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## Foreword

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# Reaction to fire tests for products — Determination of the gross heat of combustion (calorific value)

**WARNING** — The attention of all persons concerned with managing and carrying out this test is drawn to the fact that fire testing may be hazardous and that there is a possibility that toxic and/or harmful gases may be evolved during the test. Operational hazards may also arise during the testing of specimens, such as the possibility of an explosion, and during the disposal of test residues.

**WARNING** — An assessment of all the potential hazards and risks to health should be made and safety precautions should be identified and provided. Written safety instructions should be issued. Appropriate training should be given to relevant personnel. Laboratory personnel should ensure that they follow written instructions at all times.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the gross heat of combustion ( $Q_{PCS}$ ) of products at constant volume in a bomb calorimeter.

This method is intended to be applied to solid products.

**NOTE** Liquids can be tested with similar equipment and using conditions described in ASTM D2401[1], as described in IEC 61039[2] using ISO 1928[3] test equipment.

[Annex A](#) specifies the calculation of the net heat of combustion,  $Q_{PCI}$ , when required.

Information on the precision of the test method is given in [Annex B](#).

## 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.

ISO 554, *Standard atmospheres for conditioning and/or testing — Specifications*

EN 13238, *Reaction to fire tests for building products — Conditioning procedures and general rules for selection of substrates*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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/>

### 3.1

#### product

material, element or component about which information is required