

# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

**31X TB3 (batch L)****Certified Reference Material Information**

Type: TRACE ELEMENTS IN 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	Mn	Co	Cd
Value <sup>1</sup>	0.133	0.118	37.00	0.040	0.0316	0.044	0.0344	0.0043	0.0078
Uncertainty <sup>2</sup>	0.003	0.003	0.11	0.002	0.0013	0.002	0.0011	0.0002	0.0005

Element	Si	As	Bi	Sb	Ag	Te	B	Cu
Value <sup>1</sup>	0.020	0.0478	0.0085	0.0530	0.011	0.0025	0.0014	62.42
Uncertainty <sup>2</sup>	0.002	0.0015	0.0005	0.0015	0.001	0.0003	0.0001	0.10

**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 uncertainties are value judgements, based on 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.

For all accepted material, 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, 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	Mn	Co	Cd
1	0.1250	0.1117	36.88	0.0352	0.0278	0.0403	0.0318	0.0038	0.0070
2	0.1280	0.1117	36.92	0.0380	0.0282	0.0412	0.0324	0.0038	0.0070
3	0.1285	0.1140	36.94	0.0384	0.0292	0.0414	0.0330	0.0038	0.0072
4	0.1293	0.1159	36.94	0.0385	0.0293	0.0424	0.0334	0.0041	0.0075
5	0.1294	0.1163	36.95	0.0391	0.0297	0.0426	0.0336	0.0041	0.0075
6	0.1326	0.1180	37.01	0.0399	0.0307	0.0427	0.0337	0.0042	0.0076
7	0.1340	0.1182	37.03	0.0400	0.0313	0.0430	0.0340	0.0042	0.0077
8	0.1350	0.1200	37.05	0.0401	0.0319	0.0436	0.0344	0.0043	0.0078
9	0.1358	0.1200	37.06	0.0407	0.0321	0.0446	0.0347	0.0043	0.0079
10	0.1360	0.1207	37.19	0.0409	0.0321	0.0446	0.0348	0.0043	0.0079
11	0.1360	0.1217		0.0426	0.0326	0.0453	0.0349	0.0044	0.0079
12	0.1360	0.1218		0.0428	0.0335	0.0464	0.0354	0.0044	0.0083
13	0.1364	0.1223		0.0445	0.0336	0.0469	0.0354	0.0045	0.0085
14	0.1400	0.1246			0.0340	0.0470	0.0360	0.0049	0.0087
15					0.0340		0.0362	0.0050	0.0089
16					0.0354		0.0374		
<b>Mean</b>	<b>0.1330</b>	<b>0.1184</b>	<b>37.00</b>	<b>0.0401</b>	<b>0.0316</b>	<b>0.0437</b>	<b>0.0344</b>	<b>0.0043</b>	<b>0.0078</b>
<b>Std Dev</b>	0.0043	0.0040	0.09	0.0024	0.0023	0.0022	0.0015	0.0004	0.0006
<b>C<sub>(95%)</sub></b>	0.0025	0.0023	0.06	0.0014	0.0012	0.0013	0.0008	0.0002	0.0003

Sample	Si	As	Bi	Sb	Ag	Te	B	Cu
1	0.0150	0.0446	0.0076	0.0510	0.0094	0.0020	0.0010	62.32
2	0.0171	0.0459	0.0080	0.0511	0.0095	0.0020	0.0011	62.33
3	0.0179	0.0473	0.0082	0.0518	0.0095	0.0021	0.0012	62.33
4	0.0189	0.0476	0.0082	0.0522	0.0096	0.0023	0.0013	62.39
5	0.0190	0.0480	0.0084	0.0522	0.0102	0.0026	0.0013	62.43
6	0.0196	0.0485	0.0084	0.0523	0.0104	0.0027	0.0014	62.44
7	0.0199	0.0490	0.0085	0.0531	0.0105	0.0028	0.0015	62.46
8	0.0201	0.0491	0.0086	0.0543	0.0106	0.0031	0.0015	62.49
9	0.0208	0.0497	0.0087	0.0544	0.0107		0.0016	62.49
10	0.0221	0.0500	0.0087	0.0549	0.0108		0.0016	62.49
11	0.0225		0.0089	0.0557	0.0109		0.0016	
12	0.0245		0.0090		0.0124			
13			0.0099		0.0124			
14					0.0126			
<b>Mean</b>	<b>0.0198</b>	<b>0.0478</b>	<b>0.0085</b>	<b>0.0530</b>	<b>0.0107</b>	<b>0.0025</b>	<b>0.0014</b>	<b>62.42</b>
<b>Std Dev</b>	0.0025	0.0017	0.0006	0.0016	0.0011	0.0004	0.0002	0.07
<b>C<sub>(95%)</sub></b>	0.0016	0.0012	0.0003	0.0011	0.0006	0.0003	0.0001	0.05

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

Element Ltd	Middlesbrough, England	UKAS accreditation 0239
Sheffield Analytical Services Ltd	Sheffield, England	UKAS accreditation 0012
Anchorcert Analytical	Birmingham, England	UKAS accreditation 0667
Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd	Milperra, NSW, Australia	NATA accreditation 0492
Shanghai Jinyi Test Technology Co	Shanghai, China	CNAL accreditation 0783
Luo Yang Copper	Luo Yang, He Nan, China	CNAL accreditation 0173
Genitest, Inc	Montreal, Canada	PJ accreditation 95510
Raghavendra Spectromet Laboratory	Bangalore, India	NABL accreditation 0371
TCR Engineering Services Pvt Ltd	Mumbai, India	NABL Accreditation 0367
Institute of Non-Ferrous Metals	Gliwice, Poland	PCA accreditation AB274
TEC-Eurolab SRL	Modena, Italy	Accredia accreditation 52
INCDMNR-IMNR	Pantelimon, Romania	
Mineral & Metallurgical Laboratories	Bangalore, India	
AMG Superalloys UK Ltd	Rotherham, England	
Analyticka Laborator Lithea sro	Brno, Czech Republic	

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	2-8, 11-14	1, 9, 10	
Lead	1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14	4, 8, 12	
Zinc	2, 9, 10	8	1, 3-7 volumetric (EDTA)
Iron	1, 4-6, 8-12	2, 7	3 volumetric (redox)
Nickel	1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-15	2, 4, 12, 16	13 photometric (orthophenanthroline)
Aluminium	2-9, 11, 13, 14	10, 12	10 gravimetric (dimethyl glyoxime)
Manganese	2-4, 6-11, 13-15	5, 12, 16	1 volumetric (EDTA)
Cobalt	2, 3, 5-12, 15	1, 4, 13, 14	1 volumetric (arsenite)
Cadmium	1-6, 8-11, 13	7, 12, 14, 15	
Silicon	2, 4, 6-11	-	1, 3, 5, 12 photometric (molybdenum yellow)
Arsenic	1-6, 9, 10	8	7 photometric (turbidity)
Bismuth	1-7, 9, 10, 12	8, 11, 13	
Antimony	1-6, 8, 9, 11	10	7 photometric (crystal violet)
Silver	1-4, 6-9, 12, 14	5, 10, 11, 13	
Tellurium	2-8	1	
Boron	1-11	-	
Copper	1-3	-	4, 7, 9, 10 volumetric (thiosulfate)
			5, 6, 8 electrogravimetric

## Notes

This Certified Reference Material has been produced and certified, wherever possible, in accordance with the requirements of ISO 17034 and the associated Guides, 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 to a depth of 12mm. 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 2039, 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, for the calibration or control of methods involving dissolution.

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.