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**Methods for analysis of uranium ore concentrate - Part 5:
Determination of carbonate - Infrared absorption method**

铀矿石浓缩物分析方法 第5部分：碳酸根的测定 红外吸收法

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Foreword

This document complies with the provisions of GB/T 1.1-2020 "Standardization Work Guidelines Part

1. Structure and Drafting Rules of Standardization Documents". Drafting. This document is Part 5 of GB/T 11848, "Analytical Methods for Uranium Ore Concentrates". GB/T 11848 has already published the following parts.

- 1. Determination of Uranium by Ferrous Sulfate Reduction-Potassium Dichromate Titration;
- 2. Determination of Nitric Acid-Insoluble Uranium by Spectrophotometry;
- 3. Gravimetric determination of extractable organic compounds;
- 4. Determination of Arsenic and Mercury by Hydride Generation-Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry;
- 5. Determination of Carbonate by Infrared Absorption Spectroscopy;
- 6. Determination of Fluorine by Ion-Selective Electrode Method;
- 7. Determination of Halogens - Volhard Method;
- 8. Determination of Moisture Content by Gravimetric Method;
- 9. Determination of Silicon by Spectrophotometry;
- 10. Determination of Sulfur by Infrared Absorption Spectroscopy;
- 11. Determination of Thorium by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry;
- 12. Determination of Boron by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry;

1 Scope

GB/T 11848.5-2025 is the Chinese national standard on methods for analysis of uranium ore concentrate - part 5: determination of carbonate - infrared absorption method, in the

field of energy and heat transfer engineering. The /T suffix marks it as a recommended standard: it is not compulsory by itself, but it becomes binding as soon as a contract, a tender or a customer specification calls it up - which in practice is how most foreign buyers meet it. It was issued on 5 October 2025 by the State Administration for Market Regulation; Standardization Administration of China, and has been in force since 1 May 2026.

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This document describes a method for determining carbonate in uranium ore concentrates. This document applies to the determination of carbonate in uranium ore concentrates, with a measurement range of 0.05% to 5%.

2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents, through normative references within the text, constitute essential provisions of this document. Dated citations are not included. For references to documents, only the version corresponding to that date applies to this document; for undated references, the latest version (including all amendments) applies. This document.

GB/T 6682 Specifications and test methods for water used in analytical laboratories

GB/T 10268 Uranium Ore Concentrates

3 Terms and Definitions

The terms and definitions defined in GB/T 10268 apply to this document.

4.Principles The sample is decomposed with phosphoric acid, and the generated carbon dioxide is carried by oxygen to the infrared absorption cell. The carbon dioxide absorbs infrared light of a specific wavelength. The absorbed energy is directly proportional to the concentration, so the carbonate content can be calculated.

5.Reagents or materials Unless otherwise specified, only analytical grade reagents were used in the analysis. The water used in the tests met the Class II standard as specified in GB/T 6682.

5.1 Oxygen, with a purity of not less than 99.99%.

5.2 Calcium carbonate, standard sample/standard substance, dried at 200°C before use.

5.3 Phosphoric acid, $\rho=1.87\text{g/mL}$.

5.4 Phosphoric acid solution (1 1.5).

5 Determination of Carbonate Ion by Infrared Absorption Method

Warning

---Personnel using this document should have practical experience working in a formal laboratory. This document does not cover all possible safety issues. Users are responsible for taking appropriate safety and health measures and ensuring compliance with relevant national regulations. This document covers the following. Toxic and hazardous waste should be collected and stored centrally, and all types of waste should be managed responsibly in strict accordance with the relevant regulations and technical standards of the national environmental protection administration. Centralized processing.

6 Instruments and Equipment

6.1 Infrared absorption carbon-sulfur analyzer with a sensitivity better than 0.01%.