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## Coke — Determination of bulk density in a large container

*Coke — Détermination de la masse volumique en vrac dans un  
récipient de grandes dimensions*

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 1013:1995), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- minor corrections only;
- Bibliography was added.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

The coke bulk density depends on its physical characteristics, e.g. apparent relative density, shape and size of the coke particles, and on the dimensions of the container. The method described in this document is based on the use of any suitable large container, possibly that in which the coke is delivered, such as a wagon or skip. The determination of coke bulk density in a small container (of specified dimensions) is described in ISO 567.

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# Coke — Determination of bulk density in a large container

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the coke bulk density in a large container such as a wagon or skip.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### coke bulk density

$\rho_1$

mass of a portion of a sample of coke divided by the volume of the container, which is filled by that portion under specified conditions

## 4 Principle

A weighed container of known volume is filled with coke and the increase in mass is determined.

## 5 Apparatus

**5.1 Container**, such as a wagon or skip, capable of holding at least 3 metric tonnes of the coke.

**5.2 Machine**, machine, capable of weighing the container and its contents to an accuracy of 0,2 %.

## 6 Procedure

Weigh the empty container (5.1) on the weighing machine (5.2). Measure the internal dimensions of the container to the nearest 1 cm and calculate its capacity.

If the container is already fully charged, it should be weighed with the coke first, then be weighed empty and also be measured.

With the container on a level surface, carefully charge the coke into it until pieces of coke project above the top of the container across the whole surface.

Slide a straightedge across the top of the container and remove any pieces of coke, which obstruct its passage. Weigh the charged container.

## 7 Expression of results

The coke bulk density,  $\rho_1$ , in a large container, in kilograms per cubic metre, on a dry basis, is given by the following [Formula \(1\)](#):

$$\rho_1 = \frac{m_2 - m_1}{V} \times \frac{100 - M}{100} \quad (1)$$

where

$m_1$  is the mass, in kilograms, of the empty container;

$m_2$  is the mass, in kilograms, of the container plus coke;

$V$  is the volume, in cubic metres, of the container;

$M$  is the total moisture mass fraction of the coke, expressed as a percentage, determined in accordance with ISO 579.

100 is expressed as a percentage (e.g. 100 %).

Report the result to three significant figures.

For calculation of the result on an "as sampled" basis, omit the correction factor for moisture, i.e. "(100 - M)/100", in [Formula \(1\)](#).

## 8 Precision

### 8.1 Repeatability limit

The results of two determinations, carried out at different times by the same operator with the same apparatus on samples from the same lot of coke, should not differ by more than 10 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

### 8.2 Reproducibility

No value for reproducibility can be quoted for determinations carried out on different sites because the transportation of coke samples involves the risk of breakage and thus alteration of the size distribution and the bulk density.

## 9 Test report

The test report shall include the following information:

- the method used by reference to this document, i.e. ISO 1013:2020;
- a complete identification of the sample;
- the date of the test;
- the results expressed in accordance with [Clause 8](#).