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EN 10179:2024 (E)**1 Scope**

This document specifies a spectrophotometric method for the determination of nitrogen in steels. The method is primarily intended for the determination of total nitrogen in very low contents in non-alloy steels.

It can be used, however, for any low nitrogen ferrous alloy that is soluble in hydrochloric acid provided that the acid-resistant form of silicon nitride is not present. These highly resistant nitrides have been found only in samples of silicon steels manufactured without aluminium addition and then only in sheet material.

The method is applicable to nitrogen contents from 0,000 5 % (by mass) to 0,005 % (by mass).

The precision data of the present method are given in Annex A.

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.

EN ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes (ISO 648)*

EN ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks (ISO 1042)*

EN ISO 14284, *Steel and iron — Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition (ISO 14284)*

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