

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Standards
 Certificate of Analyses
 OF
 STANDARD SAMPLE NO. 98
 PLASTIC CLAY

[All results are based on a sample dried for two hours at 140° C.]

Analysts*	SiO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃	Total iron as Fe ₂ O ₃	TiO ₂	ZrO ₂	P ₂ O ₅	Total vanadium as V ₂ O ₅	Cr ₂ O ₃	CaO	MgO	K ₂ O	Na ₂ O	Total sulphur as SO ₃	MnO	CuO	Loss on ignition
1.....	59.17	25.50	2.04	1.42	0.044	0.09	0.030	0.021	0.20	0.69	3.18	0.31	0.08	0.005	0.008	7.22
2.....	59.09	25.68	2.04	1.40	.032	.07	.027	.022	.20	.75	3.10	.26	-----	-----	-----	7.18
3.....	58.74 ^a	25.96 ^b	2.09	1.47	-----	-----	-----	-----	.24	.75	3.37	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.36
4.....	59.13	25.47	2.04 ^c	1.46	.05	.09	.025	.022	.17	.67	3.25	.23	.06	.005	.009	7.31
5.....	59.08	25.65	2.07	1.45	.04	.07	.02	-----	.22	.75	3.16	.22	-----	-----	-----	7.62 ^{7.31}
6.....	59.00	25.44	2.11	1.35	.04	.09	.025	.02	.27 ^a	.91 ^a	3.13	.31	-----	-----	-----	7.38
7.....	59.18	25.50	2.08	1.42	.04	.08	-----	-----	.21	.68	3.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.23
8.....	58.88 ^a	25.69 ^b	2.00 ^c	1.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	.22	.72	3.22	.33	-----	-----	-----	7.25
Averages..	59.11	25.54	2.05	1.43	.041	.08	.025	.021	.21	.72	3.17	.28	.07	.005	.009	7.28

Analyst No. 1 also reported 0.06 per cent of BaO and 0.0001 per cent of MoO₃.

This clay is taken from the Clarion fireclay seam approximately 30 feet below the Vanport limestone, Allegheny Formation, Pennsylvania Series, Templeton, Pa.

^a Omitted from the average.

^b Includes ZrO₂, P₂O₅, V₂O₅, and Cr₂O₃ and is not averaged with the other results.

^c Separated iron by the use of H₂S in an ammoniacal tartrate solution; then determined it gravimetrically.

For methods of analysis used in most of the work on this sample see Analysis of Bauxite and of Refractories of High Alumina Content by G. E. F. Lundell and J. I. Hoffman, Research Paper No. 5, B. S. Jour. Research, vol. 1, p. 91; 1928.

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REVISED VALUES FOR ALKALIES IN NBS

STANDARD SAMPLES 76, 77, 78, 97, 98, 102, and 104

When these standards were issued originally, data on the alkalies were included at that time though recognized as somewhat incomplete. Later spectrographic examination indicated the presence of significant amounts of lithium in some of these materials. Recently, the alkali contents of these standards have been redetermined at the National Bureau of Standards by flame-photometric methods. New certificates of analysis will be prepared, but in the interim the following new tentative values are indicated for the alkalies in these standard samples:

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Na₂O</u> <u>%</u>	<u>K₂O</u> <u>%</u>	<u>Li₂O</u> <u>%</u>
Refractory No. 76	0.15	1.54	0.11
Refractory No. 77	.06	-*	.35
Refractory No. 78	.06	-	.20
Clay 97	.07	-	.23
Clay 98	.26	-	.03
Silica Brick 102	.01 ₅	0.32	.001
Magnesite 104	.01 ₅	.01 ₅	.001

*Dash indicates no changes.

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