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Refractory Data Sheets and Specifications

'The Customer's Perspective'

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Technical Data Sheets (1)

USED FOR:

- New application
- New product proposed by supplier
- Existing product not performing
- Existing product, better value product required

Technical Data Sheets (2)

- Useful for initial comparison of properties against existing product or company standard.
- May be called Data Sheet, Product Information, Technical Information etc.
- Not confidential

- Not a guarantee of material properties, typical data only.
- May cover a group of products.
- Not a controlled document

Typical Technical Data Sheet Format

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TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product Name: Mag96/C12
Brief Description: Magnesia carbon brick, for steel ladles.

	Unit	Typical Analysis
As received		
Bulk density	Kg/m3	
Cold crushing strength	MN/m2	
Apparent porosity	%	
Residual carbon	%	
Permanent linear change	%	
Al2O3	%	
SiO2	%	
Fe2O3	%	
CaO	%	
MgO	%	

Refractory materials contain raw material w hich are subject to natural variation. Therefore the right is reserved to change the information included in this data sheet.

Date: 27/8/2012

Product Definitions (1)

- Guarantee of material properties (quality and consistency)
- Prepared by refractory supplier
- May form part of contract between supplier and customer – ‘the LEGAL document’
- Forms part of quality system for supplier and customer. Controlled document. Revisions must be communicated to customer, and quality system updated.
- ‘Provisional’ (where there is insufficient test data) or ‘Full’
- Specific Product Definition for each product (possibly each size).
- Confidential

Product Definitions (2)

Should include:

- The title ‘Product Definition’
- Typical and limit values (minimum, maximum or both) for critical properties
- Supplementary properties
- Revision number
- Plant of Origin

Product Definitions (3)

TYPICAL VALUES

- Usually determined by manufacturer's average of process test data.

LIMIT VALUES

- Minimum, maximum or both
- Usually determined using statistical data from manufacturer's process test data (standard deviations or T values).

Typical Product Definition

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PRODUCT DEFINITION
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Product Name: Mag96/C12
Brief Description: Magnesia carbon brick, for steel ladles.

	Unit	Typical	Range
Critical Properties			
As received			
Bulk density	Kg/m3		0 Min
Coked 2 hours 1000oC			
Apparent porosity	%		) Max
Residual carbon	%		0 Min
Permanent linear change	%		to 0.8
Al2O3	%		Max
SiO2	%		Max
Fe2O3	%		Max
CaO	%		Max
MgO	%		5 Min
Supplimentary Properties			
As received			
Cold crushing strength	MN/m2		Min
Apparent porosity	%		Max
Coked 2 hours 1000oC			
Bulk Density	Kg/m3		0 Min
Cold crushing strength	MN/m2		Min

Plant of Origin: Sheffield

Revision Number: 0
Date: 27/8/2012

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Checked by: J Jones

RAGB Guidelines

RAGB

- Guidelines on information required on a Product Definition
- Requested information specific to refractory type.
- 86 material types, e.g. Fired Magnesia Brick, Refractory Mortar, Ladle and Tundish Wellfillers
- Information on how to prepare a Product Definition

Chemical Properties

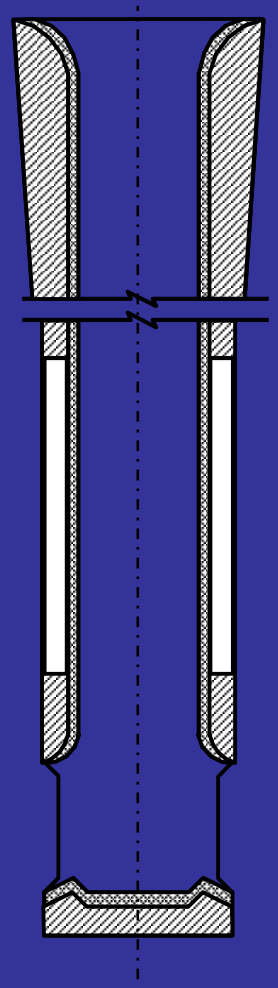
Chemistry Basis

- ‘As received’ (chemical components add up to approx 100 % including loss on ignition)
- ‘Ignited’ (chemical components add up to 100% without loss on ignition)
- Loss on ignition can include water, carbon, sulphur and other volatile (or oxidisable) components which are lost from the sample at <1000oC.

Product Definition Drawings

Product Definition Drawings

- For complex Shapes
- Include tolerances for critical dimensions
- Drawing number
- Revision number
- Controlled document (part of quality system of manufacturer and supplier.
- Cross referenced to material Product Definitions



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Test Certificates

TEST CERTIFICATES:

- TataSteel only request Test Certificates if deemed necessary (material type, quality issues e.t.c.)
- Required for every batch
- Tests required for Critical Properties
- Category 1 properties (Control Properties) tested for each batch
- Category 2 properties (Supplementary Properties) tested less frequently (due to cost/complexity of testing)
- If the Cat. 1 properties are in specification the Cat 2. Properties should be also!!!

Section Summary

- Technical Data Sheet – useful for initial information and comparison of properties.

- Product Definition – controlled document which guarantees material properties.

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Data Sheets & Specifications

'Application and Validity'

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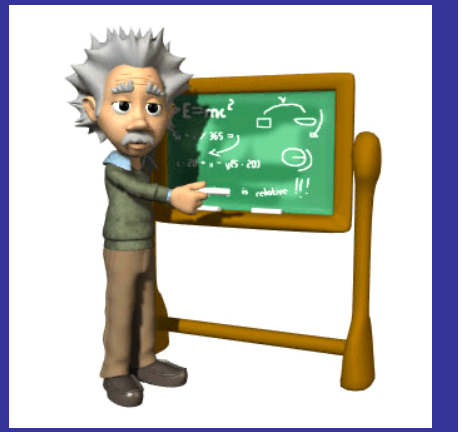
Discussion Areas

- ‘Fitness for Purpose’
- Bespoke Specifications
- Identifying Errors in Specification Sheets

‘Fitness for Purpose’



First Question:

What does ‘fitness for purpose’ mean?

- *‘Something that is fit for purpose when sold’*
  MacMillan Dictionary
- *‘Appropriate and of a necessary standard for its intended use’*
  Wiki
- *‘Fitness for purpose equates quality with the fulfilment of a specification or stated outcomes’*
  www.qualityresearchinternational.com

- Legal: When you buy goods you enter into a contract with the seller of those goods. Under the Sale of Goods Act 1979 goods must be:
  - 'as described',
  - ‘of satisfactory quality', and
  - 'fit for purpose' – this means both their everyday purpose, and also any specific purpose that you agreed with the seller

‘Fitness for Purpose’

Second Question:

If a product meets specification does it automatically mean it is fit for the intended purpose?

Not necessarily……

‘Fitness for Purpose’

Third Question:

Can ‘fitness for purpose’ be translated as a specification data set?

- Manufacturing – assesses a product against it’s intended purpose?
- Marketing – purpose is determined by the customer need?

POTENTIAL requirement for ‘Bespoke’ specification to ensure that supplier’s specification contains all necessary elements to deliver required operational performance

‘Fitness for Purpose’

Last Question:

Who’s responsibility is it to to specify requirements required for ‘fitness for purpose’?

- The Supplier?
- The Customer?
- The OEM?

‘Bespoke Specifications’

- On occasion, the customer may indicate a product requirement which requires a dataset different from the standard product specification in order for the product to be considered ‘fit for purpose’

- The specification may (as is the norm in good contract practice) be included as part of the supply contract

‘Bespoke Specifications’

Changes from standard:

- Typical/Limit values
- Product Description
- Inclusion of ‘supplementary’ properties as controls: eg:
  - Creep
  - RUL
  - HMOR
- Inclusion of special ‘non-standard’ testing: eg:
  - Slag resistance
  - Oxidation resistance
  - CO resistance

Example

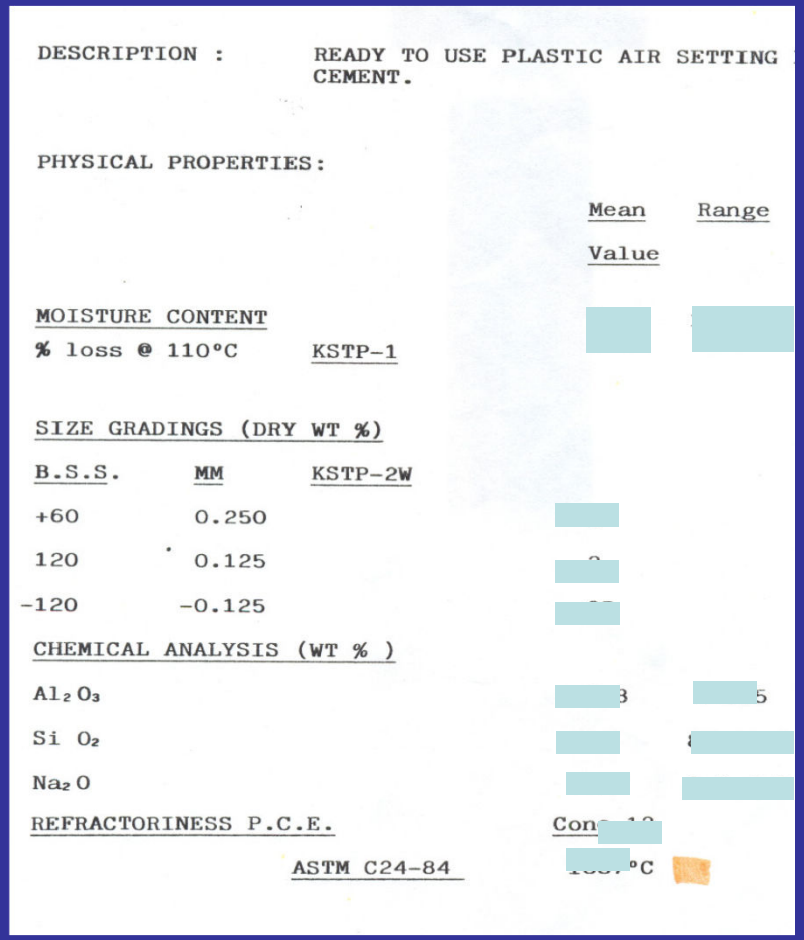
Product Description	Fired Andalusite based Solid Brick			
CONTROL PROPERTIES				
Chemical Analysis (Calcined Basis)	Unit By wt	Value		Test Method
		Typical	Limit	
Al_2O_3	%			By XRF
Fe_2O_3	%			
Physical Properties	Unit			
Bulk Density	Kg/m^3			ISO 5017 : 1998
Apparent porosity	Vol. %			ISO 5017 : 1998
CCS	N/mm^2			ISO 10059-2 : 2003
SUPPLIMENTORY PROPERTIES				
SiO_2	%			By XRF
TiO_2	°C			
PLC at 1600°C / 5hrs	%		- 20	ISO 2478 : 1987 (L = V/3)
Creep (Load = 0.2 MPa, 20-50 hrs at 1400°C)	%		-	ISO 3187 : 1989
INFORMATIVE PROPERTIES				
Thermal Expansion at 1000°C	%		-	IS 1528 (Part 1) : 1991
Thermal Conductivity	W/mK		-	ISO 8894-1 : 1987
Control Dimension	AQL 6.5% for critical dimensions (ISO 5022 Table – 3)			
Sampling/Acceptance	ISO 5022, Table 4 or Table 10(AQL4%)			

Non- Standard

Product Description	High Temperature fired Andalusite brick with white tabular alumina.			
Application	Working lining of Torpedo Ladle and working lining of Hot Metal Ladle/ Transfer Ladle – Various Other applications.			
CONTROL PROPERTIES				
Chemical Analysis (Calcined Basis)	Unit By wt	Value		Test Method
		Typical	Limit	
Al_2O_3	%		≥	By XRF – Powder Pallet Method
SiO_2	%		<	
Fe_2O_3	%		<	
TiO_2	%		<	
Alkalis	%		<	
Physical Properties	Unit			
Bulk Density	Kg/m^3		≥	ISO 5017 : 1998
Apparent porosity	Vol. %		<	ISO 5017 : 1998
CCS	N/mm^2			ISO 10059-2 : 2003
SUPPLIMENTORY PROPERTIES				
PLC at 1600°C/2hrs, (Min/Max)	%		-0.3	ISO 2478 : 1987 (L = V/3)
Control Dimension	AQL 4 % for all dimensions (ISO 5022 Table – 3)			
Sampling/Acceptance	ISO 5022, Table 4 or Table 10(AQL4%) for all control properties			

Standard

Product Specification ‘Errors’



DESCRIPTION : READY TO USE PLASTIC AIR SETTING CEMENT.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

		Mean Value	Range
MOISTURE CONTENT			
% loss @ 110°C	KSTP-1		
SIZE GRADINGS (DRY WT %)			
B.S.S.	MM	KSTP-2W	
+60	0.250		
120	0.125		
-120	-0.125		
CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (WT %)			
Al_2O_3			
$Si\ O_2$			
Na_2O			
REFRACTORINESS P.C.E.			
	ASTM C24-84		°C

No indication of which properties constitute the ‘control properties’

Generally:

- 3 Chemical Properties
- 3 Physical Properties

Product Specification ‘Errors’

DESCRIPTION:
High-fired direct bonded magnesia-chrome with electrofused magnesia-chrome and high purity magnesia. High thermal shock and slag resistance.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS:

(Magnesia basis)			Specification
Magnesia	(MgO)	%	% min.
Chrome oxide	(Cr_2O_3)	%	% min.
Silica	(SiO_2)	%	% max.
Lime	(CaO)	%	% max.
Iron oxide	(Fe_2O_3)	%	% max.
Alumina	(Al_2O_3)	%	% max.

These data are based on average results of quality control tests and are not for guarantee Purpose.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

	Typical Value	Specification
Bulk density	gr/cm^3	gr/cm^3 min.
Porosity	%	% max.
Cold crushing strength	l/mm^2	N/mm^2 min.
Permanent linear Change(1000 °C)	%	

APPLICATIONS:

RH: Snorkel

***This material does not content Crystalline Silica. (Content 0%)**

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Specification or data sheet?

The use of the phrase:
‘These data are based on average results of quality ……’ invalidates the data as a specification.

Revision status!

The document gives a revision date but not an issue number. To ensure data integrity and continuity a revision issue number should be given such as ‘Product xyz Rev3.’

Product Specification 'Errors'

Product Description: (classification, main components and nature, additives, bonding, additional treatment)

Magnesia-chromite brick of group MCr60 based on rebonded fused grain with low iron content, ceramic bond

Application: Mainly for degassing vessels

CRITICAL PROPERTIES * controlled properties max. 3 chemical components and 3 physical properties

Chemical Analysis *	Unit by wt	Mean Value		Sigma	Individual Value			Test Method
		Typical	Guaranteed		Ti	Ts	AQL	
SiO2	%							XRF
Fe2O3	%							DIN 51001
Al2O3	%							
Cr2O3	%							
CaO	%							
MgOdiff	%							
Physical Properties	Unit							
Bulk Density	g/cm³							EN 993-1
Apparent Porosity	%							EN 993-1
CCS	N/mm²							EN 993-5

Ts MgO?

- Should be Ti !
- Would this affect a potential claim?

Product Specification ‘Errors’

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	Unit	Typical	Ti	Ts
Critical Properties				
As received				
Bulk density	Kg/m3			
Coked 2 hours 1000oC				
Apparent porosity	%			
Residual carbon	%			
Permanent linear change	%			
Al2O3	%			
SiO2	%			
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> Is limit data appropriate?

> Is the range too wide?

> Is the typical skewed?

> What would be your response?

Section Summary

Fitness for purpose:

Consider requirements of the application and suitability of the data in terms of ‘guaranteeing’ performance requirements. Also ‘Responsibility’

Bespoke Specifications:

Usefulness for both supplier and customer.
Dialogue required to work effectively.

Specification Errors:

Learn to recognise common errors to ensure coverage in event of performance issues.