

Methods of analysis of wood preservatives and treated timber —

Part 1: Quantitative analysis of wood preservative solutions and treated timber containing boron compounds — Determination of total boron

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Foreword

This part of DD 257 has been prepared by Subcommittee B/515/2, under the direction of Technical Committee B/515.

DD 257 gives a variety of methods of analysis of wood preservatives and treated timber:

— DD 257-1 describes a titrimetric method and a colorimetric method for the determination of boron compounds as boric acid in preservative solutions (both aqueous solutions and solutions in hydrocarbon solvents) and in treated timber;

— DD 257-2 describes a polarographic method and a thin-layer chromatographic method for the determination of tributyltin, dibutyltin and monobutyltin compounds present in wood preservative solutions and in treated timber;

— DD 257-3 describes a high performance liquid chromatographic method and a gas chromatographic method for the separation and determination of the cis and trans isomers of permethrin in organic solvent-based solutions of wood preservatives;

— DD 257-4 describes a high performance liquid chromatographic method and a gas chromatographic method for the separation and determination of the cis and trans isomers of cypermethrin in organic solvent-based wood preservative solutions;

— DD 257-5 describes gas chromatographic methods for the qualitative identification of carboxylic acids in wood preservative solutions containing zinc and copper carboxylates.

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