

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

12X 15255 (batch Q)

Certified Reference Material Information

Type: LOW-ALLOY STEEL (WROUGHT)
Form and Size: Disc ~40mm diameter
Manufactured by: Polycast Ltd
Certified and Supplied by: MBH Analytical Ltd

Assigned Values

Percentage element by weight

Element	C	Si	S	P	Mn	Ni	Cr	Mo	Ti
Value ¹	0.351	1.02	0.070	0.104	1.191	0.296	1.509	0.1193	0.0377
Uncertainty ²	0.005	0.02	0.002	0.003	0.015	0.006	0.010	0.0015	0.0013

Element	Cu	Co	V	W	Nb	Al	Sn	As	N
Value ¹	0.279	0.0502	0.475	0.150	0.152	0.073	0.101	0.0193	0.027
Uncertainty ²	0.006	0.0013	0.006	0.003	0.005	0.002	0.002	0.0014	0.001

Definitions

- ¹ The assigned values are the present best estimates of the true content for each element. Each value is a panel consensus, based on the averaged results of an interlaboratory testing programme, detailed on page 3.
- ² The uncertainty values are generated from the 95% confidence interval derived from the wet analysis results, in combination with a statistical assessment of the homogeneity data, as described on page 2.

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Method of Preparation

This reference material was produced from commercial-purity metals and master alloys. The discs are the product of one melt, cast into 70mm diameter billets and hot worked into bars of ~40mm diameter.

Sampling

Milled samples for chemical analysis were taken from several positions within the batch. In addition, at least 15% of all discs were selected for homogeneity checking.

Homogeneity

Samples representative of the batch were checked for uniformity using an optical emission spectrometer. Multiple measurements were taken from each surface under test.

Using the meaned data from each surface, standard deviation values were derived for each element as an indicator of any non-homogeneity (as determined for the specific sample size taken by the spectrometer).

Chemical Analysis

Analysis was carried out on millings taken from samples representative of the product. It was performed by a panel of laboratories mostly operating within the terms of EN ISO/IEC 17025 - 2005, using documented standard reference methods and validated by appropriate reference materials.

The individual values listed overpage are the average of each analyst's results.

Estimation of Uncertainties

Each element certified has been analysed by several laboratories, and 95% half-width confidence intervals ($C_{(95\%)}$) for the resultant mean values have been derived by the method shown on page 3.

As a separate exercise, the degree of non-homogeneity of the batch for each element has been quantified by a programme of non-destructive application testing, discussed above.

The final certified uncertainty for each element has been derived by combining these two factors, using the square-root of the summed squares.

Traceability

Much of the analytical work performed to assess this material has been carried out by laboratories with proven competence, as indicated by their accreditation to ISO 17025. It is an implicit requirement for this accreditation that analytical work should be performed with due traceability, via an unbroken chain of comparisons, each with stated uncertainty, to primary standards such as the mole, or to nationally- or internationally-recognised reference materials. In addition, some of the results derived as part of this testing programme have traceability to NIST standards, as part of the analytical calibration or process control.

Usage

Intended use: With optical emission and X-ray fluorescence spectrometers.

Recommended method of use: Steels are generally prepared by finishing, grinding, turning or milling. However, users are recommended to follow the calibration and sample preparation procedures specified by the relevant instrument manufacturer. Preparation should be the same for reference materials and the samples for test.

For optical emission spectroscopy, a minimum of five consistent replicate analyses is recommended to provide the necessary sample size. Users are advised to check against possible bias between reference materials and production samples due to differences in metallurgical history, and be aware of possible inter-element effects.

Analytical Data

Percentage element by weight

Sample	C	Si	S	P	Mn	Ni	Cr	Mo	Ti
1	0.3420	0.989	0.0657	0.0977	1.1627	0.2840	1.4840	0.1168	0.0354
2	0.3452	0.999	0.0662	0.0990	1.1658	0.2850	1.4956	0.1170	0.0358
3	0.3463	1.000	0.0668	0.1003	1.1680	0.2876	1.5020	0.1171	0.0363
4	0.3470	1.000	0.0682	0.1013	1.1850	0.2930	1.5020	0.1171	0.0366
5	0.3490	1.001	0.0684	0.1021	1.1860	0.2953	1.5034	0.1188	0.0366
6	0.3508	1.012	0.0685	0.1030	1.1860	0.2956	1.5070	0.1190	0.0377
7	0.3510	1.032	0.0687	0.1037	1.1910	0.2962	1.5085	0.1190	0.0379
8	0.3510	1.040	0.0689	0.1047	1.1925	0.2978	1.5110	0.1194	0.0380
9	0.3540	1.045	0.0702	0.1063	1.1964	0.2980	1.5110	0.1200	0.0381
10	0.3550	1.051	0.0707	0.1080	1.1972	0.3000	1.5130	0.1202	0.0385
11	0.3550		0.0712	0.1081	1.2120	0.3004	1.5132	0.1204	0.0393
12	0.3563		0.0712	0.1095	1.2150	0.3009	1.5280	0.1210	0.0399
13	0.3566		0.0716	0.1104	1.2200	0.3018	1.5330	0.1218	0.0403
14			0.0719			0.3070		0.1230	
15			0.0725						
16			0.0729						
17			0.0739						
Mean	0.3507	1.017	0.0699	0.1042	1.1906	0.2959	1.5086	0.1193	0.0377
Std Dev	0.0046	0.023	0.0024	0.0041	0.0182	0.0066	0.0126	0.0019	0.0015
C (95%)	0.0028	0.016	0.0012	0.0025	0.0110	0.0038	0.0076	0.0011	0.0009

Sample	Cu	Co	V	W	Nb	Al	Sn	As	N
1	0.2670	0.0474	0.4590	0.1433	0.1487	0.0696	0.0983	0.0177	0.0258
2	0.2682	0.0477	0.4594	0.1458	0.1487	0.0704	0.0985	0.0181	0.0264
3	0.2687	0.0484	0.4624	0.1470	0.1500	0.0708	0.0992	0.0183	0.0268
4	0.2698	0.0487	0.4650	0.1480	0.1507	0.0713	0.0997	0.0185	0.0274
5	0.2723	0.0487	0.4686	0.1481	0.1510	0.0720	0.1009	0.0190	0.0280
6	0.2777	0.0491	0.4706	0.1499	0.1510	0.0731	0.1010	0.0199	0.0281
7	0.2785	0.0499	0.4730	0.1507	0.1520	0.0735	0.1013	0.0200	0.0288
8	0.2830	0.0502	0.4740	0.1508	0.1520	0.0741	0.1020	0.0201	
9	0.2830	0.0515	0.4753	0.1512	0.1550	0.0741	0.1022	0.0217	
10	0.2866	0.0521	0.4754	0.1528	0.1554	0.0747	0.1028		
11	0.2889	0.0524	0.4800	0.1540	0.1556	0.0751	0.1030		
12	0.2898	0.0527		0.1540	0.1562	0.0752	0.1030		
13	0.2914	0.0539		0.1550		0.0755			
14						0.0760			
Mean	0.2788	0.0502	0.4693	0.1500	0.1522	0.0732	0.1010	0.0193	0.0273
Std Dev	0.0089	0.0021	0.0070	0.0035	0.0027	0.0021	0.0017	0.0013	0.0011
C (95%)	0.0054	0.0013	0.0047	0.0021	0.0017	0.0012	0.0011	0.0010	0.0010

Note: $C_{(95\%)}$ is the 95% half-width confidence interval derived from the equation:

$$C_{(95\%)} = (t \times SD) / \sqrt{n}$$

where n is the number of available values, t is the Student's t value for n-1 degrees of freedom, and SD is the standard deviation of the test results.

Participating Laboratories

Exova Ltd.	Middlesbrough, UK	UKAS accreditation	0239
Sheffield Analytical Services	Sheffield, UK	UKAS accreditation	0012
Metals Technology (Testing) Ltd.	Sheffield, UK	UKAS accreditation	0963
Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd	Milperra, NSW, Australia	NATA accreditation	0492
Shanghai JinYi Test Technology Co. Ltd	Shanghai, China	CNAL accreditation	0783
Shandong Metallurgical & Science Research	Jinan, Shandong, China	CNAS accreditation	1461
Bureau Veritas CPS pvt	Chennai, India	NABL accreditation	0025
TCR Engineering Services PVT. Ltd.	Mumbai, India	NABL accreditation	0367
Raghavendra Spectro Metallurgical Laboratory	Bangalore, India	NABL accreditation	0371
Instytut Metalurgii Zelaza	Gliwice, Poland	PCA accreditation	AB554
TEC Eurolab SRL	Modena, Italy	ACCREDIA accreditation	52
AMG Superalloys UK Ltd	Rotherham, UK		
Mineral and Metallurgical Laboratories	Bangalore, India		
Analyticka Laborator Lithea sro	Brno, Czech Republic		
PT Geoservices Ltd.	Cikarang, Indonesia		
Coleshill Laboratories Limited	Coleshill, UK		

Note: to achieve the above accreditation (UKAS, NATA, etc), test houses must demonstrate conformity to the general requirements of EN ISO/IEC 17025.

Analytical Methods Used

ELEMENT	RESULT No. & METHOD			
	ICP-AES	FAAS		OTHER
Carbon	-	-	all	combustion (infra-red detection)
Silicon	1, 4, 5, 10	-	2, 3, 6, 7	gravimetric (perchloric acid)
			8, 9	photometric (molybdenum blue)
Sulfur	5-7	-	1-4, 8-10-17	combustion (volumetric or IR detection)
Phosphorus	1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11-13	-	2, 6	photometric (molybdenum blue)
			5, 7, 10	volumetric (alkalimetric)
Manganese	1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12	3, 13	6, 11	volumetric (arsenite, FAS)
			7, 8	photometric (periodate)
Nickel	1, 2, 6-9, 11-13	3, 5, 10	4, 14	photometric (dimethyl glyoxime)
Chromium	1, 3-5, 7, 8, 12	2, 10	6	photometric (diphenyl carbazide)
			9, 11, 13	volumetric (ferrous ammonium sulfate)
Molybdenum	1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13	3, 7, 9	6, 12, 14	photometric (thiocyanate)
Titanium	1, 4, 6-8, 11, 12	2, 3, 10	5, 9, 13	photometric (DAP, peroxide)
Copper	1, 3, 5-8, 10, 11, 13	2, 4, 12	9	photometric (BCO)
Cobalt	1-3, 6-10, 13	4, 5, 11	12	gravimetric (oxide)
Vanadium	2, 4-7, 9, 10	1, 3, 11	8	volumetric (ferrous ammonium sulfate)
Tungsten	1-3, 5-10, 13	4	11	gravimetric
			12	photometric (thiocyanate)
Niobium	1-5, 8, 10-12	9	6	photometric (chlorosulfophenol)
			7	gravimetric
Aluminium	1, 2, 4-6, 8-11, 14	3, 7, 13	12	photometric (chrome azurol S)
Tin	1-3, 5, 7-12	4, 6		
Arsenic	2, 4-9	1, 3		
Nitrogen	-	-	1-4, 7	inert gas fusion (thermal conductivity)
			5, 6	volumetric (hydrochloric acid)

Notes

This Certified Reference Material has been produced and certified in accordance with the requirements of ISO Guide 34-2009, ISO Guide 31-2015 and ISO Guide 35-2006, taking into account the requirements of the ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM).

This certification is applicable to the whole of the disc. However, in accordance with normal practice for OES, it is appropriate to avoid usage of the central portion of approx 8mm diameter.

This material will remain stable indefinitely, provided adequate precautions are taken to protect it from cross-contamination, extremes of temperature and atmospheric moisture. All production records will be retained for a period of 20 years from the date of this certificate. Technical support for this certification will therefore expire in April 2036, although we reserve the right to make changes as issue revisions, in the intervening period.

This sample is also available in the form of chippings, for the assessment of 'wet' analytical techniques.

The manufacture, analysis and certification of this product were supervised by L Maxim, Technical Director, MBH Analytical Ltd.

The material to which this certificate of analysis refers is supplied subject to our general conditions of sale.