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BCS-CRM No. 344

70/30 BRASS

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ANALYSES

Mean of 4 values - mass content in %.

Analyst No.	Cu	Zn
1	68.94	31.05
2	69.03	30.92
3	68.92	30.99
4	69.03	30.96
5	68.92	31.05
6	69.03	30.89
7	69.00	30.96
8	68.99	31.0
M_M	**68.98**	**30.98**
s_M	0.05	0.06

The above figures are those which each Analyst has decided upon after careful verification. Figures in bold type certified.

M_M: Mean of the laboratory mean values. s_M: standard deviation of the laboratory mean values.

CERTIFIED VALUES (Cv)

mass content in %

	Cu	Zn
Cv	**68.98**	**30.98**
C(95%)	0.05	0.05

The half width confidence interval **C**(95%) is an expression of the uncertainty of the certified value, where **C**(95%) = $\frac{t \times s_M}{\sqrt{n}}$ and "t" is the appropriate two sided Student's t value at the 95% confidence level for "n" acceptable mean values.

For further information regarding the confidence interval for the certified value see ISO Guide 35:2006 sections 6.1 and 10.5.2.

NB: Although widely accepted within the industry "mass content in %" is neither an SI nor an IUPAC supported quantity. Multiplication of the certified value (Cv) by 10^4 will yield the value in µg/g.

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NOTES ON METHODS USED

COPPER

All Analysts determined copper electrogravimetrically. Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 electrolysed from a nitric/sulphuric acid solution and Nos. 2, 4 and 6 from a nitric acid solution. Analyst No. 2 followed the procedure of the Standard method BS 1748: Part 1: 1961. Analysts Nos. 1 and 4 examined the electrolyte for residual copper by atomic-absorption spectrometry.

Analyst No. 5 also determined copper titrimetrically with thiosulphate and found 68.90%.

ZINC

All Analysts except No. 5 determined zinc by titration of the copper-free electrolyte with EDTA. No. 1 extracted the zinc into 4-methylpentan-2-one before titration. Analyst No. 5 separated zinc by precipitation with hydrogen sulphide and completed gravimetrically after ignition to the oxide.

Analyst No. 5 also determined zinc by titration with EDTA after separation as sulphide and found 31.0%.

DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLE

BCS-CRM 344 is sold in the form of finely divided material graded 1700-250 micron (10-60 mesh) and packed into bottles of 100g.

The preparation of representative samples for chemical analysis and the certification by co-operative analysis was undertaken by Bureau of Analysed Samples Ltd.

INTENDED USE

This sample is intended for uses such as the verification of the accuracy and repeatability of analytical methods, such as those used by the participating laboratories, for the calibration of analytical instruments, for establishing values for secondary reference materials and for training purposes.

In order to ensure that a fully representative sample is taken users should take a minimum sub-sample size of 1.0g. Users of this material should be aware that the use of a smaller sub-sample size will invalidate the certified values and the associated 95% confidence limits.

The sample should be mixed thoroughly before each use.

STABILITY

BCS-CRM 344 will remain stable provided that the bottle remains sealed and is stored in a dry atmosphere. When the bottle has been opened the lid should be secured immediately after use.

TRACEABILITY

The characterisation of this material has been achieved by chemical analysis involving inter-laboratory study, each laboratory using the method of their choice, details of which are given above.

Most of the analytical methods used in the characterisation of this CRM were either international or national standard methods or methods which are technically equivalent. All laboratories used either stoichiometric analytical techniques or methods which were calibrated predominantly against pure metals or stoichiometric compounds, ensuring traceability of the individual results to the SI.

MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

The uncertainty of each of the certified values of BCS-CRM 344 has been established by multiplying the standard error arising from the chemical analysis by the appropriate two sided Student's t value at the 95% confidence level for the number of results. Homogeneity has been assessed on the bulk material and has been found to be acceptable. It has not, therefore, been included in the calculated measurement uncertainty. The stability of this CRM and its transportation also make negligible contributions to the overall uncertainty of the certified values.

COMMUTABILITY

BCS-CRM 344 is intended to be used in the same physical form as that used by the participating analysts and therefore commutability is not of relevance in respect of this CRM.

Further information and advice on this or other Certified Reference Materials or Reference Materials produced by Bureau of Analysed Samples Ltd may be obtained from the address below.

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