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**Method for chemical analysis of copper-steel
composite metal - Part 1: Determination of copper
content - Iodine titration method**

铜-钢复合金属化学分析方法

第 1 部分:铜含量的测定 碘量法

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Method for chemical analysis of copper-steel composite metal - Part 1: Determination of copper content - Iodine titration method

1 Scope

This Part of GB/T 33948 specified the determination method of copper content in copper-steel composite metal.

This Part applies to the determination of copper content in copper-steel composite metal. The determination range is 4.00% ~ 25%.

2 Method summary

Sample is dissolved with nitric acid. The pH of the control solution is 3~4. Mask iron with ammonium bifluoride. Add potassium iodide and react with bivalent copper. Iodine precipitated uses starch as indicator. Titrate with sodium thiosulfate standard titration solution until the light blue solution fades. Calculate copper content based on the volume of consumed sodium thiosulfate standard solution.

3 Reagents

Unless otherwise stated, only analytically pure reagents and distilled or deionized water or equivalent water are used in the analysis.

3.1 Nitric acid (1+1).

3.2 Hydrochloric acid (7+3).

3.3 Hydrogen peroxide ($\rho=1.11$ g/mL).

3.4 Ammonia (1+1).

3.5 Glacial acetic acid (1+4).

3.6 Potassium iodide solution (200 g/L).

3.7 Iodine solution (0.4 g/L): weigh 0.04 g of iodine in 400mL beaker; add water to 100 mL and mix well; pour into a brown grounded bottle.

5 Analysis steps

5.1 Test material

Weigh 0.200 g of specimen (Clause 4), to the nearest of 0.0001 g.

5.2 Number of determinations

Perform two determinations independently. Take the average value.

5.3 Blank test

Perform the blank test with test materials.

5.4 Determination

5.4.1 Place the test material (5.1) in a 500-mL conical beaker. Add a small amount of water to wet. Add 10 mL of nitric acid (3.1). Cover the dish. Perform complete dissolution at low temperature (solution is transparent without impurities). If the test material is not completely dissolved, add 5 mL of hydrochloric acid (3.2). Add 3 mL of hydrogen peroxide (3.3) in 3 portions (shake for a moment for each adding) till the test material is completely dissolved (solution is transparent without impurities). Slowly concentrate the volume to 2 mL at low temperature.

NOTE: Known substrates before dissolution contain manganese, chromium, silicon, nickel. The test material (5.1) can be placed in a 500 mL conical beaker. Add 5 mL of hydrochloric acid (3.2) at low temperature. Hydrogen peroxide is added dropwise in 5 portions (3.3), 2 mL for each (shake for a moment for each adding) till the test material is completely dissolved (solution is transparent without impurities). Add 10 mL of nitric acid (3.1). Cover the dish. Slowly concentrate volume to 2 mL at low temperature.

5.4.2 Remove for cooling. Wash dish and glass wall with water (up to 5 mL in volume). Boil. Remove for cooling to room temperature. Ammonia (3.4) is added dropwise until iron precipitation is complete (solution is viscous). Add ammonium bifluoride saturated solution (3.9) until red color disappears and it exceeds by 2 mL. Wash the watch glass and glass wall with water. Shake well.

5.4.3 Add 10 mL of potassium iodide solution (3.6). Shake well and dissolve. Immediately titrate with sodium thiosulfate standard titration solution (3.13). When the solution is light yellow, add 5 mL of starch solution (3.10). Continue titration with sodium thiosulfate standard titration solution (3.13) until the solution is light blue. Add 2 mL of potassium thiocyanate solution (3.11). Shake well to deepen blue. Continue titration with sodium thiosulfate standard titration solution (3.13) until the solution fades to blue.