ash
Carbon	C99,9	$99,8 \leq \text{C}$	Ash < 0,2
	C99	$99 \leq \text{C}$	Ash < 1
	C95	$95 \leq \text{C} < 99$	$1 \leq \text{Ash} < 5$
	C90	$90 \leq \text{C} < 95$	$5 \leq \text{Ash} < 10$
	C80/M	$80 \leq \text{C} < 90$	$10 \leq \text{Ash} < 20$
	C60/M	$60 \leq \text{C} < 80$	$10 \leq \text{Ash} < 40$

NOTE 1 M indicates that the higher ash content is caused by non-carbon components (e.g. alumina, silicon carbide, metals, etc.). This leads to micro-pores in the structure.

NOTE 2 The analysis is carried out on products carbonized in accordance with ISO 10060 using the analytical methods in International Standards, and analytical results are expressed as a dry-basis percentage composition.

### 3.3 Nature of raw materials

Dense shaped refractory special products shall be classified in accordance with 3.1 by the chemical component contents which have been calculated from the chemical composition of their principal raw materials.

**Table 13 — Examples of raw materials**

Corundum
Bauxite
Mullite
Sillimanite, andalusite, kyanite
Silica, fused silica
Magnesia
Chrome oxide (chromia)
Zirconia, zircon, zirconia-lime, alumina-zirconia
Silicon carbide
Carbon, including metallurgical coke, anthracite, graphite

### 3.4 State of raw materials

The raw materials shall be classified by using one of four designations as follows:

- naturally occurring (raw, calcined or sintered);
- synthetic (calcined or sintered);
- fused;
- stabilized zirconia (stabilized with none, lime, magnesite or yttria).

NOTE A distinction is made between calcined raw materials heat-treated at medium temperature, and sintered raw materials treated at high temperature.

### 3.5 Nature of the bond

The bonding system shall be classified by using one of four designations as follows:

- oxide ceramic bond, formed during firing at temperatures above 800 °C;
- non-oxide ceramic bond, formed during firing at temperatures above 800 °C;
- inorganic chemical bond, formed by chemical bonding at ambient temperatures or at temperatures below 800 °C;
- organic chemical bond, formed at ambient or higher temperatures:
  - 1) with or without impregnation after firing;
  - 2) with carbon, silicon nitride, sialon, boride;
  - 3) with or without tempering at temperatures below 800 °C.

### 3.6 Post-treatment

Any post-treatment shall be classified by using one, or both, of the following designations:

- tempering (at a temperature up to 800 °C);
- impregnation.

## 4 Other refractory products

Some special refractories, for which a classification is not possible, shall be described according to five criteria:

- a) the type of product;
- b) the principal raw material(s);
- c) the state of the raw material(s);
- d) the nature of the bond;
- e) any post-treatment.

However, the minimum content limit for the principal component in these products shall be more than 50 % by mass:

- 1) nitrides;
- 2) borides;
- 3) carbides (except silicon carbide);
- 4) spinels (other than chromite and magnesia spinel);
- 5) alumina-magnesia-carbon;
- 6) oxide and non-oxide ceramics: special oxide or non-oxide based products in which the purity of one or several of the components is higher than 99,5 %.

## 5 Designation of a special product

The six classification criteria given in Clause 3, i.e. type, group, state and nature of raw materials, nature of bond, and post-treatment, shall be used for the designation of dense shaped refractory products of the mentioned series.

EXAMPLES Some examples of designations are as follows:

- alumina-chromia products in the group ACr70/5, based on synthetic sintered corundum and chromia with an oxide ceramic bond;
- alumina-zirconia-silica products of the group AZS15, based on synthetic sintered corundum and naturally occurring zircon with an oxide ceramic bond;
- alumina-carbon products with antioxidant additives of the group AC80/5A, based on naturally occurring sintered bauxite with an organic chemical bond, with tempering;
- silicon carbide products of the group SiC70, based on synthetic silicon carbide with silicon nitride bond;
- carbon product of the group C60, based on synthetic graphite with an organic chemical bond formed at higher temperatures.

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