

National Bureau of Standards

Certificate

Standard Reference Material 2221

Temperature and Enthalpy of Fusion -Zinc

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) consists of high purity (99.999 percent) zinc foil. SRM 2221 is intended for use in calibrating differential scanning calorimeters, differential thermal analyzers, and similar instruments.

The temperature and enthalpy of fusion for SRM 2221 were measured by differential scanning calorimetry. The experimental procedure followed the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recommended practices [1, 2]. The documentation for these procedures is given in NBS Special Publication 260-99.

Certified Values:

Melting Temperature*	692.59 ± 0.31 K
Enthalpy of Fusion	111.18 ± 0.44 J/g

*Heating rate of 2.5 K/min

The certified values are averages of measurements on twenty-one specimens taken from nine different samples of the material. The listed uncertainties are three times the estimated standard error of the certified values. These uncertainties include contributions to variability from instrumental factors, operating procedures, and effects of remounting the specimens.

Material Specification: SRM 2221 is made from a zinc foil (15.24 cm wide x 96.52 cm long x 0.0508 mm thick). The SRM consists of a 25.4 mm square of the zinc foil from which specimens can be cut easily. The SRM unit supplied will provide approximately sixty-four 2.5 mg test specimens.

The measurements were performed by S.A. Sullivan and J.E. Callanan under the technical direction of J.E. Callanan, both of the NBS Chemical Engineering Sciences Division.

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References:

1. ASTM Standard Practice for temperature calibration of differential scanning calorimeters and differential thermal analyzers E967.
2. ASTM Standard Practice for heat flow calibration of differential scanning calorimeters E968.