

# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

**81X PMg1 (batch A)**

## Reference Material Information

Type: LEAD WITH MAGNESIUM (CAST)

Form and Size: Disc ~40mm diameter

Produced by: MBH Analytical Ltd

Certified and supplied by: MBH Analytical Ltd

## Assigned Values

### Percentage element by weight

Element	Mg	Al
Value <sup>1</sup>	1.15	0.022
Uncertainty <sup>2</sup>	0.05	0.002

## Definitions

- <sup>1</sup> The certified values are the present best estimate of the true content for each element. These values are based on the average of multiple tests performed by a single laboratory.
- <sup>2</sup> The uncertainty value has been generated by a combination of the various sources of potential error within the analytical process, and the batch homogeneity assessment.

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on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009

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## **Method of Preparation**

This reference material was produced from commercial purity lead, with the addition of magnesium alloyed with ~2% of aluminium. The melt was cast by sequential transfer of aliquots into individual iron moulds. Approximately 1mm has been removed from the working face of each disc, to minimise any surface effects.

## **Sampling**

Samples for chemical analysis were taken from the cast face of one disc. Otherwise, 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. Each face was sparked 5 times. Some minor local segregation was noted, up to 5% (RSD) within any one disc. Using the combined data for each surface, statistical analysis showed that gross segregation within the batch did not exceed 5%.

No vertical testing was performed on this material. Reference to the technical literature for this alloy type suggests there would be no expectation for gross segregation. However, with due caution it is appropriate to use only the first 5mm of the disc. The remaining ~10mm of thickness should not be used.

## **Chemical Analysis**

Analysis was carried out on millings taken from one sample representative of the product. It was performed by a single laboratory with accreditation to EN ISO/IEC 17025 - 2005, using documented standard reference methods.

## **Traceability**

The analytical work performed to assess this material has been carried out by one laboratory with proven competence, as indicated by 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.

## **Usage**

Intended use: With optical emission and X-ray fluorescence spectrometers.

Recommended method of use: Lead and its alloys are generally prepared by machining on 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.

## **Participating Laboratories**

Wet analysis:	Universal Scientific Laboratory Pty Ltd	Milperra, NSW, Australia	NATA accreditation 0492
Homogeneity:	Belec Spektrometrie	Georgsmarienhutte, Germany	

## **Analytical Method Used**

Both magnesium and aluminium were analysed by flame Atomic Absorption.

## **Notes**

This material is liable to superficial corrosion, and there is some possibility of microstructural changes due to recrystallisation; however, it will otherwise 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 November 2029, although we reserve the right to make changes as issue revisions, in the intervening period.

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.