**oxygen-flask combustion**  
*in spectrochemical analysis*

In order to determine elements which are easily volatilized, or are present as volatile species, organic material may be ashed in oxygen in a closed oxygen combustion system. One such method is oxygen-flask combustion by which the test sample is burned in a closed flask containing oxygen and an absorbing solution in which the analytes are subsequently determined.

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