

Brammer Standard Company, Inc.

Certificate of Analysis

BS 304C

Certified Reference Material for Stainless Steel Grade 304L - UNS Number S30403

	Certified Value ¹	Estimate of Uncertainty ²	Certified Values ³	Certified Value ¹	Estimate of Uncertainty ²
Al	0.0022	0.0007	Mo	0.419	0.009
As	0.0047	0.0005	N	0.077	0.004
B	0.0005	0.0002	Ni	8.53	0.08
C	0.024	0.003	O	0.0050	0.0005
Co	0.229	0.009	P	0.034	0.003
Cr	18.2	0.2	S	0.027	0.003
Cu	0.524	0.009	Si	0.302	0.009
Fe	70.1	0.2	Sn	0.0119	0.0009
H	0.0004	0.0002	V	0.083	0.004
Mn	1.37	0.02	W	0.043	0.004
	Reference Value ¹	Estimate of Uncertainty ²	Reference Values ^{3,4}	Reference Value ¹	Estimate of Uncertainty ²
Ca	0.0002	0.0001	Ti	0.0024	0.0014
Mg	<0.005		Zn	<0.005	
Nb	0.009	0.004	Zr	0.002	0.001
Sb	<0.05				

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. Values in brackets are reported by difference.

⁴ Reference values are not certified and are provided for information only.

Trace element information values for Ag, Au, Ga, Ge, Ir, Os, Pt, and Re are shown on page 3.

The requirements of ISO Guides 30, 31, and 35 were followed for the preparation of this Certified Reference Material and certificate of analysis.

Analysis	*	Ca	*	Mg	*	Nb	*	Sb	*	Ti	*	Zn	*	Zr
1	12	0.000077	12	0.000026	12	0.0057	12	0.0019	5	0.00017333	12	0.000044	12	0.00023
2	17	0.0001	17	0.0001	4	0.0065067	5	0.00226	5	0.00019333	2	0.00010	3	0.0015
3	4	0.0002	4	0.0002467	5	0.0068333	5	0.0022667	12	0.00022			4	0.00163333
4	11	0.0002			3	0.007	5	0.0024	10	0.001			11	0.0019
5	4	0.0002			10	0.007			3	0.002			4	0.00203333
6	4	0.0004			5	0.0070667			3	0.002			4	0.00203333
7					11	0.0072			11	0.0022			4	0.00206667
8					5	0.0074			4	0.0024			4	0.0022
9					10	0.008			14	0.0024			10	0.00236667
10					3	0.0080			4	0.0026			3	0.005
11					4	0.008			4	0.003				
12					10	0.009			4	0.00303333				
13					4	0.0091667			3	0.00346667				
14					4	0.0097333			4	0.003625				
15					4	0.0100667			4	0.0037				
16					3	0.010875			3	0.0037				
17					14	0.0116333			3	0.0044				
18					4	0.01285								
19					4	0.0143333								
Average		0.0002012		0.000124		0.008756		0.002		0.002360		0.000072		0.001908
Std Dev		0.0000083		0.000054		0.000073		0.014		0.000077		0.000017		0.000062
H		0.00024		0.00021		0.0010		0.001		0.00059292		0.0021		0.0021
U ₁		0.00024		0.00021		0.0010		0.014		0.00060		0.0021		0.0021
t-statistic		2.57		4.30		2.10		3.18		2.12		12.706205		2.26215716
U ₂		0.00062		0.00092		0.0022		0.045		0.0013		0.027		0.0048
U ₃		0.00025		0.00053		0.00049		0.0220		0.00031		0.019		0.0015
Reference		0.0002		<0.005		0.009		<0.05		0.0024		<0.005		0.002
Uncertainty		0.0001				0.004				0.0014				0.001
Tolerance		0.0001				0.008				0.0023				0.001

For each element, in accordance with the requirements of ISO 17034 and Guide 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 multiplied by 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 Uncertainty is a measure of the quality of the **Certified** value.

The Tolerance is a measure of the expected performance of an analysis. This involves further expanding the sample uncertainty to include instrument and operator uncertainty, for those without access to such calculations.

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

Analysis	*	Ag	*	Au	*	Ga	*	Ge	*	Ir	*	Os	*	Pt	*	Re
1	12	1.6	12	0.2	12	30	12	8.6	12	0.11	12	0.08	12	0.42	12	5.5
2	12	1.7	12	0.2	12	31	12	8.8	12	0.11	12	0.09	12	0.46	12	5.8
3	12	1.7	12	0.21	12	31	12	8.8	12	0.12	12	0.09	12	0.46	12	6
4	5	1.7														

Analytical Method Codes:

1 Combustion (ASTM E1019)	7 Photometric	13 Titrimetric
2 Fusion (ASTM E1019)	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 AAS
6 Gravimetric	12 GD Mass Spectrometry	

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

Lab Name	Location	Registrar	Accreditation
Brammer Standard Company, Inc.	Houston, TX	A2LA	17025, 17034
NSL Analytical	Cleveland, OH	ANAB	17025
Elemental Analysis, Inc.	Lexington, KY	A2LA	17025
Dirats Laboratories	Westfield, MA	ANAB	17025
Vitkovice Testing Center	Hulvaky, Ostrava	Czech Accreditation Institute	17025
Shiva Analyticals Private Limited	Hoskote, Bangalore	NABL	17025
Element Materials Technology	Glendale Heights, IL	A2LA	17025
TUV Rheinland Pvt Ltd	Bangalore, India	NABL	17025
National Analysis Center For Iron And Steel	Beijing, China	CNAS	17025
Eurofins EAG Materials Science, LLC	Liverpool, NY	A2LA	17025
Lucid Laboratories Pvt Ltd	Hyderabad, India	NABL	17025
Raghavendra Spectro Metallurgical Laboratory	Karnataka, India	NABL	17025
Laboratory Testing, Inc.	Hatfield, PA	A2LA	17025
Luvak Inc.	Boylston, MA	PRI	17025
APL, Inc	Milwaukee, WI	A2LA	17025
Instytut Metalurgii Zelaza	Gilwice, Poland	PCA	17025
Special Metals Corporation	Huntington, WV	A2LA	17025

A2LA = American Association for Laboratory Accreditation

ANAB = ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board

CNAS = China National Accreditation Service

NABL = National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories

PCA = Polish Center For Accreditation

PRI = Performance Review Institute

Analysis: Chemical analyses were made on solid pieces and chips prepared by an end mill from representative samples for the certified portion of the lot in accordance with ASTM Standard Practice E1806. 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: 12X12853K, 13X12537, 13X12854D, 13X17002D, 13X41800A, 13X4200A; AR 215A, 555, 644, 645, 659, 668, 673, 675, 869, 870, 871, 960, 1647, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1657, 3040; BAS 331, 338, 464/1, 465/1; BS CCA304-2, CSN-4, 17-4PHC, 80D, 81D, 81G, 81N, 86C, 87D, 93D, 181A, 304, 304A, 304B, 309, 316E, 316F, 321E, 3951; ECRM 85-1, 86-1, 87-1; IARM Fe304H-18, 2F, 6H, 6J, 153A, 162D; IMZ 1.27/3, 504; JSS GS-1D, 655-13; LECO 501-504, 502-416, 502-856, 502-863, 502-869, 502-890, 502-903, 502-928, 502-963, 762-747; NCS NS11037, NS11079; SRM C1154, 101E, 101F, 101G, 160B, 361, 363; TL2003.

Homogeneity: This Certified Reference Material (CRM) was tested for homogeneity using ASTM Standard Method E826 and found acceptable. It was also examined by spark atomic emission spectrometry and found to be compatible with the following Reference Materials: 13x17002D; AR 3040; BS CA304-2, 81G, 304A, 304B, 321D; IARM Fe304H-18; TL2003.

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 304C is valid indefinitely. The certification is nullified if this CRM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

Storage: This CRM must be stored in a cool, dry, non-corrosive environment.

Source: The bar stock for this CRM was produced by North American Stainless; Ghent, KY.

Form: This CRM is machined in the form of a disc, approximately 38mm in diameter and 19mm thick by Brammer Standard Company, Inc.

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

Certified Area: The entire depth of the CRM may be used.

Caution: As with any bar material, avoid spark atomic emission spectrometric burns in the center of the CRM (5 mm radius), as some segregation may be present.

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.

Caution: CRM contains significant insoluble soft metal inclusions. Surface smearing may occur. Spark atomic emission spectrometers may require extended preburns to compensate.

Certificate Number: The unique identification number for this certificate of analysis is 304C-022324. You may obtain information on revisions of certificates from the internet at www.brammerstandard.com.

Safety Notice: A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) 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 Standard 17034 as a Reference Material Producer for the production of Certified Reference Materials and Reference Materials (our current Certificate Number 656.02 expires 01/31/2025)

Brammer Standard Company's Chemical Laboratory is accredited by A2LA to ISO Standard 17025. (Our current Certificate Number 656.01 expires 01/31/2025)

By current Certificate Number 10539 expiring 01/01/2027, the Quality System of Brammer Standard Company, Inc., is registered to ISO 9001 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

- E826 Standard Practice for Testing Homogeneity of a Metal Lot or Batch in Solid Form by Spark Atomic Emission Spectrometry
- E1019 Standard Test Methods for Determination of Carbon, Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Oxygen in Steel, Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys by Various Combustion and Fusion Techniques
- E1806 Standard Practice for Sampling Steel and Iron for Determination of Chemical Composition

ISO Standard 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories

ISO Standard 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems - Requirements

ISO Guide 30:2015 Terms and definitions used in connection with reference materials + 2008 amendment

ISO Guide 31:2015 Reference materials - Contents of certificates and labels

ISO Guide 33:2015 Uses of certified reference materials

ISO Standard 17034:2016 General requirements for the competence of reference material producers

ISO Guide 35:2017 Reference Materials - General and statistical principles for certification

ASTM documents available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Dr., West Conshohocken, PA 19428.

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 February 23, 2024.

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