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INTRODUCTION

Impurity, which is inevitable because of the production process, often has significant influence on the performance of graphene in energy conversion and storage, electronics, composites and catalysis, etc. The ash content can quickly provide an indication of impurity to some extent.

Determination of ash content of graphene is essential for manufacturers to perform quality control. It is also important for users to choose suitable product.

Incineration, the most common method of testing ash content, is a low cost, good repeatable and easy to operate method. Some unique properties of graphene-based material, such as ultra-low bulk density, relative high oxygen content and thermal exfoliation, make it impossible to follow existing incineration standards to determine the ash content of graphene-based material correctly. With the development of the graphene industry, it is important to establish a specific standard method for graphene to determine the ash content correctly. In this method, the two key objectives are to increase the bulk density of ultra-low density reduced graphene oxide through press or impregnation and to avoid instant exfoliation of high oxygen content graphene oxide through low-speed heating during heating at 130 °C to 200 °C.

This document introduces a reliable method for determining the ash content of graphene with incineration. This document can be used as the reference for other carbonaceous materials, such as single-walled and multi-walled carbon nanotubes.

NANOMANUFACTURING – KEY CONTROL CHARACTERISTICS –

Part 6-22: Graphene-based material – Ash content: incineration

1 Scope

This part of IEC TS 62607 establishes a standardized method to determine the key control characteristic

- ash content
of powder and dispersion of graphene-based material by
- incineration.

The ash content is derived by residue obtained after incineration under the operating conditions specified in this document, being divided by the mass of the dried test portion.

- The method is applicable for graphene, graphene oxide and reduced graphene oxide in forms of both dry powder and dispersion. This document can be used as reference for graphite oxide and other modified graphene.
- Typical application areas of this method are research, manufacturer and downstream user to guide material processing and quality control.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.