

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

34X NS2 (batch F)

Certified Reference Material Information

Type: NICKEL SILVER (CHILL CAST)
Form and Size: Disc 42mm Diameter x 17mm Thickness
Manufactured by: Polycast Limited
Certified and Supplied by: MBH Analytical Limited

Certified Analysis

Percentage element by weight

Element	Sn	Pb	Zn	Fe	Ni	Co	P
Value ¹	0.019	0.063	25.31	0.085	13.39	0.0118	0.0091
Uncertainty ²	0.002	0.003	0.12	0.004	0.07	0.0006	0.0006

Element	Si	Mn	Cr	S	Mg	Ag	Cu
Value ¹	(0.003)	0.0013	(0.001)	(0.020)	<0.0005	0.0026	61.09
Uncertainty ²	-	0.0004	-	-	-	0.0003	0.15

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. 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. One disc was checked for vertical uniformity using the same method.

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, 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

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	Co	P
1	0.0152	0.0586	25.20	0.0784	13.29	0.0103	0.0080
2	0.0166	0.0602	25.25	0.0786	13.31	0.0103	0.0081
3	0.0169	0.0606	25.27	0.0797	13.32	0.0109	0.0083
4	0.0172	0.0607	25.30	0.0821	13.35	0.0115	0.0086
5	0.0180	0.0612	25.33	0.0837	13.39	0.0118	0.0088
6	0.0187	0.0615	25.34	0.0838	13.40	0.0120	0.0089
7	0.020	0.0618	25.35	0.0858	13.45	0.0123	0.0091
8	0.0202	0.0624	25.42	0.0889	13.48	0.0125	0.0093
9	0.0206	0.0664		0.0900	13.50	0.0126	0.0100
10	0.0246	0.069		0.0949		0.0127	0.0101
11		0.0698				0.0130	0.0104
Mean	0.019	0.063	25.31	0.085	13.39	0.0118	0.0091
Std Dev	0.003	0.004	0.07	0.005	0.08	0.0010	0.0008
C_(95%)	0.002	0.003	0.06	0.004	0.06	0.0006	0.0006

Sample	Si	Mn	Cr	S	Mg	Ag	Cu
1	0.0015	0.0008	0.0001	0.0126	0.0001	0.0020	60.90
2	0.0016	0.0008	0.0002	0.0127	0.0001	0.0023	60.93
3	0.0017	0.0011	0.0003	0.017	0.0001	0.0024	61.00
4	0.0031	0.0013	0.0007	0.0184	0.0002	0.0024	61.05
5	0.0032	0.0014	0.0010	0.0212	<0.0002	0.0026	61.11
6	0.0034	0.0016	0.0010	0.0226	<0.0005	0.0027	61.19
7	0.0044	0.0017	0.0013	0.0240	<0.001	0.0030	61.23
8	0.0057	0.0020	0.0015	0.0288		0.0031	61.30
Mean	(0.003)	0.0013	(0.001)	(0.020)	<0.0005	0.0026	61.09
Std Dev	-	0.0004	-	-	-	0.0004	0.14
C_(95%)	-	0.0004	-	-	-	0.0003	0.12

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	Middlesbrough, England	UKAS accreditation 0239
Sheffield Assay Office	Sheffield, England	UKAS accreditation 0012
Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd	Milperra, NSW, Australia	NATA accreditation 0492
Institute of Iron & Steel Technology	Shanghai, China	CNAL accreditation 0783
Luo Yang Copper	Luo Yang, He Nan, China	CNAL accreditation 0173
Sargam Metals Pvt Ltd	Chennai, India	NABL accreditation 0025
TCR Engineering Services Ltd	Mumbai, India	NABL Accreditation 0367
Spectroscopic Solutions Ltd	Johannesburg, South Africa	
Genitest, Inc	Montreal, Canada	
Coleshill Laboratories Ltd	Coleshill, England	

Note: to achieve National Accreditation (eg UKAS, NATA, CNAL, NABL), 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	4-7, 9, 10	1	2, 3 8 photometric (phenyl fluorone) ICP-MS
Lead	1, 4-6, 9, 10	2, 3, 7, 8, 11	
Zinc	3, 6, 7	1	2, 4, 5, 8 volumetric (EDTA)
Iron	5-9	1-4, 10	
Nickel	1, 2, 6, 8, 9	-	3, 4 5, 7 volumetric (dimethyl glyoxime/EDTA) gravimetric (dimethyl glyoxime)
Cobalt	2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11	1, 4, 7, 9, 10	
Phosphorus	1, 3, 6, 7, 9	-	2, 4, 5, 11 8 10 photometric (molybdenum yellow) ICP-MS volumetric (alkalimetric)
Silicon	2, 3, 7, 8	-	1, 4, 5, 6 photometric (molybdenum blue)
Manganese	4, 5, 7, 8	1, 2, 3	6 ICP-MS
Chromium	2, 4, 6, 7	1, 3, 5	8 ICP-MS
Sulfur	-	-	1-5, 8 6, 7 combustion (infra-red detection) combustion (volumetric detection)
Magnesium	3, 5-7	1, 2, 4	
Silver	1-3, 7	5, 6, 8	4 ICP-MS
Copper	1, 6	-	2, 4, 5 3, 7, 8 volumetric (thiosulfate) electrogravimetric

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 and 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. The above certification is therefore only applicable from the front face of the disc to a depth of ~10mm. Material to the rear of the disc, to a depth of ~7mm, 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 September 2026, 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.