



National Institute of Standards & Technology

Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material 1811

Benzene, Toluene, Chlorobenzene, and Bromobenzene in Nitrogen

(Nominal Concentration - 0.25 $\mu\text{mol/mol}$)

(Stationary-Source Emission Gas Standard)

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in the calibration of instruments for the determination of volatile aromatic hydrocarbons (benzene, toluene, chlorobenzene, and bromobenzene) in stationary-source emissions. SRM 1811 consists of a mixture of these hydrocarbons in high purity nitrogen. It is not intended as a working standard, but rather as a primary standard to which the concentrations of the daily working standards may be related.

This SRM is supplied in an aluminum cylinder at a nominal pressure of 12.4 MPa (1800 psi) with a deliverable volume of 0.88 m³ (31 ft³) at normal temperature and pressure. The cylinder conforms to DOT specifications and is equipped with a CGA-350 valve. The cylinder becomes the property of the purchaser.

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| Benzene: | \pm | $\mu\text{mol/mol}$ |
| Toluene: | \pm | $\mu\text{mol/mol}$ |
| Chlorobenzene: | \pm | $\mu\text{mol/mol}$ |
| Bromobenzene: | \pm | $\mu\text{mol/mol}$ |

Cylinder number:

Sample number:

The certified concentration of each of these four aromatic hydrocarbons is relative to all other constituents of this gas mixture. The uncertainty shown is the estimated upper limit of error of each hydrocarbon concentration at the 95% confidence interval. This uncertainty includes the estimated inaccuracy of the NIST primary gravimetric standards, the imprecision of the intercomparisons of the batch standards, and the imprecision of the comparison of the SRM with the batch standards.

The certified value on this certificate is valid for 4 years from the date of shipment from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). A validation sticker is supplied with each gas cylinder to validate its certification period. Please affix this sticker to the cylinder upon the receipt of the SRM.

The original development and evaluation of this Standard Reference Material was performed at NIST by W.C. Cuthrell, W.L. Zielinski, and H.L. Rook.

The overall direction and coordination of the technical measurements leading to the certification were performed in the NIST Organic Analytical Research Division by W.D. Dorko, F.R. Guenther, and W.E. May.

The technical and support aspects involved in the preparation, certification, and issuance of this SRM were coordinated through the Standard Reference Materials Program by T.E. Gills.

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CAUTION: Care must be taken to avoid contamination of the sample during the use of the cylinder with any gas handling system.

Each cylinder of gas is individually analyzed, and the concentration given above applies only to the cylinder identified by cylinder number and sample number on this certificate.

Material Preparation: The cylinder identified on this certificate is one of a group or "lot" of cylinders. A lot contains a minimum of 50 cylinders and is prepared commercially according to rigid specifications to ensure that the lot is homogeneous and stable. Each cylinder in the lot is individually analyzed at NIST for the contents of benzene, toluene, chlorobenzene, and bromobenzene.

Analysis: These mixtures were analyzed using a gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector (GC/FID). The components in the mixture were separated using a 1.83 m x 3.2 mm o.d. ss column packed with 1.75% Bentone, 5% SP-1200 on 100/120 mesh Supelcoport. The column oven temperature was held at 50 °C for 3.5 min, then ramped to 100 °C at 10 °C/min and held until all components had eluted. A carrier gas flow rate of 30 mL/min N₂ was passed through the column and the volume of sample injected onto the head of the column was 10 mL. The GC/FID was calibrated with gravimetrically prepared gas standards which bracketed the unknowns.

Stability: The stability of this SRM is considered excellent and no changes in concentration have been observed for similar samples contained in aluminum cylinders for periods of time greater than 4 years. The value appearing on this certificate is considered valid for 4 years from date of shipment. Periodic reanalyses of representative samples from this lot will be performed, and if significant changes are observed within a 4-year period, the purchaser will be notified.

Samples from similar gas mixtures have exhibited a change in constituent concentration when the cylinder pressure fell below 1.04 MPa (150 psi). Therefore, it is recommended that the SRM not be used after the pressure has fallen below 2.1 MPa (300 psi).

Reanalysis: The NIST will reanalyze this SRM for the original purchaser for a fee not to exceed the analytical cost of similar SRMs available at the time of the request for reanalysis, providing the cylinder pressure is at least 6.9 MPa (1000 psi). The original purchaser should contact the NIST Organic Analytical Research Division (301) 975-3108 to arrange for this service.