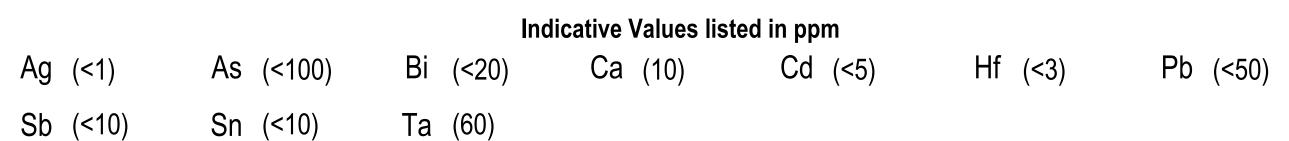


Certificate of Analysis **IARM 358A**

Nickel Alloy 740 **Certified Reference Material**

Certified Values listed in wt.% with associated uncertainties

ΑΙ	1.33 ± 0.01	В	0.0011 ± 0.0007	С	0.026 ± 0.002	Со	20.1 ± 0.2
Cr	24.6 ± 0.2	Cu	0.005 ± 0.003	Fe	0.122 ± 0.009	Mg	0.0019 ± 0.0005
Mn	0.259 ± 0.007	Мо	0.310 ± 0.007	Ν	0.0045 ± 0.0006	Nb	1.51 ± 0.02
Ni	50.3 ±0.4	0	0.001 ± 0.001	Ρ	0.004 ± 0.003	S	0.0018 ± 0.0005
Si	0.145 ± 0.005	Ti	1.36 ± 0.02	V	0.009 ± 0.001	W	0.002 ± 0.001



 0.022 ± 0.002

Description and Intended Use

This CRM may come in the form of a solid disc or chips. The intended use of this CRM may include, but is not limited to, the calibration of instruments and the validation of analytical methods.

Interpretation of Data

- 1. Certified values listed 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. This material was tested using both the solid disks and chips prepared from individual sections of bar. The certified values are considered representative of the overall average composition of the material.
- 3. 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.
- 4. "Provisional Certificate of Analysis" reports values that support a fully certified reference material; it also indicates that values may be in a continued process of statistical evaluation and are subject to change.
- 5. Chips are not certified for Oxygen analysis.



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	Ag	AI	As	В	Bi	С	Са	Cd	Со	Cr	Cu	Fe	Hf	Mg	Mn	Мо
1	0.000009	1.294	0.0014	0.0004	0.000005	0.023	0.001	<0.0005	19.4084	24.0067	0.0007	0.102	0.000214	0.001	0.25	0.286
2		1.30	<0.001	0.0005	<0.0020	0.024	0.00103		19.86	24.31	0.001	0.11		0.0013	0.25	0.2988
3		1.3074	<0.01	0.0005		0.0243	<0.0001		19.879	24.468	0.00119	0.119		0.0016	0.2505	0.30
4		1.316667		0.00059		0.0247	<0.001		19.90	24.507	0.0028	0.12		0.0018	0.2528	0.307
5		1.331		0.0008		0.0247			19.99	24.619	0.003333	0.12		0.00186	0.253	0.31
6		1.3327		0.001		0.025			20.07	24.64	0.007	0.12		0.002	0.254	0.311
7		1.333		0.0017		0.0255			20.071	24.70	0.0094	0.122		0.0025	0.255	0.31333
8		1.34		0.0018		0.026			20.12	24.74	0.0095	0.126		0.00285	0.2558	0.314
9		1.34		0.00299		0.02963			20.1897	24.7445	0.013	0.1366			0.261	0.31404
10		1.343				0.02963			20.255	24.886		0.148			0.27	0.317
11		1.36							20.26	25.00					0.274	0.318
12		1.361							20.64	25.08					0.284	0.327
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Mean		1.33		0.0011		0.026	0.001		20.1	24.6	0.005	0.122		0.0019	0.259	0.31
STDV.		0.02		0.0009		0.002	0.00002		0.3	0.3	0.005	0.01		0.0006	0.01	0.01
	(<0.0001)		(<0.01)	0.0011	(<0.002)	0.026	(0.001)	(<0.0005)	20.1	24.6	0.005	0.122	(<0.0003)	0.0019	0.259	0.310
95% C.I.		0.01		0.0007		0.002			0.2	0.2	0.003	0.009		0.0005	0.007	0.007
Methods	IM	X,O,I		O,I	IM,I	C	O,I		X,O,I	X,W,O,I	X,O,I	X,O,I	X	O,I	X,O,I	X,O,I
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	N		Ni	·	P	Ph	S	Sb	Si	Sn	Та	Ti	V	W	7r	
1	N	Nb	Ni 49.597	0	P	Pb	S 0.000333	Sb	Si	Sn	Ta	Ti 1.31	V	W	Zr	
1	0.003	Nb 1.45	49.597	O 0.00008	0.00052	0.000019	0.000333	0.0003	0.132	0.000081	0.002	1.31	0.00667	0.00095	0.01992	
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1189 NIMONIC 80A	ALPHA AR1652	ALPHA AR891	CRNISIMN1	IARM 207A	IARM 59D	LECO 501-643	MBH 24X07001A	NIST 864
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1208 INCO 718	ALPHA AR870	BCS 310/1	ELTRA 92000-43	IARM 53A	INCONEL 718	LECO 502-016	NIST 1190	
ALPHA AR1650	ALPHA AR872	BS 750A	HAS 7180	IARM 56D	LECO 501-502	LECO 502-072	NIST 3107	

Homogeneity and Uncertainty

"Uncertainty" values, as reported adjacent to certified concentration values, are based on a 95% Confidence Interval. These estimated uncertainties include the combined effects of method imprecision, material inhomogeneity, and any bias between methods. Homogeneity data from experimental XRF results are reflected in both the overall statistics and certified data. Homogeneity samples are selected by a systematic sampling procedure. The number of samples may be determined by equation 1, where N_{prod} is the number of units produced and N_{min} is the number of samples used for homogeneity testing. These samples are arranged in a simple randomized design such that each sample is analyzed multiple times by XRF. Homogeneity is also determined within sample using an applied version of ASTM E826. A single factor ANOVA is used to calculated uncertainty due to inhomogeneity (U_{hom}). Uncertainty of the material is calculated by equation 2, where H=U_{hom}, S= Standard deviation, t= t-value at 95% CI, and n= number of observations.

1.
$$N_{min} = \max(10, \sqrt[3]{N_{prod}})$$

2. $U_{CRM} = \frac{\sqrt{H^2 + S^2}}{\sqrt{n}} * t$

The International Standards Organization (ISO) definitions, expressed in ISO Guide 30–1992 list the following:

Certifying Body: Any technically competent body (organization or firm, public or private) that issues a reference material certificate with the information detailed in ISO Guide 31. The only generally accepted certifying body in the United States for primary standards or Standard Reference Materials (SRM) is the U. S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, MD. All other certifying bodies in the United States produce Reference Materials (RM) or Certified Reference Materials (CRM).

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Inter-Laboratory Analysis Program (ILAP): ASTM Standard E691-87 applies to inter-laboratory studies to "Determine the Precision of a Single Test Method", but also outlines a well thought out and logical plan for conducting an inter laboratory program involving multiple analytical techniques. Therefore, the guidelines established in ASTM E691-87 were applied to all aspects of this inter laboratory program, including the protocols for planning, handling, analysis and treatment of resulting data.

<u>Methods of Analysis</u>: The "Inter Laboratory Analysis Program" analyzes a wide variety of materials, and as a result, no single analytical method would provide optimum analytical results. Therefore, a combination of ASTM Standard Methods for classical wet chemistry, ICP, AA, Optical Emission, X-Ray spectrometric, and other accepted methods were used to produce analytical data. Carbon, Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Oxygen results were supplied from combustion and OE instrument procedures.

Expiration of Certification: The certification of this IARM is valid indefinitely, within the uncertainty specified, provided the IARM is handled and stored in accordance with the instructions stated on this certificate. The certification is nullified if the IARM is damaged, contaminated, otherwise modified, or used in a manner for which it was not intended.

Instructions for Use: The test surface is on the side opposite to the labeled surface, which includes the IARM number. The entire thickness of the unit is certified. However, the user is cautioned not to measure disks less than 2 mm thick when using X-ray fluorescence spectrometry. Each packaged disk has been prepared by finishing the test surface using a lathe. The user must determine the correct surface preparation procedure for each analytical technique. The user is cautioned to use care when either resurfacing the disk or performing additional polishing, as these processes may contaminate the surface. The minimum sample size for chips should be individually evaluated based on the analytical technique used; this would typically be greater than 0.1 grams. The material should be stored in a cool, dry location when not in use. Chips are not to be used for Oxygen analysis.

Selection of Materials: A "batch" or "series" is defined as a continuous length of bar produced from a single heat. The majority of IARM materials are in wrought condition; other methods of manufacture are utilized if necessary. ILAP samples are removed from equal sections from the total length of the bar. A portion of each section is converted to chips and a 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.

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