



National Institute of Standards & Technology

Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material 3141

Potassium

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in atomic absorption spectrometry, optical emission (plasma) spectrometry, spectrophotometry, or any other analytical technique that requires aqueous standard solutions for calibrating instruments. SRM 3141 is a single element solution prepared gravimetrically to contain 10.00 mg/mL of potassium with a hydrochloric acid concentration (V/V) of one percent. The certified value is based on a gravimetric procedure, i.e., weight per volume composition of the high-purity salt dissolved in NIST high-purity reagents.

Metal	Concentration (mg/mL)	Source Purity, %	Acid Conc. (V/V) Approximate
K	10.00 ± 0.03	SRM 999 (99.98)	HCl, 1 %

Procedures and Storage for Use

Stability

This certificate is valid for one year from the shipping date provided the SRM solution is kept tightly capped and stored under normal laboratory conditions. NIST will monitor the stability of representative solutions from the SRM lot and if any changes occur that invalidate this certification, NIST will notify purchasers.

Preparation of Working Standard Solutions:

The SRM solution should be brought to 22 ± 1 °C before use. All glass or plastic surfaces coming into contact with the SRM must have been previously cleaned. A working standard solution can be prepared from the SRM solution by serial dilution. Dilutions should be made with certified volumetric class A flasks and 5 or 10 mL class A pipets. All volumetric transfers of solutions should be performed using a proven analytical technique. Each dilution should be acidified with an appropriate high-purity acid and diluted to calibrated volume using high-purity water. The stability of the working standard solution will depend on the final acid concentration; therefore, care should be exercised to insure that the final acid concentration of the dilution closely approximates that of the SRM. To achieve the highest accuracy, the analyst should prepare daily working solutions from 100 µg/mL dilutions of the original SRM solution.

Notice to Users:

The same acid mixture as listed on this SRM certificate should be used in making appropriate dilutions and working standards. For some instrumental techniques, small differences in acid type and concentration of the SRM and sample may lead to erroneous results.

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