

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

31X 7835.5 (batch A)

Certified Reference Material Information

Type: LEADED BRASS (CHILL CAST)
Form and Size: Disc 42mm Diameter x 18mm Thickness
Manufactured by: Polycast Limited
Certified and Supplied by: MBH Analytical Limited

Certified Analysis

Percentage element by weight

Element	Sn	Pb	Zn	Fe	Ni
Value ¹	0.116	1.64	6.23	0.126	0.249
Uncertainty ²	0.004	0.04	0.06	0.006	0.006

Element	Al	P	As	Sb	Cu
Value ¹	0.078	0.018	0.104	0.114	91.25
Uncertainty ²	0.005	0.002	0.004	0.004	0.12

Definitions

- ¹ The certified 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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on 9th January 2004

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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 poured into multiple chill moulds with feeding systems designed to ensure sound discs. Metal was removed from the cast faces of the discs to minimise surface effects.

Sampling

Samples for chemical analysis were taken from each mould. Approximately 10% of all discs were selected for non-destructive homogeneity testing.

Homogeneity

The discs were checked for sample and batch uniformity using an optical emission spectrometer.

For each of the surfaces checked, the differences between the averaged result and the overall mean value were evaluated to ensure that the overall homogeneity of the material comprising the batch satisfied the definition given in ISO guide 30 - 1992.

Using the individual data from each check, standard deviation values were derived for each element. These values were combined with the 95% half-width confidence intervals ($C_{(95\%)}$) obtained from the wet analysis programme, using the square-root of the summed squares, to derive the final uncertainty values.

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 - 2000, using documented standard reference methods and validated by appropriate reference materials.

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

Traceability

Most of the analytical work performed to assess this material has been carried out by laboratories with proven competence, as indicated by their accreditation to a national authority. It is part of the 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 primary reference materials.

Usage

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

Recommended method of use: Copper alloys are generally prepared by machining on a mill or a lathe. 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.

A minimum of four consistent replicate analyses is recommended to optimise precision and accuracy. 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	Sn	Pb	Zn	Fe	Ni
1	0.109	1.58	6.14	0.118	0.231
2	0.111	1.58	6.155	0.118	0.234
3	0.114	1.59	6.205	0.1192	0.246
4	0.116	1.620	6.25	0.120	0.247
5	0.117	1.646	6.25	0.122	0.248
6	0.119	1.65	6.250	0.127	0.252
7	0.120	1.652	6.28	0.128	0.253
8	0.120	1.654	6.30	0.128	0.253
9		1.66		0.132	0.258
10		1.70		0.135	0.258
11		1.702		0.137	0.260
Mean	0.116	1.639	6.229	0.126	0.249
Std Dev	0.004	0.043	0.057	0.007	0.009
C_(95%)	0.003	0.029	0.048	0.005	0.006

Sample	Al	P	As	Sb	Cu
1	0.0680	0.0167	0.097	0.107	91.15
2	0.072	0.0167	0.0974	0.1098	91.15
3	0.074	0.0168	0.099	0.111	91.167
4	0.077	0.017	0.103	0.114	91.23
5	0.0784	0.0173	0.106	0.114	91.34
6	0.079	0.018	0.106	0.117	91.35
7	0.079	0.0202	0.108	0.118	91.36
8	0.081	0.0217	0.108	0.119	
9	0.082		0.108		
10	0.085		0.11		
Mean	0.078	0.0181	0.104	0.114	91.25
Std Dev	0.005	0.0019	0.005	0.004	0.10
C_(95%)	0.004	0.0016	0.003	0.004	0.09

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

Zurich Certification	West Bromwich, England	UKAS accreditation 0584
Sheffield Assay Office	Sheffield, England	UKAS accreditation 0012
Scientifics Ltd	Harwell, England	UKAS accreditation 0322
Laboratory Testing Inc	Hatfield, PA, USA	A2LA accreditation 0117
Central Iron & Steel Res Inst	Beijing, China	CNAL accreditation 0435
Institute of Iron & Steel Technology	Shanghai, China	CNAL accreditation 0783
Luo Yang Copper Co	Luo Yang, He Nan, China	CNAL accreditation 0173
Maristas-Azterlan S.L.	Saibigain, Durango, Spain	ENAC accreditation 0059
Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd	Milperra, NSW, Australia	NATA accreditation 492
Coleshill Laboratories Ltd	Coleshill, England	
Ango-American Research Labs (Pty) Ltd	Johannesburg, South Africa	
Genitest Inc	Montreal, Canada	

Note: to achieve National Accreditation (eg UKAS, A2LA, NATA, CNAL, ENAC), test houses must demonstrate conformity to the general requirements of EN ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO9002.

Analytical Methods Used

ELEMENT	RESULT No. & METHOD		
	ICP-AES	FAAS	OTHER
Tin	1, 2, 4-8	3	
Lead	1-5, 7-11	6	
Zinc	1-3, 5, 6, 8	7	4 volumetric (EDTA)
Iron	1-4, 6-11	5	
Nickel	1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11	5	3, 10 photometric (dimethyl glyoxime)
Aluminium	1-5, 7-10	6	
Phosphorus	1, 2, 6, 8	-	3, 4, 5, 7 photometric (molybdenum yellow)
Arsenic	1-3, 5-10	4	
Antimony	1-3, 5-8	4	
Copper	5-7	-	3, 4 electrogravimetric 1, 2 volumetric (thiosulfate)

Notes

This Certified Reference Material has been produced and certified in accordance with the requirements of ISO Guide 34-2000, ISO Guide 31-2000 and ISO Guide 35-1989, taking into account the requirements of ASTM E1724, ASTM E1831 and the ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM).

The combination of alloying elements used in a cast material of this type may produce a structure which exhibits micro-porosity on the rear (engraved) surface of the disc. In addition, the unidirectional solidification effects associated with chill casting may lead to the formation of inhomogeneous segregates in the rear portion of the disc. The above certification is therefore only applicable from the front face of the disc to a depth of 10-12mm. Material to the rear of the disc, to a depth of ~6mm, is not certified.

This material will remain stable 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. This certification will therefore expire in January 2024, although we reserve the right to make changes as issue revisions, in the intervening period.

This material is also available in the form of chippings.

The manufacture, analysis and certification of this product were supervised by C Eveleigh, PhD, Technical Director, MBH Analytical Ltd.

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