

# Brammer Standard Company, Inc.

## Certificate of Analysis

### BS HON W

Certified Reference Material for Carbon, Sulfur, Oxygen, Nitrogen, and Hydrogen in Steel

	Certified Value <sup>1</sup>	Estimate of Uncertainty <sup>2</sup>	Certified Values <sup>3</sup>	Certified Value <sup>1</sup>	Estimate of Uncertainty <sup>2</sup>	
<b>C</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>0.002</b>		<b>O</b>	<b>0.0036</b>	<b>0.0007</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>0.00015</b>	<b>0.00007</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>0.0014</b>	<b>0.0006</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>0.030</b>	<b>0.001</b>				

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Values are given in weight percent. Values in brackets are reported by difference.

The requirements of ISO Guides 30, and Standards 33401 and 33405 were followed for the preparation of this Certified Reference Material and certificate of analysis.

Analysis	*	C	*	H	*	N	*	O	*	S
1	1	0.016233	2	0.000053	2	0.02837	2	0.002333	1	0.0007767
2	1	0.018133	2	0.0001	2	0.0290	2	0.0029	1	0.0008333
3	1	0.018533	2	0.0001233	2	0.029	2	0.00315	1	0.0010667
4	1	0.02025	2	0.000125	2	0.02908	2	0.003253	1	0.0011067
5	1	0.0207	2	0.00013	2	0.0299	2	0.003527	1	0.0012
6	1	0.0214	2	0.0001333	2	0.02997	2	0.0036	1	0.0013
7	1	0.021667	2	0.00015	2	0.03004	2	0.003633	1	0.0013
8	1	0.0222	2	0.00015	2	0.03007	2	0.003767	1	0.0013333
9	1	0.022333	2	0.0001867	2	0.0301	2	0.003767	1	0.0014
10	1	0.022593	2	0.0002367	2	0.0304	2	0.0039	1	0.0016667
11	1	0.023	2	0.0002467	2	0.0304	2	0.0039	1	0.0018
12	1	0.0233			2	0.0306	2	0.0042	1	0.0018333
13	1	0.024			2	0.0308	2	0.00427	1	0.0019
14	1	0.024667			2	0.03123			1	0.0019333
<b>Average</b>		0.02110		0.0000760		0.02990		0.00356		0.001389
<b>Std Dev</b>		0.00079		0.0000083		0.00098		0.00011		0.000085
<b>H</b>		0.0015		0.00018		0.0018		0.00070		0.00048
<b>U<sub>1</sub></b>		0.0017		0.00018		0.0020		0.00071		0.00049
<b>t-statistic</b>		2.16		2.23		2.16		2.18		2.16
<b>U<sub>2</sub></b>		0.0037		0.00040		0.0044		0.0015		0.0011
<b>U<sub>3</sub></b>		0.0010		0.00012		0.0012		0.00043		0.00028
<b>Certified</b>		<b>0.021</b>		<b>0.00015</b>		<b>0.030</b>		<b>0.0036</b>		<b>0.0014</b>
<b>Uncertainty</b>		0.002		0.00007		0.001		0.0007		0.0006
<b>Tolerance</b>		0.006		0.00014		0.004		0.0021		0.0013

For each element, in accordance with the requirements of ISO 17034 and ISO 33405, 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<sub>L</sub>), calculated from its standard deviation (S<sub>L</sub>) and its uncertainty estimate (U<sub>L</sub>), is used as the weight (W<sub>L</sub>) for its mean (M<sub>L</sub>). The standard deviation (S) is calculated as the square root of the reciprocal of the sum of the weights. U<sub>1</sub> is the combined uncertainty from homogeneity and labs. U<sub>2</sub> is U<sub>1</sub> multiplied by the coverage factor (95 % t-statistic). U<sub>3</sub> is U<sub>2</sub> 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 U<sub>3</sub> 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 33405: 2024-05 section 10.

#### Analytical Method Codes:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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     |                           |
| 6 Gravimetric             | 12 GD Mass Spectrometry   |                           |

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

Lab Name	Location	Registrar	Accreditation
Anderson Laboratories, Inc.	Greendale, WI	A2LA	17025
Element Materials Technology	Glendale Heights, IL	A2LA	17025
NSL Analytical	Cleveland, OH	ANAB	17025
Elemental Analysis, Inc.	Lexington, KY	A2LA	17025
Dirats Laboratories	Westfield, MA	ANAB	17025
Eurofins EAG Materials Science, LLC	Liverpool, NY	A2LA	17025
Brammer Standard Company, Inc.	Houston, TX	A2LA	17025, 17034
National Analysis Center For Iron And Steel	Beijing, China	CNAS	17025
TUV Rheinland Pvt Ltd	Bangalore, India	NABL	17025
Vitkovice Testing Center	Hulvaky, Ostrava	Czech Accreditation Institute	17025
APL, Inc	Milwaukee, WI	A2LA	17025
Instytut Metalurgii Zelaza	Gliwice, Poland	PCA	17025
Luvak Inc.	Boylston, MA	PRI	17025
Laboratory Testing, Inc.	Hatfield, PA	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 1g balls 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: AR 215A, 555, 637, 645, 647, 657, 659, 662, 667, 668, 673, 675, 869, 870, 881, 882, 945, 961, 1647, 1650, 1651, 1652; BS CSN-4, HON T, HON V, 2023; LECO 501-673, 502-060, 502-195, 502-514, 502-704, 502-856, 502-863, 502-873, 502-893, 502-903, 502-904, 502-916, 502-918, 502-928, 502-935, 502-963, 502-990; NCS NS 11043, 11044A; SRM 50A, 2159.

**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: AR 945; BS CSN-4, HON T, HON V, 2023; LECO 502-873, 502-963, 502-990; NCS NS 11043, 11044A; SRM 2159.

**Validity statement:** ISO 33401 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 HON W 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 stock for this CRM was produced by Jey Swen Enterprise Co.; Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

**Form:** This CRM is machined in the form of 1g balls.

**Use:** This CRM is intended for use in solution based methods of analysis. Refer to ISO 33403 for information about the use of Certified Reference Materials.

**Certified Area:** The entire CRM may be used.

**Sample Preparation:** For best analytical results, use the same method on all reference materials as used for production specimens.

**Certificate Number:** The unique identification number for this certificate of analysis is HON W - 061825. You may obtain information on revisions of certificates from the internet at [www.brammerstandard.com](http://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 17034:2016 as a Reference Material Producer for the production of Certified Reference Materials and Reference Materials (our current Certificate Number 656.02 expires 01/31/2027)**

**Brammer Standard Company's Chemical Laboratory is accredited by A2LA to ISO Standard 17025:2017. (Our current Certificate Number 656.01 expires 01/31/2027)**

**By current Certificate Number 10539 expiring 01/01/2027, the Quality System of Brammer Standard Company, Inc., is registered to ISO 9001:2015 by National Quality Assurance (NQA), U.S.A.**

**The scopes of accreditation are listed on the website: [www.brammerstandard.com](http://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 Standard 33401:2024 Reference materials - Contents of certificates, labels, and accompanying documentation
- ISO Standard 33403:2024 Reference materials – Requirements and recommendations for use
- ISO Standard 17034:2016 General requirements for the competence of reference material producers
- ISO Standard 33405:2024 Reference materials – Approaches for characterization and assessment of homogeneity and stability

*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](http://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 June 18, 2025.

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