**bomb-digestion**

_in spectrochemical analysis_

Materials which are not fully dissolved by acid-digestion at atmospheric pressure may require a more vigorous treatment in pressure vessels lined with polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) glass, silica or vitreous (glassy) carbon or in sealed silica tubes; this treatment is called bomb-digestion. The test sample and acids are heated in such a closed vessel, so that the digestion is carried out at higher temperature and pressure.

**Source:**
PAC, 1988, 60, 1461 (*Nomenclature, symbols, units and their usage in spectrochemical analysis-X. Preparation of materials for analytical atomic spectroscopy and other related techniques (Recommendations 1988)*) on page 1469