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volumique apparente et de la masse volumique après tassement*



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

- an introduction has been added;
- definitions in [Clause 3](#) have been updated;
- safety precautions have been updated.

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Introduction

Uranium dioxide (UO₂) powder is the source material for the manufacture of nuclear fuel as pellets, and is produced for use in nuclear reactors by a variety of processes. Specifications for UO₂ powder used in the production of sintered pellets as a nuclear fuel are given in standards such as ASTM C753^[5] or specifications supplied by the user. These specifications can include requirements for apparent (or bulk) density, tap density, or both.

This document specifies a method for determination of the apparent density and tap density of free-flowing UO₂ powder, and can be used for a variety of powder types. The method can also be applied to other fuel powders, and to powder mixtures, to demonstrate compliance with appropriate specifications for those powders.

It has been assumed in the preparation of this document that the execution of its provisions and the interpretation of the results obtained are entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced people.