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Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material 337a

Basic Open Hearth Steel, 1% Carbon

(In cooperation with the American Society for Testing and Materials)

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is in chip form sized between 0.5 mm and 1.0 mm sieve openings (35 and 18 mesh). It is intended for use primarily in checking and/or calibrating rapid carbon/sulfur analyzers.

Element	Carbon	Sulfur
	Percent by Weight	
Certified Value ¹	0.969	0.024
Estimated Uncertainty ²	.007	.001
Labs / Method	Combustion- Infrared	Combustion- Infrared
1	0.971	0.024
2	.971	.024
3	.970	.024
4	.965 .958 ^a	.025
5	.970	.026

¹The certified value listed for an element is the present best estimate of the "true" value based on results of the cooperative program for certification.

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Homogeneity testing was performed at NBS by T.W. Vetter and J.A. Norris.

²Estimated uncertainty includes method imprecision, bias among methods, and material variability. The standard deviation for repeated measurements at NBS is 0.004% for carbon (n = 59) and 0.0004% for sulfur (n = 91).

^aCombustion-gravimetric method.

List of Analysts

Cooperative analyses for certification were performed in the following laboratories.

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