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## **Iron ore pellets for shaft direct-reduction feedstocks — Determination of the clustering index**

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par réduction directe — Détermination du pouvoir collant*



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## Introduction

This International Standard concerns one of a number of physical test methods that have been developed to measure various physical parameters and to evaluate the behaviour of iron ores including reducibility, disintegration, crushing strength, apparent density, etc. This method was developed to provide a uniform procedure, validated by collaborative testing, to facilitate comparisons of tests made in different laboratories.

The results of this test have to be considered in conjunction with other tests used to evaluate the quality of iron ores as feedstocks for direct reduction processes.

This International Standard can be used to provide test results as part of a production quality control system, as a basis of a contract, or as part of a research project.