

Metal alloy proficiency testing program



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The ARMI Metal Alloy Proficiency Testing Program (PTP) measures analytical performance against a CRM's actual certified value and against peer results.This twopronged approach to proficiency testing is unique in the metals industry and has made the ARMI PTP the proficiency test of choice within the metals industry.

Typical proficiency testing protocol for the metals industry

Typically, PTPs use round-robin methodology which can take weeks or months after data submission to be compiled and compared. This process can create a long lag time between data submission and receipt of results. In the interim, any ongoing analytical errors continue without corrective action.





- · Receive fast, easy-to-interpret results
- Monitor & improve measurements processes
- · Demonstrate analytical competency
- Method and instrument validation
- · Satisfy third party accreditors needs

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Benchmark Proficiency Testing

In more than 30 years of producing certified reference Materials (CRMs), we have amassed a data bank of chemical results for more than 400 ferrous and non-ferrous metal alloys. We use this data bank for comparison, which means we can offer alloys and compare elements not commonly available in other PT programs. Our PT program is ISO 17043 accredited.

Our program compares participants' data to a benchmark-a CRM test sample traceable to NIST values which has been thoroughly examined for homogeneity and rigorously, statistically characterized during the certification process. Outliers have been identified and eliminated. For many of our CRM's we have combined data collected from our PTP testing program in prior rounds, resulting in an unparalleled comparison of our subscribers' analytical results. Our unique approach to proficiency testing has made the ARMI program the most accurate available to the metal alloy industry.

How the ARMI PT program works:

- 1. You select the date and frequency (monthly, quarterly, biannually or annually).
- 2. You choose the type of material and sample configuration (solids, chips or pins).
- 3. We provide you with a blind sample from our stock of CRMs based on your selection.
- 4. You analyze the blind sample, and email or fax your results to us.
- 5. You receive rapid feedback. All results are confidential.

Your report will include:

- A color-coded Certificate of Performance which compares your results with the results used to generate the value assignment of the CRM
- A color-coded control chart graphically depicting your data compared to the value assignment for each element examined
- A Certificate of Analysis of the reference material used.







Color-coding provides you with the instantaneous ability to determine the quality of your analytical performance.

Green — indicates data within the acceptable 2 Sigma range above or below the mean.

Yellow — indicates data that have fallen outside the 2 Sigma range but within the 3 Sigma range.

Red — indicates data that have fallen outside the 3 Sigma limit and are possibly out of control.

Note: Your color-coded hard copy will be sent to you by regular mail.

Commitment and Confidentiality

The sole goal of the ARMI Benchmark PTP is to provide impartial, accurate, and confidential assessment of your quality program. Your results will never be shared with anyone other than you. Whether you operate in a single instrument, multi-instrument and/or multitechnique environment, our proficiency testing program can be easily and economically integrated into your laboratory routine to greatly enhance your ongoing efforts to provide the highest quality products possible.

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Proficiency Testing Program (PTP)

Certificate of Performance

Subscriber: TQA Metals Laboratory Material Grade: AISI 1018 / IARM 28B Code: P															Code: PT#	# 15155					
Sorted	Al	As	В	С	Ca	Со	Cr	Cu	Mn	Mo	N	Nb	Ni	0	Р	S	Si	Sn	Ti	V	
1	0.0004	0.0065	0.0001	0.1727	0.001	0.009	0.126	0.342	0.73	0.025	0.0078	0.0006	0.119	0.0066	0.008	0.0233	0.2	0.012	0.0001	0.001	
2	0.0006	0.007	0.0001	0.175	0.0014	0.0094	0.126	0.349	0.73	0.026	0.00793	0.001	0.119	0.0068	0.0085	0.026	0.21	0.013	0.0003	0.001	
3	0.001	0.007	0.0001	0.177	0.0015	0.0096	0.128	0.35	0.73	0.027	0.0087	0.001	0.1193	0.0068	0.0085	0.0261	0.216	0.013	0.0009	0.0012	
4	0.0017	0.0077	0.0001	0.178	0.0018	0.0097	0.1289	0.351	0.7338	0.027	0.0089	0.0012	0.12	0.0068	0.0086	0.0272	0.217	0.0133	0.001	0.0015	
5	0.002	0.0078	0.0001	0.1786	0.00185	0.0099	0.13	0.3549	0.7349	0.028	0.0089	0.002	0.1202	0.00703	0.0088	0.0277	0.2179	0.0136	0.001	0.0018	
6	0.002	0.0078	0.00015	0.179	0.002	0.01	0.13	0.3557	0.74	0.028	0.009	0.002	0.121	0.0071	0.0089	0.028	0.221	0.0139	0.001	0.002	
7	0.002	0.0078	0.00017	0.179	0.0024	0.01	0.13	0.357	0.744	0.0286	0.009	0.002	0.123	0.0074	0.009	0.028	0.222	0.014	0.0012	0.002	
8	0.002	0.008	0.00019	0.18	0.0024	0.01	0.13	0.36	0.745	0.029	0.009	0.002	0.123	0.0075	0.009	0.028	0.2228	0.014	0.002	0.002	
9	0.0028	0.0082	0.0002	0.18	0.0025	0.01	0.13	0.362	0.7453	0.029	0.0091	0.002	0.124		0.009	0.028	0.224	0.014	0.002	0.002	
10	0.003	0.009	0.0002	0.18	0.0026	0.0108	0.1304	0.365	0.747	0.029	0.0091	0.0027	0.125		0.0091	0.0284	0.2244	0.014	0.002	0.002	
11	0.0032	0.009	0.0002	0.183	0.0026	0.011	0.131	0.366	0.748	0.029	0.0092	0.003	0.126		0.0092	0.0286	0.2262	0.0141	0.0021	0.0022	
12	0.0038	0.0092	0.00026	0.183	0.00274	0.012	0.1314	0.3687	0.748	0.0296	0.0093		0.1269		0.0095	0.029	0.229	0.0146	0.00219	0.0029	
13	0.004	0.01	0.0003	0.1834	0.0035	0.012	0.133	0.369	0.75	0.03	0.0094		0.127		0.0096	0.029	0.23	0.0147	0.0022	0.003	
14	0.004		0.00034	0.184		0.013	0.133	0.369	0.751	0.03	0.0094		0.1286		0.01	0.0295	0.231	0.0148	0.0023	0.0034	
15	0.0043			0.184		0.015	0.134	0.3696	0.7526	0.0302	0.0095		0.13		0.01	0.03	0.235	0.015	0.00231	0.0035	
16	0.0043			0.1846		0.016	0.1343	0.37	0.7554	0.0303	0.0096		0.13		0.0105	0.0304	0.239	0.015	0.0024	0.0035	
17	0.005			0.186			0.1349	0.3708	0.756	0.031	0.0097		0.13		0.011	0.0307	0.24	0.0156	0.0025	0.004	
18	0.0069			0.1873			0.139	0.372	0.757	0.0311	0.0099		0.1317		0.011	0.031	0.241	0.0158	0.00251		
19	0.007			0.188			0.14	0.377	0.77	0.033	0.01		0.132		0.0112	0.032	0.2411	0.016	0.004		
20	0.0072			0.189			0.14	0.38	0.77	0.034	0.0102		0.133		0.012	0.0328	0.244	0.016	0.004		
Mean	0.0032	0.0080	0.0002	0.1817	0.0021	0.0110	0.1319	0.3640	0.7464	0.0291	0.0092	0.0016	0.1254	0.0070	0.0096	0.0290	0.2267	0.0144	0.0020	0.0023	
Std Dev	0.0019	0.0010	0.0001	0.0044	0.0007	0.0021	0.0042	0.0091	0.0119	0.0022	0.0006	0.0009	0.0049	0.0003	0.0011	0.0018	0.0118	0.0011	0.0010	0.0009	
Z-Score	2.11	1.20	0.00	-0.61	0.57	0.48	0.26	-2.42	0.81	0.86	-0.50	0.44	0.12	-0.67	-0.64	-3.17	-0.23	-1.27	-1.90	-0.89	

Note 1: Subscriber data is inserted and sorted without recalculation of the mean and standard deviation.

Note 2: In order to provide PTP subscribers with a larger population of data for comparison, effective June 15, 1994, the "Certifica original "Benchmark" data acquired during the ARMI certification process as well as data that has been submitted by PTP subscrib

CAUTION! Since the test samples are actual Certified Reference Materials, they may also be used for calibrations, type standards,





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