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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 4491-1:1989), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

The main changes are as follows:

- the normative references in [Clause 2](#) have been updated;
- [Clause 6](#) and [7](#) have changed place;
- editorial corrections and updated ISO format have been applied.

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Introduction

In powder metallurgy, the purity of the powders is an important parameter for the manufacture of sintered metals. Among the various impurities which may be present in a powder, oxygen plays a particular role as it is always present in any metal or alloy powder, and in amounts greater than those encountered in compact metals. Oxygen is mostly combined in the form of oxides which appear in the following ways:

- Oxide film coatings on particle surfaces, spontaneously formed by oxidation of the metal by air or moisture during powder preparation and during handling and storage.
- Oxide inclusions, being either oxides of the main metal remaining locally unreduced during the production process (in the case of reduced powders), or other oxide impurities originating from the raw material and/or from the equipment (e.g. refractory ceramics from melting furnace in atomization processes).

In practice, oxygen contents in metallic powders lie mostly in the range of a mass fraction of 0,1 % to a mass fraction of 1 %.

The determination of oxygen content can be made by means of many physical or chemical methods, for example:

- a) specific methods, such as activation analysis or mass spectrometry, in which the element O is directly determined;
- b) reduction methods, in which oxides present are, totally or partially, reduced by hydrogen or by carbon. Oxygen content is related, either to the loss of mass of the sample through reduction, or to the amount of water or CO/CO₂ produced by the reaction;
- c) separation methods, in which:
 - either the oxide phase is selectively dissolved and determined chemically (for example in copper powder, where copper oxide is dissolved by hydrochloric acid); or
 - the metal phase is selectively dissolved, and the insoluble residue (assumed to be oxide) is evaluated (for example in aluminium powder, aluminium is dissolved in bromine-methanol reagent, leaving aluminium oxide).

The document considers only reduction methods, as these are commonly used in laboratories for analysing a great variety of metal powders.

Metallic powders — Determination of oxygen content by reduction methods —

Part 1: General guidelines

1 Scope

This document is the first part of a series of standards dealing with the determination of oxygen content in metallic powders by reduction methods. It specifies general guidance to these methods and gives some recommendations for the correct interpretation of the results obtained.

The test methods are applicable generally to all powders of metals, alloys, carbides and mixtures thereof. The constituents of the powder shall be non-volatile under the conditions of test. The powder shall be free of lubricant or organic binder.

However, there exist certain limitations which depend upon the nature of the analysed metal. These limitations are discussed in [Clause 4](#).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

ISO 3954, *Powders for powder metallurgical purposes — Sampling*

ISO 4491-2, *Metallic powders - Determination of oxygen content by reduction methods - Part 2: Loss of mass on hydrogen reduction (hydrogen loss)*

ISO 4491-3, *Metallic powders — Determination of oxygen content by reduction methods — Part 3: Hydrogen-reducible oxygen*

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