

delta-T MEASUREMENT

METHOD INFORMATION

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METHOD DESCRIPTION

According prEN1279:6 appendix H following Method should be applied

PRINCIPLE

The adsorption of water on desiccant releases energy, which can be measured by temperature increase (ΔT) of the mixture. As the amount is of temperature increase is related to the absorbed quantity of water, this effect is used for a quick assessment of the remaining water absorption capacity of the desiccant.

EQUIPMENT

- 1 thermometer graduated in °C
- 2 plastic beaker (150 cc content) (Φ40 mm)
- 1 plastic graduated cylinder (50 cc content)
- 1 plastic funnel with a diameter of 11 mm
- 1 plastic cover
- Balance with accuracy of 0,1 g

METHOD

50 g of the desiccant beads are weighted on the balance in the plastic beaker (150 cc content) and temperature will be measured with a dry thermometer(T1s). The desiccant shall be at a temperature preferably $20 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C.

50 cm³ of water is placed in the plastic beaker (Φ 40 mm) with a cover holding the plastic funnel. Temperature (T1w) is measured after stirring the thermometer throughout the water. Temperature shall be at a temperature preferably 20 ± 2°C.

T1 is calculated as

T1= (T1w+T1s)/2

The desiccant is added in one complete movement into the water in the beaker with water inside via the provided funnel.

Temperature shall be measured after stirring of the beads/water mixture ten times with the thermometer. Temperature peak (T2) shall be recorded.

NOTE: Special attention is required as the temperature peak must be registered.

The result (ΔT) is calculated in accordance to equation

ΔT = T2-T1

Remark: The measured Δ T-value on fresh material should correspond to the value on the batch report

ΔT is used in the correlation curves provided by the desiccant supplier to determine the LOI of fresh product as well LOI after installing into the IG unit.

LOI of the fresh product may not be greater than 1,7% (not less than $\Delta T < 37^{\circ}$ C) according to prEN1279:4 and LOI for desiccants to be used not be greater than 3.0% (not less than $\Delta T < 30^{\circ}$ C).

In case of a negative result the measurement shall be repeated twice. If two out of the three measurements do not comply with the requirement, the desiccant batch shall be rejected.



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LOI – Delta-T Diagram the critical Delta T values with tolerances for LOI= 1,7% and LOI= 3,0%

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