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ANALYSIS REPORT

COPPER BASE ALLOY REFERENCE MATERIAL

CURM No. 42.21-2

ADMIRALTY AND NAVAL BRASS

The material for this CURM was prepared specially for Bureau of Analysed Samples Ltd using a method of casting known to provide material of uniform composition in a form suitable for use as calibration reference materials in XRF and optical emission spectroscopic analysis. Using Optical Emission Spectrometry the samples have been shown, by statistically designed procedures, to produce reproducible results.

The chemical analysis of representative turnings was carried out independently by both Bureau of Analysed Samples Ltd., and another laboratory experienced in the analysis of non-ferrous materials. The values reported are the overall Means and Standard Deviations (s.d.) of three separate determinations made in each laboratory.

ANALYSIS

mass content in %

Element	Mean	s.d.	Element	Mean	s.d.
Cu	66.78	0.05	Si	0.15	0.01
Sn	0.60	0.02*	Mn	<0.001	-
Pb	0.259	0.005	As	<0.003	-
Zn	31.61	0.13	Sb	0.25	0.02
Ni	0.120	0.002	Bi	0.013	0.001
P	0.087	0.002	Al	0.003	0.0005
Fe	0.119	0.002	S	0.034	0.001

Note: This CURM is available in bottles of 100 g of turnings or as a chill cast disc, approximately 50 mm diameter x 12 mm thick, with a single chilled working face (smaller diameter).

*Spectroscopic reproducibility has been shown to be reliable for all elements, with the exception of tin to a depth of 5 mm below the chilled surface as supplied: the disc should therefore be discarded when the thickness is reduced to 7 mm. However, during depth profiling a small gradual decrease in tin content was detected within the working depth. The standard deviation of this element given on the above table has therefore been calculated to accommodate this variation in addition to the variation between the six values obtained by chemical analysis.

It has been established that materials of similar composition from different sources may respond differently on Optical Emission Spectrometers. CURMs are intended primarily for the construction of basic response curves which should be related to the response curves obtained from an identical examination of the user's own material.

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INFORMATION ON METHODS USED

Element	Chemical Methods used for the Analysis of this RM
Copper	Electrolytic deposition
Tin	FAAS
Lead	FAAS
Zinc	FAAS
Nickel	FAAS
Phosphorus	Photometric as phosphovanadomolybdate
Iron	Photometric with 1,10 phenanthroline FAAS
Silicon	Photometric as molybdenum blue FAAS
Manganese	FAAS
Arsenic	FAAS
Antimony	FAAS
Bismuth	FAAS
Aluminium	FAAS
Sulphur	Photometric as methylene blue - evolution as H ₂ S. High frequency combustion - infrared absorption.

Abbreviations: FAAS Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometry

N.B. Although these samples have been carefully analysed by both BAS Ltd and an independent laboratory, using the methods detailed above, they have been classified as Reference Materials (RM) and not Certified Reference Materials (CRM) in order to distinguish them from the BAS Certified Reference Materials which are normally analysed by at least five laboratories.

According to the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO Guide 30-1992) the definitions for RM and CRM are as follows:-

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

Certified Reference Material (CRM): A reference material, accompanied by a Certificate, one or more of whose property values are certified by a procedure which establishes its traceability to an accurate realisation of the unit in which the property values are expressed and for which each certified value is accompanied by an uncertainty at a stated level of confidence.

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