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#1000: Parameter/ Methods

Reflectance Measurements according to DIN 22020-5 / ISO 7404-5 / ASTM D 2798

Vitrinite Reflectance Rm

Reflectance distribution (histogram)

Maceral Analysis according to DIN 22020-3 / ISO 7404-3 / ASTM D 2799

The macerals are counted under the microscope and reported by volume percent.

#1012B: Parameter/ Methods

Microscopy of barbecue charcoal briquettes

Testing for unacceptable additives according to DIN EN 1860-2

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	Handling procedures 2025/26 (DCC 03 EN.pdf) https://www.dcc-germany.org/dccfiles/legal/DCC 03 EN.pdf
2	Minimum order value Industries-PT: no minimum order quantity. The DCC Proficiency tests are carried out according to EN ISO/IEC 17043.
3	Statistical evaluation: Statistical evaluation of the data is done on the basis of methods of robust statistics (Hampel estimator, Q-method, is defined in ISO/TS 20612 (2007), DIN 38402-A45 (09-2013), DIN EN ISO/IEC 17043, ISO 5725 and DIN ISO 13528).
4	Ranking for the lab-performance: For the final assessment of the laboratory performance takes place a Zu-score calculation. With a result $ Zu \le to 2,04$ the interlaboratory test is successful. Individual case decisions (Expert evaluation) reserve
5	Anonymity / Confidentiality: The interlaboratory tests are anonymous. Each laboratory gets an own changing labcode-number.
6 7	Deadline for registration Industries PT: The registration is possible throughout the year.(Please use order Email to order@dcc-germany.org) Sample distribution/shipping PT-Industries: The sample dispatch takes place throughout the year.
8	Deadline for reporting the results Industries-PT: no later than 2 months after sample shipment to report@dcc-germany.org. Later incoming results cannot be taken into evaluation.
9	The results are registered into the download Excel files Table 1. (http://www.dcc-germany.org/en/downloads) and send to report@dcc-germany.org . Please don't change or close the filled Excel files. Additions are to be registered only in the lower part of the files.
10	Tests investigation / Subcontract: Only the investigations are accomplished, which are usual in the participating laboratory. Subcontract assignment is to be marked.
11	Test methods: The test methods are specified in the Download Excel-Files Table 1 . Abnormal test methods shall be indicated. Comparable CEN/EN ISO/ASTM-standards or identical national standards, instrumental methods and in-house method are allowed.
12	Two single determinations (double determination) must be made. If the difference between the individual results is larger than the repeatability in the appropriate standard method, a further double-test is accomplished. The results of both double-tests have to be reported.
13	Storage: The samples should be stored dry, cool and protected against damage of the foil/packing up to the examination.
14	After opening the gas-proof sample bags and/or sample containers the determination of total moisture is to be accomplished immediately. The other investigation parameters are to be determined within the following 5 working-days. This procedure is to be kept absolutely, in order to avoid losses of water and oxidation influence.
15	Certificates: Certificates are issued in English. Passed with $\geq 80\%$ of the results with a $ Zu $ -score less than ≤ 2 , the laboratory receives a " Certificate of Excellence yyyy ". Passed with $< 80\%$ of the results with a $ Zu $ -score less than ≤ 2 , the laboratory receives a "Certificate yyyy".
16	Certificates PT-Industries: On request, participants will receive a certificate in English for 125.00 EURO (net).
17 18	Final report PT-Industries: after four weeks. Publication oft the Evaluation Industries PT: after one month, results by E-Mail.
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29	Commercial using of the samples: The use of the test samples is exclusively permitted for our interlaboratory test. The use for other purposes (in particular own laboratory comparisons) requires the previous, written permission of the DCC GmbH, Herten Germany.
34	The price includes a free participation in the DCC ONLINE-Meeting. The meeting will take place with simultaneous translation German/English.
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