

BRAMMER STANDARD COMPANY, INC.

Certificate of Analysis

BS 286AA

Certified Reference Material for Nodular Cast Iron

	Certified Value ¹	Estimate of Uncertainty ²	Certified Values ³
B	0.0085	0.0005	
C	3.24	0.02	
Cr	0.165	0.003	
Cu	0.341	0.004	
Mg	0.030	0.001	
Mn	0.740	0.006	
Mo	0.258	0.004	
Ni	1.360	0.009	
P	0.201	0.003	
S	0.0162	0.0007	
Si	2.03	0.01	
Ti	0.054	0.002	
V	0.151	0.003	

Informational Values^{3,4}

Al (0.009)	As (0.01)	Ca (0.001)	Co (0.004)	Fe [91.4]
N (0.006)	Nb (0.003)	O (0.04)	Sn (0.004)	W (0.008)
Zr (0.007)				

¹ For each element, the certified value listed is the present best estimate of the true value based on the mean of the weighted results of an interlaboratory testing program. See page 3 for more information on its calculation.

² For each element, the uncertainty listed is based on a statistical evaluation of the contributions of homogeneity and the interlaboratory testing program. See page 3 for more information on its calculation.

³ Values are given in weight percent.

⁴ Values in parentheses are not certified and are provided for information only.

The requirements of ISO Guides 31, 34, and 35 were followed for the preparation of this Certified Reference Material and certificate of analysis. This is a Certified Reference Material as defined by ISO Guide 30.

BS 286AA * Code for method Certified values listed as weight percent

Analysis	*	B	*	C	*	Cr	*	Cu	*	Mg	*	Mn	*	Mo	*	Ni
1	3	0.00716	3	3.2	4	0.15825	3	0.326	3	0.030135	3	0.717	4	0.244	3	1.31
2	3	0.0075	1	3.210333	3	0.162	3	0.326	3	0.721	4	0.255	3	0.255	3	1.33
3	4	0.007603	18	3.22775	3	0.162	17	0.3355	3	0.728	3	0.255	7	1.34775		
4	4	0.007978	1	3.23675	7	0.16325	8	0.33675	4	0.744	4	0.25725	4	1.3585		
5	4	0.0084	1	3.242	3	0.165	3	0.339	4	0.7455	3	0.258	3	1.364		
6	4	0.008675	1	3.24775	4	0.16575	4	0.34575	4	0.746	4	0.258	4	1.3685		
7	4	0.009313	3	3.249	3	0.166	3	0.346	3	0.746	3	0.259	4	1.3695		
8	3	0.00939	3	3.25	13	0.1665	8	0.34775	4	0.7505	3	0.259	3	1.37		
9	4	0.009705	1	3.25375	13	0.167	4	0.34875	17	0.7545	4	0.2635	7	1.37275		
10	3	0.010	1	3.256	4	0.172	4	0.3585	4	0.755	7	0.265	7	1.3875		
11			3	3.28												
Average		0.00846		3.2371		0.1646		0.3405		0.0301		0.7402		0.2576		1.3604
Std dev		0.00030		0.0042		0.0031		0.0038		0.0031		0.0040		0.0035		0.0045
H		0.00062		0.024		0.0028		0.0045		0.0011		0.0077		0.0038		0.012
U ₁		0.00069		0.024		0.0042		0.0059		0.0033		0.0087		0.0052		0.013
t-statistic		2.26		2.23		2.26		2.26		12.71		2.26		2.26		2.26
U ₂		0.0016		0.054		0.0095		0.013		0.042		0.020		0.012		0.029
U ₃		0.00049		0.016		0.0030		0.0042		0.042		0.0062		0.0037		0.0092
Certified		0.0085		3.24		0.165		0.341		0.030		0.740		0.258		1.360
Uncertainty		0.0005		0.02		0.003		0.004		0.001		0.006		0.004		0.009
Tolerance		0.0016		0.05		0.009		0.013		0.030		0.020		0.012		0.029

Analysis	*	P	*	S	*	Si	*	Ti	*	V
1	4	0.193	1	0.0149	3	2.01	3	0.0528	4	0.14575
2	4	0.194	1	0.015125	3	2.012	3	0.0532	3	0.146
3	4	0.19575	1	0.01525	6	2.01575	3	0.0537	4	0.14675
4	3	0.199	1	0.01585	3	2.02	4	0.05385	3	0.147
5	4	0.199	1	0.0160	6	2.02075	7	0.054225	3	0.149
6	4	0.201	3	0.0160	3	2.03	7	0.055225	4	0.15
7	3	0.204	1	0.016033	6	2.030	4	0.055225	4	0.1525
8	7	0.205	3	0.0166	6	2.03125	3	0.0553	3	0.1540
9	3	0.207	3	0.0169	6	2.0375	4	0.05545	4	0.1615
10	3	0.211	1	0.01695	6	2.039	4	0.0555	13	0.162
11			3	0.0187						
Average		0.2011		0.01623		2.0276		0.0544		0.1508
Std dev		0.0033		0.00054		0.0053		0.0017		0.0030
H		0.0032		0.00083		0.0164		0.00151		0.0027
U ₁		0.0046		0.00099		0.017		0.0022		0.0040
t-statistic		2.26		2.23		2.26		2.26		2.26
U ₂		0.010		0.0022		0.039		0.0051		0.0091
U ₃		0.0033		0.00066		0.012		0.0016		0.0029
Certified		0.201		0.0162		2.03		0.054		0.151
Uncertainty		0.003		0.0007		0.01		0.002		0.003
Tolerance		0.010		0.0022		0.04		0.005		0.009

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Analysis	*	Al	*	As	*	Ca	*	Co	*	Fe	*	N	*	Nb	*	O
1	3	0.0087	3	0.00307	3	0.00065	3	0.0033	3	91.4	2	0.005807	3	0.0033	2	0.03518
2	3	0.009	3	0.0132	3	0.00127	3	0.0036	3	91.41			3	0.0034		
3	3	0.0092	3	0.0132	3	0.00144	3	0.0049	3	91.42			3	0.0037		
Average		0.01		0.01		0.0011		0.004		91.410		0.00581		0.003		0.0352
Std dev		0.14		0.15		0.0057		0.045		0.052		0.00049		0.038		0.0036
H		0.0007		0.007		0.0003		0.0005		0.52		0.00054		0.0004		0.0012
U ₁		0.14		0.15		0.0057		0.045		0.53		0.00073		0.038		0.0038
t-statistic		4.30		4.30		4.30		4.30		4.30		12.71		4.30		12.71
U ₂		0.59		0.66		0.024		0.19		2.27		0.0092		0.16		0.048
U ₃		0.34		0.38		0.014		0.11		1.31		0.0092		0.093		0.048
(Informational)		(0.009)		(0.01)		(0.001)		(0.004)		[91.4]		(0.006)		(0.003)		(0.04)

Analysis	*	Sn	*	W	*	Zr
1	3	0.003958	3	0.0066	3	0.0066
2	3	0.0048	3	0.0076	3	0.0068
3			3	0.010947		
Average		0.004		0.01		0.01
Std dev		0.065		0.13		0.12
H		0.0005		0.0007		0.0007
U ₁		0.065		0.13		0.12
t-statistic		12.71		4.30		12.71
U ₂		0.82		0.55		1.48
U ₃		0.58		0.32		1.05
(Informational)		(0.004)		(0.008)		(0.007)

For each element, in accordance with the requirements of ISO Guides 34 and 35, an effort must be made to account for the effects on the certified value of the uncertainty estimate from homogeneity testing (H) and the uncertainties of the contributing laboratories. The average (A) is calculated using a weighted mean where the reciprocal of the square of each laboratory's combined uncertainty (C_L), calculated from its standard deviation (S_L) and its uncertainty estimate (U_L), is used as the weight (W_L) for its mean (M_L). The standard deviation (S) is calculated as the square root of the reciprocal of the sum of the weights. U₁ is the combined uncertainty from homogeneity and labs. U₂ is U₁ times the coverage factor (95 % t-statistic). U₃ is U₂ divided by the square root of the number of determinations (n). Thus:

$$C_L = \sqrt{S_L^2 + U_L^2} \quad W_L = \frac{1}{C_L^2} \quad A = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n W_L M_L}{\sum_{i=1}^n W_L} \quad S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n W_L}} \quad U_1 = \sqrt{H^2 + S^2} \quad U_2 = t \times U_1 \quad U_3 = \frac{U_2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

All but the final reported values are taken to two significant figures as determined by each quantity's uncertainty estimate. The final reported Uncertainty is U₃ rounded to one significant figure and represents the half width of the 95 % confidence interval for the **Certified** value. The final reported **Certified** value is A rounded to the same decimal place as the Uncertainty. The Tolerance is the half width of the 95 % confidence interval for measurements rounded to the same decimal place as the Uncertainty. The Uncertainty is a measure of the quality of the **Certified** value. The Tolerance is a measure of the expected performance of an analysis.

For further information regarding the confidence interval for the certified value see ISO Guide 35:2006 section 6.

Analytical Method Codes:

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| 1 Combustion (ASTM E1019) | 7 Photometric | 13 Titrimetric |
| 2 Fusion (ASTM E 1019) | 8 Flame Atomic Absorption | 14 DCP Atomic Emission |
| 3 Spark Atomic Emission | 9 GF Atomic Absorption | 15 HG Atomic Fluorescence |
| 4 ICP Atomic Emission | 10 X-Ray Fluorescence | 16 Difference |
| 5 ICP Mass Spectrometry | 11 GD Atomic Emission | 17 Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy |
| 6 Gravimetric | 12 GD Mass Spectrometry | 18 Volumetric |

ICP = Inductively Coupled Plasma GF = Graphite Furnace GD = Glow Discharge
 DCP = Direct Current Plasma HG = Hydride Generation

<u>Laboratory</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registrar</u>	<u>Accreditation</u>
Brammer Standard Company, Inc.	Houston, TX	A2LA	17025, Guide 34
Chemical Testing Institute, Daye Special Steel Co., LTD.	Huangshi, China	CNAS	17025
Physical and Chemical Testing Institute of Technical Center, Chongqing Iron & Steel (Group) Testing Center, Shanghai Research Institute of Materials	Chongqing, China	CNAS	17025
Physical and Chemical Testing Institute of Technical Center, Benxi Iron & Steel (Group) Co., LTD.	Shanghai, China	CNAS	17025, Guide 34
Chemical Testing Institute, Zhengzhou Machinery Research Institution	Benxi, China	CNAS	17025
Jey Swen Enterprise Co.	Zhengzhou, China	CNAS	17025
	Koahsuing, Taiwan		

A2LA = American Association for Laboratory Accreditation
 CNAS = China National Accreditation Service

Analysis: Chemical analyses were made on solid pieces and chips representative samples for the certified portion of the lot in accordance with ASTM Standard Practice E 1806. The laboratories participating in the testing followed the requirements of ISO Standard 17025.

Traceability: The following Certified Reference Materials were used to validate the analytical data: 501-676, 501-991, 502-416; BS CC30, CC31, HON-T, LE204, 27, 280, 281D, 285, 285AB, 291A; ECRM 096-1, 284-1, 285-1; SRM C2423, C2425, C2425A, 338, 1140.

Homogeneity: This Certified Reference Material (CRM) was tested for homogeneity using ASTM Standard Method E 826 and found acceptable. It was also examined by spark atomic emission spectrometry and found to be compatible with the following Reference Materials — 501-676, 501-991, 502-416; BS CC30, CC31, HON-T, LE204, 27, 280, 281D, 285, 285AB, 291A; ECRM 096-1, 284-1, 285-1; SRM C2423, C2425, C2425A, 338, 1140.

Validity statement: ISO Guide 31 states that the certification should contain an expiration date for all materials where instability has been demonstrated or is considered possible, after which the certified value is no longer guaranteed by the certifying body. The certification of BS 286AA is valid indefinitely. The certification is nullified if this CRM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

Source: The cast stock for this CRM was produced by Shijiazhuang Trump Scientific Co, LTD.; Shijiazhuang, China.

Form: This CRM is machined in the form of a disc, approximately 35 mm in diameter and 30 mm thick by Brammer Standard Company, Inc.

Use: This CRM is intended for use in spark atomic emission and x-ray spectrometric methods of analysis. Refer to ISO Guide 33 for information about the use of Certified Reference Materials.

Certified Area: The certified area of each disc is the portion extending upward 25 mm from the analytical surface.

Sample Preparation: For best analytical results, use the same method for preparing the analytical surface on all reference materials as used for production specimens. Avoid overheating the sample during surface preparation.

Certificate Number: The unique identification number for this certificate of analysis is 286AA-091914. You may obtain information on revisions of certificates from the internet at www.brammerstandard.com.

Safety Notice: A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is not required for this material. This material will not release or otherwise result in exposure to a hazardous chemical, under normal conditions of use. Inquiries concerning this Reference Material should be directed to:

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Brammer Standard Company, Inc., is accredited by the American Association For Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) to ISO Guide 34 as a Reference Material Producer for the production of Certified Reference Materials and Reference Materials (Certificate Number 656.02)

Brammer Standard Company's Chemical Laboratory is accredited by A2LA to ISO Standard 17025. (Certificate Number 656.01)

By Certificate Number 10539, the Quality System of Brammer Standard Company, Inc., is registered to ISO 9001:2008 by National Quality Assurance (NQA), U.S.A.

The scopes of accreditation are listed on the website: www.brammerstandard.com

References:

Versions used were those available at the time of testing and characterization

- E 826 Standard Practice for Testing Homogeneity of a Metal Lot or Batch in Solid Form by Spark Atomic Emission Spectrometry
- E 1019 Standard Test Methods for Determination of Carbon, Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Oxygen in Steel, Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys by Various Combustion and Fusion Techniques
- E 1806 Standard Practice for Sampling Steel and Iron for Determination of Chemical Composition

- ISO Standard 17025:2005 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
- ISO Standard 9001:2008 Quality Management Systems - Requirements
- ISO Guide 30:1992 Terms and definitions used in connection with reference materials + 2008 amendment
- ISO Guide 31:2000 Reference materials - Contents of certificates and labels
- ISO Guide 33:2000 Uses of certified reference materials
- ISO Guide 34:2009 General requirements for the competence of reference material producers
- ISO Guide 35:2006 Reference Materials - General and statistical principles for certification

ASTM documents available from ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

ISO Guides and Standards available from Global Engineering - www.global.ihs.com

Other useful documents available from NIST, U.S. Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

NIST Special Publication 260-100, Handbook for SRM Users

NIST Special Publication 829, Use of NIST Standard Reference Materials for Decisions on Performance of Analytical Chemical Methods and Laboratories

Certified by: _____ on September 19, 2014.

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