

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

31X TB3 (batch K)

Certified Reference Material Information

Type: TRACE ELEMENTS IN BRASS (CHILL CAST)
Form and Size: Disc 40mm Diameter x ~17mm Thickness
Manufactured by: Polycast Ltd
Certified and Supplied by: MBH Analytical Ltd

Assigned Values

Percentage element by weight

Element	Sn	Pb	Zn	Fe	Ni	Mn	Si
Value ¹	0.089	0.169	37.92	0.0282	0.0637	0.0244	0.016
Uncertainty ²	0.003	0.008	0.10	0.0013	0.0013	0.0007	0.002

Element	Al	As	Bi	Sb	B	Cd	Cu
Value ¹	0.0045	0.0454	0.0030	0.0222	(0.0005)	0.0043	61.58
Uncertainty ²	0.0004	0.0016	0.0004	0.0017	-	0.0004	0.08

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. 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 casting process. At least 15% 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 or internationally-recognized 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	Mn	Si
1	0.0827	0.153	37.75	0.0241	0.0591	0.023	0.0115
2	0.0832	0.155	37.78	0.0254	0.0612	0.0236	0.0139
3	0.0840	0.156	37.85	0.0263	0.0613	0.0236	0.014
4	0.0855	0.158	37.86	0.027	0.0628	0.0236	0.0141
5	0.0855	0.159	37.90	0.0273	0.0632	0.0236	0.0147
6	0.086	0.168	37.91	0.0273	0.0633	0.0237	0.0148
7	0.0885	0.171	37.95	0.0283	0.0637	0.0240	0.0156
8	0.0902	0.174	37.96	0.0295	0.0647	0.0243	0.0176
9	0.0916	0.181	38.02	0.0300	0.065	0.0244	0.0177
10	0.0933	0.183	38.05	0.0301	0.0652	0.0247	0.0182
11	0.0955	0.183	38.08	0.0301	0.0655	0.0261	0.019
12	0.0968	0.184		0.0306	0.0661	0.0261	0.0217
13	0.097			0.0310	0.067	0.0268	
Mean	0.089	0.169	37.92	0.0282	0.0637	0.0244	0.0161
Std Dev	0.005	0.012	0.11	0.0022	0.0022	0.0012	0.0028
C_(95%)	0.003	0.008	0.07	0.0013	0.0013	0.0007	0.0018

Sample	Al	As	Bi	Sb	B	Cd	Cu
1	0.0035	0.0422	0.0023	0.0182	0.0002	0.0035	61.50
2	0.0036	0.0427	0.0024	0.0187	0.0004	0.0035	61.51
3	0.0039	0.0427	0.0027	0.0192	0.0004	0.0037	61.51
4	0.0041	0.0429	0.0027	0.0197	0.0005	0.0038	61.54
5	0.0043	0.0440	0.0028	0.0211	0.0007	0.0041	61.60
6	0.0044	0.0454	0.0028	0.0212	0.0007	0.0042	61.64
7	0.0045	0.0457	0.0030	0.0219	<0.001	0.0042	61.64
8	0.0045	0.0459	0.0033	0.0223	<0.001	0.0044	61.69
9	0.0046	0.0467	0.0033	0.0235		0.0045	
10	0.0047	0.0481	0.0035	0.0250		0.0046	
11	0.0047	0.0486	0.0042	0.025		0.0051	
12	0.0051	0.0500		0.0261		0.0052	
13	0.0064			0.0267		0.0053	
Mean	0.0045	0.0454	0.0030	0.0222	(0.0005)	0.0043	61.58
Std Dev	0.0007	0.0026	0.0005	0.0029	-	0.0006	0.07
C_(95%)	0.0004	0.0016	0.0004	0.0017	-	0.0004	0.06

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
Sheffield Assay Office
Genitest, Inc
Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd
Institute of Iron & Steel Technology
Luo Yang Copper
Laboratory TUV-Nord Czech
Sargam Metals Pvt Ltd
TCR Engineering Services Ltd
Raghavendra Spectromet Laboratory
Colonial Metals Co
De Bruyn Spectroscopic Solutions Ltd
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Wednesbury, England

UKAS accreditation 0239
UKAS accreditation 0012
PRI accreditation 123077
NATA accreditation 492
CNAL accreditation 0783
CNAL accreditation 0173
CAI accreditation 1060
NABL accreditation 0025
NABL accreditation 0367
NABL accreditation 0371

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

Analytical Methods Used

ELEMENT	RESULT No. & METHOD				
	ICP-AES	ICP-MS	FAAS	OTHER	
Tin	1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 12	-	2, 10, 13	5	volumetric (iodate)
Lead	1-4, 8-12	-	5, 6, 7		
Zinc	1-3, 5, 8	-	-	6, 7, 9-11 4	volumetric (EDTA) XRF
Iron	1, 4-8, 11-13	-	2, 3, 9, 10		
Nickel	1-4, 6, 7, 10-13	-	5, 8, 9		
Manganese	1-7, 11, 13	-	8-10, 12		
Silicon	2-8	-	-	1, 9-11 12	photometric (molybdenum yellow) gravimetric (perchloric acid)
Aluminium	1, 3, 6, 8-12	2	5, 7	4, 13	photometric (chrome azurol S)
Arsenic	2-10, 12	1	11		
Bismuth	1, 3-6, 9, 10	2	7, 8, 11		
Antimony	2-5, 7, 9-11, 13	-	1, 6, 8, 12		
Boron	1-8	-	-		
Cadmium	2-4, 7-10, 12, 13	11	1, 5, 6		
Copper	5, 7, 8	-	-	1-4 6	electrogravimetric 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 the ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM).

The unidirectional solidification effects associated with chill casting have led to the formation of inhomogeneous segregates in the rear portion of the disc. However, testing has shown that the above certification is applicable from the front face of the disc to a depth of 12mm. Material to the rear of the disc, to a depth of ~5mm, 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 August 2028, 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.

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.