

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

31X NB3 (batch H)

Certified Reference Material Information

Type: NAVAL 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	Al	Si	As
Value ¹	1.67	0.197	24.64	0.113	0.0299	0.094	0.145	0.074
Uncertainty ²	0.02	0.006	0.12	0.002	0.0012	0.003	0.002	0.002

Element	Mn	Bi	Sb	P	S	B	C	Cu
Value ¹	0.0166	0.093	0.265	0.150	(0.006)	0.0026	(0.0020)	72.45
Uncertainty ²	0.0005	0.003	0.008	0.006	-	0.0003	-	0.12

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 a sequence of 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 various positions throughout the casting process. 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.

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 - 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.

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

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 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	As
1	1.647	0.192	24.49	0.106	0.0276	0.089	0.142	0.0703
2	1.651	0.193	24.5	0.112	0.0278	0.0901	0.143	0.0704
3	1.653	0.194	24.59	0.113	0.0289	0.0918	0.143	0.072
4	1.658	0.195	24.6	0.113	0.0293	0.0934	0.144	0.0740
5	1.669	0.195	24.64	0.113	0.0295	0.0944	0.145	0.0746
6	1.669	0.196	24.72	0.114	0.0298	0.095	0.146	0.0750
7	1.681	0.198	24.74	0.114	0.0301	0.097	0.147	0.0753
8	1.694	0.200	24.74	0.115	0.0313	0.0987	0.148	0.076
9	1.70	0.200	24.75	0.116	0.0318	0.0997	0.149	0.076
10	1.700	0.208		0.116	0.0331			0.0775
Mean	1.672	0.197	24.64	0.113	0.0299	0.0943	0.145	0.0741
Std Dev	0.020	0.005	0.10	0.003	0.0017	0.0037	0.002	0.0024
C_(95%)	0.015	0.003	0.08	0.002	0.0012	0.0028	0.002	0.0017

Sample	Mn	Bi	Sb	P	S	B	C	Cu
1	0.0153	0.0905	0.253	0.137	0.0023	0.0021	0.0011	72.28
2	0.0159	0.0913	0.265	0.142	0.003	0.0023	0.0017	72.39
3	0.0162	0.0930	0.265	0.149	0.0039	0.0025	0.0018	72.43
4	0.0164	0.0937	0.266	0.150	0.0056	0.0025	0.0021	72.45
5	0.0166	0.0942	0.266	0.151	0.0060	0.0027	0.0023	72.49
6	0.0169	0.0947	0.268	0.152	0.009	0.0028	0.0030	72.49
7	0.0170	0.0955	0.274	0.154	0.010	0.0032		72.60
8	0.0170			0.157	0.0106			
9	0.0174			0.162				
10	0.0177							
Mean	0.0166	0.0933	0.265	0.150	(0.006)	0.0026	(0.0020)	72.45
Std Dev	0.0007	0.0018	0.006	0.007	-	0.0004	-	0.10
C_(95%)	0.0005	0.0017	0.006	0.006	-	0.0003	-	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

Bodycote Materials Testing Ltd
Sheffield Assay Office
Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd
Central Iron & Steel Research Inst
Luo Yang Copper
Institute of Iron & Steel Technology
RWTUV Laboratory
Genitest Inc
Spectroscopic Solutions Ltd
Coleshill Laboratories Ltd
Outokumpu Copper MKM UK

Middlesbrough, England
Sheffield, England
Milperra, NSW, Australia
Beijing, China
Luo Yang, He Nan, China
Shanghai, China
Brno, Czech Republic
Montreal, Canada
Johannesburg, South Africa
Coleshill, England
Aldridge, England

UKAS accreditation 0239
UKAS accreditation 0012
NATA accreditation 492
CNAL accreditation 0435
CNAL accreditation 0173
CNAL accreditation 0783
CAI accreditation 1060

Note: to achieve National Accreditation (eg UKAS, NATA, CNAL, CAI), 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	1-9	-	10 volumetric (iodate)
Lead	1-3, 5-9	4	10 volumetric (EDTA)
Zinc	1-4, 7	9	5, 6, 8 volumetric (EDTA)
Iron	1, 4-10	3	2 photometric (orthophenanthroline)
Nickel	1-7, 9	8	10 photometric (dimethyl glyoxime)
Aluminium	1-6, 8, 9	7	
Silicon	2-4, 6-9	-	1, 5 photometric (molybdenum blue)
Arsenic	1-6, 9, 10	8	7 photometric (turbidity)
Manganese	1-4, 6, 8-10	5, 7	
Bismuth	1, 3, 4, 6, 7	2, 5	
Antimony	1-4, 7	6	5 ICP-MS
Phosphorus	3-5, 7-9	-	1, 2, 6 photometric (molybdenum yellow)
Sulfur	-	-	all combustion (infra-red detection)
Boron	1, 2, 5-7	-	3, 4 photometric (circumin)
Carbon	-	-	all combustion (infra-red detection)
Copper	3	-	1, 5 electrogravimetric
			2, 4, 6 volumetric (thiosulfate)
			7 photometric (BCO)

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 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 December 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.