

# Analytical Reference Materials International

## Certificate of Analysis Certified Reference Material



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### Interpretation of Data

1. Certified values listed below reflect analysis results submitted by qualified analytical laboratories using a combination of methods and instrumentation that emulate actual methods and instrumental techniques currently utilized in the analytical community and are reported as % wt. unless otherwise noted.
2. Any data reported and enclosed by a **parentheses ( )** is a **"best estimate"** and is **NOT CERTIFIED**. This data could not be quantified sufficiently for certification. It was however, reported by enough laboratories to be considered as potentially present in the matrix of the material being examined.
3. The "Inter-laboratory Analysis Program" (ILAP) utilized in the establishment of the data are an ongoing program with permanent membership. Certain elements may be selected by a consensus of the members for more extensive testing. Therefore the data in **brackets [ ]** indicates **further testing is in process**.
4. The **"±Estimated Uncertainty"** is enclosed by a **parentheses ( )** below the individual **element's concentration** and is based on a Confidence Interval at 95%. Included in this estimated uncertainty, are the combined effects of method imprecision, material inhomogeneity, and any bias between methods.

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<u>Aluminum</u> 0.01 (0.002)	<u>Antimony</u> 0.016 (0.002)	<u>Arsenic</u> 0.016 (0.002)	<u>Boron</u> (0.002)	<u>Calcium</u> (0.0005)	<u>Carbon</u> 1.398 (0.002)	<u>Chromium</u> 4.1 (0.1)	<u>Cobalt</u> 0.129 (0.004)
<u>Copper</u> 0.13 (0.005)	<u>Lead</u> (0.002)	<u>Manganese</u> 0.33 (0.004)	<u>Molybdenum</u> 5.16 (0.04)	<u>Nickel</u> 0.131 (0.003)	<u>Niobium</u> 0.016 (0.003)	<u>Nitrogen</u> 0.044 (0.001)	<u>Oxygen</u> (0.01)
<u>Phosphorus</u> 0.014 (0.002)	<u>Sulfur</u> 0.058 (0.002)	<u>Silicon</u> 0.58 (0.01)	<u>Tin</u> 0.011 (0.001)	<u>Titanium</u> 0.003 (0.0005)	<u>Tungsten</u> 5.5 (0.1)	<u>Vanadium</u> 3.9 (0.1)	<u>Zirconium</u> (0.002)

The laboratories participating in the "Inter-Laboratory Analysis Program" (ILAP) and certification of this material are as follows:

AK Steel, Butler Works - Butler, PA  
Anderson Laboratories, Inc. - Greendale, WI  
Colorado Metallurgical Services - Denver, CO  
Jorgensen Forge Corp. - Seattle, WA  
Rautaruukki Oyj - Raahel, Finland  
Staveley Services Materials Testing - Gary, IN  
Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corp. - Mingo Junction, OH

Allvac Lockport - Lockport, NY  
Carpenter Technology Corporation - Reading, PA  
Crucible Specialty Metals - Syracuse, NY  
Laboratory Testing, Inc. - Hatfield, PA  
Republic Engineered Products - Canton, OH  
The Timken Company - Canton, OH

**Traceability:** All members of the "Inter-Laboratory Analysis Program" (ILAP) listed above validate test methods and instrument performance utilizing SRMs produced by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, (NIST) as well as other CRMs and RMs produced by recognized Certifying Bodies from around the world. The specific SRMs, CRMs and RMs applicable to the material covered by this certificate are: NIST 1254, 1261, 1262, 1265, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, BS 11, 13, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, ST 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, LST 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, IARM 27B, 28A, 29A, 29B, 30A, 30B, 31A, 31B, 32A, 32B, 33A, 34A, 34B, 35A, 35B, 36A, 37A, 38A, 39A, 40A, 41A, 42A, 43A, 44A, 45A, 46A, 47A, 48A, 49A, 49B, 156A, 166A, 167A, 168A, 180A, 183A, NIST 1157, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 337a, 1754, JSS ST01, ST02, ST03, ST04, ST05, ST06, 168-4, 169-4, 170-4, 171-4, 172-4, 173-4, 174-4, 175-4, 611-5, BAS 401/1, 402/1, 403/1, 404/1, 405/1, 406/1, 407/1, 408/2, 409/2, 410/2, 14, 14B, XEEH, XAAS, XCCV, XCCS, CA-1, CA-2, CA-3, CA-4, CA1A, CA2A, CA3A, LECO 501-510, 501-645, NIST 73C, IARM 32A, 32B, 44A, BS 11A, 12A, 33A, 35B, 37A, 37B, AK 220790, NIST 50C, 132B, 132B, 133A, 134, 1091A, NIST 837, BS 32D, 37D, 47, 9905, CLAXTON M2, LECO 501-553, BS 2942, BAS 289-1, IS 0051A, 0067A, IC 68720, LECO 501-647, BS 32C, TO-M2, NIST 132A, 339, 50C, 153, CTM4, IARM 39B, 42B, 44B, NIST 343A, 73, AR 889, LECO 501-553, NIST 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1157, IARM 44B, BS 32C, 32D, CSN2-1, CSN2-2, BCS 170/4, CT151, CT685, CT689, LECO 501-506, 501-510, 502-106, 501-644, In-House ALV99, V71198, IARM 44A, IARM 44B, SS 486/1, SS 487/1, 486, BCS 453-1, EU 482-2, 274-1, 276-2, 195-1, JSS GS-6B, LECO 501-645, 501-644, 501-550

A specific line of traceability is established to NIST and other Certifying Bodies for those elements that are noted as "Certified Values" on the Certificates of Analyses referenced above.

**See Reverse Side for Statistical Data and Additional Information Regarding this Material.**

The following data and accompanying statements represent all pertinent information reported in the ILAP as it applies to the chemical characterization of this material as of 5/10/2006.

251A	Al	As	B	C	Co	Cr	Cu	Mn	Mo	N	Nb	Ni	O	P	Pb
1	0.010	0.0199	0.0014	1.400	0.130	3.930	0.140	0.330	5.135	0.04259	0.0193	0.135	0.0042	0.013	0.0025
2	0.0079	0.0138	0.0014	1.397	0.121	4.202	0.122	0.321	5.220	0.0437	0.016	0.129	0.0055	0.019	0.0010
3	0.0160	0.017	0.0007	1.394	0.129	4.018	0.129	0.333	5.128	0.0421	0.0104	0.128	0.0094	0.0128	0.0012
4	0.0151	0.017	0.0016	1.4030	0.1214	4.228	0.1296	0.3194	5.047	0.0431	0.020	0.1271	0.0080	0.0141	0.003
5	0.0040	0.0155	0.0023	1.396	0.121	3.881	0.133	0.321	5.081	0.0453	0.018	0.128	0.0044	0.0123	0.0015
6	0.008	0.0147	0.0020	1.394	0.134	4.074	0.151	0.325	5.195	0.0428	0.0157	0.131	0.0123	0.0125	
7	0.0027			1.400	0.133	3.927	0.127	0.328	5.11	0.0450	0.016	0.128	0.0049	0.016	
8	0.009			1.396	0.134	4.05	0.132	0.330	5.190	0.0428	0.0116	0.127		0.0100	
9	0.014			1.399	0.114	4.00	0.130	0.335	5.146	0.0440	0.0204	0.128		0.014	
10	0.0071			1.400	0.133	4.124	0.149	0.334	5.21	0.0453	0.013	0.1381		0.0090	
11	0.0067				0.137	4.171	0.132	0.328	5.23	0.0433		0.14		0.0070	
12	0.0134				0.1336	4.138	0.136	0.3132	5.25			0.1305		0.013	
13	0.0067				0.132	4.089	0.1235	0.322				0.131		0.0215	
14	0.0066						0.132							0.0169	
Mean	0.0091	0.0163	0.0016	1.3979	0.1287	4.0640	0.1333	0.3261	5.1617	0.0436	0.0160	0.1308	0.0070	0.0137	0.0018
STDV	0.0041	0.0022	0.0006	0.0030	0.0070	0.1095	0.0085	0.0065	0.0634	0.0011	0.0035	0.0043	0.0031	0.0038	0.0009
Certified	0.01	0.016	(0.002)	1.398	0.129	4.1	0.13	0.33	5.16	0.044	0.016	0.131	(0.01)	0.014	(0.002)
95% C.I.	0.002	0.002		0.002	0.004	0.1	0.005	0.004	0.04	0.001	0.003	0.003		0.002	
Methods	X,O	I,O	I,O	C,O	X,I,O	X,O	X,I,O	X,A,I,O	X,A,I,O	F,O	X,O	X,A,I,O	F	X,I,O	O

Legend: W = Classical, C = Combustion, F = Fusion, A = AA or GFAA, I = ICP or DCP, D = DC Arc, O = OE, X = XRF, G = GDMS, H = Hollow Cathode OE

251A	S	Si	Sn	Ti	V	W	Bi	Ca	Cd	Mg	Sb	Se	Ta	Zn	Zr
1	0.0590	0.560	0.013	0.004	3.94	5.46	<0.0001	0.0003		0.0004	0.00180	<0.0001	0.011	0.070	0.002
2	0.0602	0.564	0.0109	0.0027	3.864	5.489	<0.001	0.0001		<0.001	0.083	0.006	0.003	0.0175	0.0026
3	0.0596	0.583	0.0135	0.0027	4.0151	5.592	0.0014	0.0010		<0.001	<0.01	<0.001		0.008	0.0021
4	0.0602	0.575	0.0084	0.0027	3.953	5.466	<0.001	0.0004			<0.001				0.0035
5	0.055	0.565	0.0133	0.0013	3.99	5.41		0.0008							0.0020
6	0.0581	0.588	0.012	0.004	3.842	5.476									
7	0.055	0.560	0.0089	0.0036	3.893	5.60									
8	0.0579	0.5893	0.010	0.0031	3.89	5.50									
9	0.057	0.591	0.0095	0.0037	4.155	5.66									
10		0.609	0.0135	0.002	3.75	5.52									
11		0.569		0.0030	3.86	5.60									
12		0.567		0.0039	3.725										
13				0.0027	4.00										
14															
Mean	0.0580	0.5767	0.0113	0.0030	3.9136	5.5248	0.0014	0.0005	#DIV/0!	0.0004	0.0424	0.0060	0.0070	0.0318	0.0024
STDV	0.0020	0.0153	0.0021	0.0008	0.1147	0.0770	#DIV/0!	0.0004	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	0.0574	#DIV/0!	0.0057	0.0334	0.0006
Certified	0.058	0.58	0.011	0.003	3.9	5.5		(0.0005)							(0.002)
95% C.I.	0.002	0.01	0.001	0.0005	0.1	0.1									
Methods	C	X,A,O	X,I,O	X,I,O	X,I,O	X,I,O		I,O							X,I,O

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The International Standards Organization (ISO) definitions, expressed in ISO Guide 30-1981-(E) list the following:

**Certifying Body:** A technically competent body (organization or firm, public or private) that issues a Reference Material Certificate. The only generally accepted certifying body in the United States is the U. S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards & Technology, (NIST), Gaithersburg, MD.


**Reference Material (RM):** A material or substance with one or more properties which are sufficiently well established to be used for calibration of an apparatus, the assessment of a measurement method, or for assigning values to materials.

**Certified Reference Material (CRM):** A reference material with one or more properties whose values are certified by a technically valid procedure accompanied by or traceable to a certificate or other documentation, which is issued by a Certifying Body.

**Inter-Laboratory Analysis Program (ILAP):** Although ASTM Standard E691-87 applies to inter-laboratory studies to "Determine the Precision of a Single Test Method", it is also a well thought out and logical plan for conducting an inter-laboratory program involving multiple techniques. Therefore, the planning, conducting, analyzing, protocol, and treatment of data resulting from this inter-laboratory program were performed utilizing the guidelines established in ASTM E691-87.

**Methods of Analysis:** In view of the fact, that the "Inter-Laboratory Analysis Program" entails a wide variety of materials, no single analytical method would provide optimum data results. Therefore, the methods utilized were a combination of ASTM Standard Methods for classical wet chemistry, ICP, AA, Optical Emission and X-Ray spectrometric methods. The determinations for Carbon, Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Oxygen are the result of combustion instrument procedures.

**Selection of Materials:** A "batch" or "series" is defined as a single bar of one continuous length and heat. The majority of materials are in wrought condition; other methods of manufacture are utilized as a less desirable resort. ILAP samples are taken by removing a section, a minimum of, every one-twelfth of total length from the entire bar. A portion of the section is converted to chips and thin (pin) disk for analysis by classical wet chemistry, ICP, AA, and combustion procedures, and the balance remains as a thick disk for OES and X-Ray analysis. Each member of the ILAP is furnished a sample pack from a specific location on the batch bar. This systematic sampling procedure results in the homogeneity being reflected as a product of the overall statistics and certified data. This method of homogeneity testing is in accordance with ISO Guide 34, regarding the systematic selection and testing of a representative number of units for the assessment of homogeneity.

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