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European foreword

This document (EN 10188:2024) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 459/SC 2 “Methods of chemical analysis for iron and steel”, the secretariat of which is held by SIS.

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In comparison with the previous edition, the following technical modifications have been made:

- normative references: updated;
- Clause 3 Terms and definitions: added;
- subclauses 5.10 and 5.11: added;
- subclauses 6.1 and 6.2: added;
- in 6.3.3.3: definition of limit of detection added;
- subclause 6.3: reworded;
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- subclause 8.3.4: aligned with EN 10136:2019;
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EN 10188:2024 (E)**1 Scope**

This document specifies a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method (FAAS) for the determination of chromium content in steels and cast irons.

The method is applicable to non-alloy and low-alloy steels and cast irons with chromium contents between 0,002 % (by mass) to 2,0 % (by mass).

The method can be adapted to lower or higher chromium contents by changing the test portion or the dilution factor, provided the criteria in 6.3.2 and 6.3.3 are still met.

The precision data of the present method are given in Annex A.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN ISO 648, *Laboratory glassware — Single-volume pipettes (ISO 648)*

EN ISO 1042, *Laboratory glassware — One-mark volumetric flasks (ISO 1042)*

EN ISO 14284, *Steel and iron — Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition (ISO 14284)*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Principle

Dissolution of a test portion with hydrochloric acid followed by oxidation with nitric acid. Filtration and ignition of the acid insoluble residue. Removal of silica with hydrofluoric acid. Fusion of the residue with potassium hydrogen sulphate, dissolution of the melt in acid and addition of the solution obtained to the reserved filtrate.

Nebulisation of the test solution into a nitrous oxide/acetylene flame of an atomic absorption spectrometer.

Spectrometric measurement of the atomic absorption of the 357,87 nm spectral line emitted by a chromium hollow-cathode lamp.

NOTE Other suitable radiation sources can also be used, provided the criteria in 6.3.2 and 6.3.3 are still met.