

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

31X B7 (batch L)

Certified Reference Material Information

Type: 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
Value ¹	0.089	0.0416	15.34	0.099	0.0351	0.0435	0.018	0.0088
Uncertainty ²	0.002	0.0009	0.10	0.003	0.0007	0.0015	0.002	0.0004

Element	Co	As	Bi	Sb	Cd	B	Te	Cu
Value ¹	0.0044	0.0054	0.0607	0.0196	0.0064	0.0013	(0.002)	84.22
Uncertainty ²	0.0004	0.0003	0.0013	0.0010	0.0015	0.0002	-	0.06

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

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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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. Approximately 2mm has been removed from the cast faces of the discs to minimise surface effects.

Sampling

Samples for chemical analysis were taken from various positions throughout the batch. At least 15% of all discs were selected for non-destructive homogeneity testing.

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 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.

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
1	0.0846	0.0397	15.190	0.0963	0.0333	0.0409	0.0147	0.0078
2	0.0848	0.0402	15.220	0.0969	0.0337	0.0417	0.0157	0.0082
3	0.0862	0.0402	15.292	0.0969	0.0339	0.0426	0.0171	0.0084
4	0.0865	0.0406	15.310	0.0973	0.0340	0.0431	0.0175	0.0084
5	0.0868	0.0408	15.320	0.0975	0.0348	0.0435	0.0182	0.0085
6	0.0886	0.0412	15.330	0.0984	0.0351	0.0438	0.0185	0.0085
7	0.0887	0.0415	15.373	0.0985	0.0352	0.0445	0.0201	0.0085
8	0.0894	0.0415	15.381	0.0991	0.0352	0.0447	0.0201	0.0087
9	0.0896	0.0416	15.400	0.0997	0.0352	0.0452	0.0209	0.0087
10	0.0898	0.0419	15.412	0.0998	0.0354	0.0452	0.0212	0.0088
11	0.0912	0.0420	15.504	0.1000	0.0356			0.0092
12	0.0914	0.0422		0.1010	0.0364			0.0092
13	0.0923	0.0427		0.1010	0.0366			0.0093
14	0.0931	0.0437		0.1011	0.0370			0.0098
15	0.0932	0.0438						0.0098
16								0.0099
Mean	0.0891	0.0416	15.339	0.0988	0.0351	0.0435	0.0184	0.0088
Std Dev	0.0028	0.0012	0.089	0.0017	0.0011	0.0015	0.0022	0.0006
C_(95%)	0.0016	0.0007	0.060	0.0010	0.0006	0.0010	0.0016	0.0003

Sample	Co	As	Bi	Sb	Cd	B	Te	Cu
1	0.0040	0.0049	0.0581	0.0167	0.0060	0.0008	0.0012	84.171
2	0.0041	0.0050	0.0590	0.0176	0.0060	0.0010	0.0012	84.180
3	0.0041	0.0050	0.0598	0.0177	0.0061	0.0010	0.0014	84.185
4	0.0042	0.0051	0.0602	0.0178	0.0061	0.0011	0.0014	84.190
5	0.0042	0.0052	0.0605	0.0189	0.0064	0.0011	0.0030	84.196
6	0.0042	0.0054	0.0609	0.0194	0.0064	0.0011	0.0033	84.220
7	0.0043	0.0054	0.0612	0.0195	0.0064	0.0013	0.0034	84.227
8	0.0043	0.0054	0.0612	0.0195	0.0065	0.0013	0.0041	84.250
9	0.0044	0.0056	0.0614	0.0196	0.0065	0.0015		84.254
10	0.0046	0.0057	0.0617	0.0198	0.0065	0.0015		84.293
11	0.0046	0.0058	0.0620	0.0198	0.0067	0.0017		
12	0.0046	0.0060	0.0624	0.0210	0.0067	0.0017		
13	0.0046			0.0217	0.0067			
14	0.0048			0.0225	0.0068			
15				0.0225	0.0068			
Mean	0.0044	0.0054	0.0607	0.0196	0.0064	0.0013	0.0024	84.217
Std Dev	0.0002	0.0004	0.0013	0.0017	0.0003	0.0003	0.0012	0.039
C_(95%)	0.0001	0.0002	0.0008	0.0010	0.0002	0.0002	0.0010	0.028

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.

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