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1 SCOPE This Standard sets out a flame atomic absorption spectrometric method for the determination of the cadmium content in the range 0.0001% to 0.02% special high grade zinc and high grade zinc, and in diecast alloys containing a maximum of 4.3% aluminium, 0.06% magnesium and 1.3% copper.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS
2134 Recommended practice for chemical analysis by atomic absorption spectrometry
2134.1 Part 1: Flame atomic absorption spectrometry
2162 Code of practice for the use of volumetric glassware
2164 One-mark volumetric flasks
2165 Burettes and bulb burettes
2166 One-mark pipettes
2347 Method for the sampling of zinc metal and zinc alloys for chemical analysis
2850 Chemical analysis—Interlaboratory test programs—For determining precision of analytical method(s)—Guide to the planning and conduct

BS
4237 Report on reproducibility of methods of chemical analysis used in the iron and steel industry

3 PRINCIPLE The sample is dissolved in sulfuric acid/nitric acid mixture. Sodium iodide is added and the cadmium iodide complex is extracted into n-butyl acetate containing 1% of tri-n-octylamine. The cadmium is determined in the organic phase by flame atomic absorption spectrometry.

4 REAGENTS

4.1 General requirements During the analysis, only reagents of recognized analytical reagent grade, and only distilled water or water of equivalent purity shall be used.

4.2 Solutions

4.2.1 *Sulfuric acid/nitric acid mixture* Add 150 mL of sulfuric acid (ρ_{20} 1.84 g/mL) and 30 mL of nitric acid (ρ_{20} 1.41 g/mL) to 700 mL of water, with constant stirring. Cool, dilute to 1 L, and mix.

4.2.2 *Sodium iodide solution (750 g/L)* Dissolve 75 g of sodium iodide and 4 g of ascorbic acid in water. Dilute to 100 mL and mix.

NOTE: Potassium iodide solution (830 g/L) may be used in lieu of sodium iodide solution.

4.2.3 *Urea solution (10 g/L)* Dissolve 10 g urea in water. Dilute to 1 L and mix.