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## **Chemical analysis of silicon-carbide-containing raw materials and refractory products —**

Part 2:

### **Determination of loss on ignition, total carbon, free carbon and silicon carbide, total and free silica and total and free silicon**

*Analyse chimique des matières premières et des produits réfractaires contenant du carbure de silicium —*

*Partie 2: Détermination de la perte au feu, du carbone total, du carbone libre et du carbure de silicium, de la silice totale et libre, et du silicium total et libre*



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## Foreword

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ISO 21068 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Chemical analysis of silicon-carbide-containing raw materials and refractory products*:

- *Part 1: General information and sample preparation*
- *Part 2: Determination of loss on ignition, total carbon, free carbon and silicon carbide, total and free silica and total and free silicon*
- *Part 3: Determination of nitrogen, oxygen and metallic and oxidic constituents*

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## Introduction

ISO 21068, Parts 1 to 3, have been developed from the combination of a Japanese standard JIS 2011 [6] and work items originally developed within CEN. Because there is a wide variety of laboratory equipment in use, the most commonly used methods are described.

This part of ISO 21068 is applicable to the analysis of all refractory products classified in ISO 10081 [2] to [5] (shaped) and ISO 1927 [1] (unshaped) and raw materials containing carbon and/or silicon carbide. Therefore, this part of ISO 21068 covers the full range of analysis from pure silicon carbide to oxidic refractory composition with a low content of silicon carbide and/or nitrides. Primarily, this part of ISO 21068 provides methods to distinguish between different carbon-bound types like total carbon ( $C_{total}$ ) and free carbon ( $C_{free}$ ) and derives from these two the silicon carbide content.

If free carbon is present, this part of ISO 21068 includes different types of temperature treatment, in order to determine the mass changes gravimetrically. Frequently, the resulting residue is used for other determinations.

The determination of other groups of analytes described in this part of ISO 21068 are free metals, free silicon ( $Si_{free}$ ), free aluminum ( $Al_{free}$ ), free magnesium ( $Mg_{free}$ ), free iron ( $Fe_{free}$ ) and the group of oxides from main to trace components.

This part of ISO 21068 also describes the chemical analysis of  $SiO_2$ , total Si, oxygen and nitrogen and other oxidic-bound metals which typically occur in the materials.

This part of ISO 21068 represents a listing of analytical methods which is approximately structured according to material composition. However, it is still the user who should prove the applicability of the method, depending on the material and analytical requirements.