

# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

**31X B18 (batch K)**

## Certified Reference Material Information

Type: LEADED BRASS (CHILL CAST)  
Form and Size: Disc ~40mm diameter  
Manufactured by: Polycast Ltd  
Certified and Supplied by: MBH Analytical Ltd

## Assigned Values

### Percentage element by weight

Element	Sn	Pb	Zn	Fe	Ni	Al	Si	Mn	As
Value <sup>1</sup>	0.0117	1.018	39.41	0.0237	0.0233	0.0193	0.019	0.0207	0.0215
Uncertainty <sup>2</sup>	0.0007	0.009	0.07	0.0014	0.0008	0.0006	0.001	0.0004	0.0006

Element	Bi	Sb	P	Cr	Ag	Cd	Co	Te	Cu
Value <sup>1</sup>	0.0196	0.0205	0.0195	(0.013)	0.0143	0.0254	0.0015	0.017	59.37
Uncertainty <sup>2</sup>	0.0006	0.0004	0.0013	-	0.0008	0.0008	0.0002	0.001	0.10

Note: values given in parentheses are not certified - they are provided for information only.

## Definitions

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016

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## **Method of Preparation**

This reference material was produced from commercial-purity brass, and master alloys. The discs are the product of one melt poured into a sequence of multiple chill moulds with feeding systems designed to ensure sound discs. At least 2mm has been removed from the cast faces of the discs to minimise surface effects.

## **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. The testing procedure was in accordance with ASTM E826, and the material found acceptable.

From this test data, through-batch variation values were derived for each element as an indicator of any minor compositional variation (as determined for the specific sample size and other limitations of 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 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 compositional variation of the batch for each element has been quantified by a programme of non-destructive application testing, described 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.

Of the individual results herein, some have traceability (to the mole) via primary analytical methods. Some are traceable to substances of known stoichiometry. Most have traceability via commercial solutions. Furthermore, some results have additional 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: 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 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	Sn	Pb	Zn	Fe	Ni	Al	Si	Mn	As
1	0.0098	1.0020	39.316	0.0217	0.0211	0.0172	0.0177	0.0198	0.0197
2	0.0100	1.0030	39.318	0.0221	0.0213	0.0178	0.0181	0.0199	0.0203
3	0.0101	1.0090	39.371	0.0226	0.0215	0.0183	0.0181	0.0199	0.0205
4	0.0103	1.0110	39.400	0.0228	0.0216	0.0183	0.0182	0.0201	0.0207
5	0.0106	1.0110	39.410	0.0231	0.0217	0.0185	0.0188	0.0202	0.0208
6	0.0110	1.0120	39.422	0.0231	0.0219	0.0185	0.0192	0.0202	0.0213
7	0.0116	1.0120	39.424	0.0234	0.0220	0.0190	0.0195	0.0203	0.0213
8	0.0117	1.0180	39.426	0.0238	0.0231	0.0196		0.0209	0.0216
9	0.0122	1.0190	39.443	0.0248	0.0236	0.0199		0.0209	0.0218
10	0.0123	1.0210	39.476	0.0248	0.0238	0.0200		0.0210	0.0218
11	0.0124	1.0221	39.490	0.0251	0.0238	0.0201		0.0210	0.0222
12	0.0130	1.0269		0.0252	0.0242	0.0201		0.0211	0.0226
13	0.0131	1.0280		0.0253	0.0243	0.0201		0.0212	0.0227
14	0.0131	1.0330			0.0250	0.0203		0.0213	0.0233
15	0.0132	1.0360			0.0252	0.0216		0.0214	
16	0.0135				0.0253			0.0216	
17					0.0261				
<b>Mean</b>	<b>0.0117</b>	<b>1.0176</b>	<b>39.4087</b>	<b>0.0237</b>	<b>0.0233</b>	<b>0.0193</b>	<b>0.0185</b>	<b>0.0207</b>	<b>0.0215</b>
<b>Std Dev</b>	0.0013	0.0103	0.0560	0.0012	0.0016	0.0012	0.0007	0.0006	0.0010
<b>C<sub>(95%)</sub></b>	0.0007	0.0057	0.0376	0.0008	0.0008	0.0006	0.0006	0.0003	0.0006

Sample	Bi	Sb	P	Cr	Ag	Cd	Co	Te	Cu
1	0.0188	0.0196	0.0165	0.0090	0.0133	0.0246	0.0013	0.0147	59.221
2	0.0188	0.0199	0.0165	0.0117	0.0134	0.0248	0.0014	0.0155	59.272
3	0.0190	0.0201	0.0171	0.0120	0.0134	0.0250	0.0014	0.0155	59.280
4	0.0195	0.0202	0.0188	0.0157	0.0139	0.0251	0.0015	0.0165	59.290
5	0.0196	0.0203	0.0190	0.0176	0.0140	0.0252	0.0015	0.0168	59.296
6	0.0198	0.0204	0.0195		0.0142	0.0253	0.0015	0.0171	59.306
7	0.0200	0.0206	0.0200		0.0145	0.0257	0.0016	0.0174	59.310
8	0.0200	0.0206	0.0201		0.0145	0.0262	0.0016	0.0178	59.390
9	0.0201	0.0208	0.0204		0.0151	0.0262		0.0188	59.396
10	0.0201	0.0209	0.0212		0.0152				59.515
11	0.0201	0.0209	0.0224		0.0155				59.535
12		0.0211	0.0227						59.570
13		0.0213							
<b>Mean</b>	<b>0.0196</b>	<b>0.0205</b>	<b>0.0195</b>	<b>0.0132</b>	<b>0.0143</b>	<b>0.0254</b>	<b>0.0015</b>	<b>0.0167</b>	<b>59.365</b>
<b>Std Dev</b>	0.0005	0.0005	0.0021	0.0034	0.0008	0.0006	0.0001	0.0013	0.116
<b>C<sub>(95%)</sub></b>	0.0004	0.0003	0.0013	0.0043	0.0005	0.0004	0.0001	0.0010	0.074

Note: C<sub>(95%)</sub> 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	UKASaccreditation	0239
Sheffield Analytical Services	Sheffield, UK	UKASaccreditation	0012
AnchorCert Analytical	Birmingham, UK	UKASaccreditation	0667
Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd	Milperra, NSW, Australia	NATAaccreditation	0492
Genitest Inc.	Montreal, QC, Canada	PRIIaccreditation	123077
Luo Yang Copper	Luo Yang, He Nan, China	CNALaccreditation	0173
Shandong Metallurgical & Science Research	Jinan, Shandong, China	CNASaccreditation	1461
Bureau Veritas CPS Ltd.	Chennai, India	NABLaccreditation	0025
TCR Engineering Services PVT. Ltd.	Mumbai, India	NABLaccreditation	0367
Raghavendra Spectro Metallurgical Laboratory	Bangalore, India	NABLaccreditation	0371
Institute Of Non-ferrous Metals	Gliwice, Poland	PCAAccreditation	AB274
TEC Eurolab SRL	Modena, Italy	ACCREDIAaccreditation	52
Mineral and Metallurgical Laboratories	Bangalore, India		
AMG Superalloys UK Ltd	Rotherham, UK		
Analyticka Laborator Lithea sro	Brno, Czech Republic		
Coleshill Laboratories Ltd	Coleshill, UK		

Note: to achieve the above accreditation (UKAS, 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
Tin	1, 3-11, 13, 14	12, 16	2 15 Photometric (phenyl fluorone) Volumetric (iodine)
Lead	1, 3-7, 11-13, 15	2, 8, 10	9, 14 Electro-gravimetric
Zinc	2, 3, 7, 8	-	1, 4-6, 9-11 Volumetric (EDTA)
Iron	1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 11-12	7, 10	3 13 Photometric (orthophenanthroline) Volumetric (Redox)
Nickel	1-3, 5-8, 12-15, 17	4, 10-11	9 16 Photometric (Dimethyl glyoxime) Gravimetric (dimethyl glyoxime)
Aluminium	1, 5-10, 12-15	2-4	11 Volumetric (EDTA)
Silicon	2-5, 7	-	1 6 Photometric (molybdate) Gravimetric (perchloric acid)
Manganese	1-4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14-16	5, 9, 13	6 12 Volumetric (arsenite) Photometric (periodate)
Arsenic	1-6, 8-13	7	14 Photometric (turbidity)
Bismuth	1, 2, 4-7, 9, 11	3, 10	8 Photometric (iodide)
Antimony	2-6, 8-11, 13	1	7 12 Volumetric (bromate) Photometric (crystal violet)
Phosphorus	1, 3, 5-7, 9-12	-	2, 4 8 Photometric (molybdenum yellow) Volumetric (alkalimetric)
Chromium	1-5	-	
Silver	1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11	4-6	9 Volumetric (thiocyanate)
Cadmium	1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9	3	7 Gravimetric
Cobalt	1, 4-8	2, 3	
Tellurium	1, 3-9	2	
Copper	8-12	-	1-3, 5, 7 4, 6 Volumetric (thiosulfate) Electro-gravimetric

## 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).

The unidirectional solidification effects associated with this method of chill casting, have led 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. Material to the rear of the disc, to a depth of ~3 mm, is not certified.

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 October 2036, 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 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.