



White Horse Reference Materials

Product Information Sheet

WHRM-TRMMb

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H₂ IN GRADE 5 TITANIUM ALLOY

DESCRIPTION: One bottle consists of ~100 titanium pins of approximately 2.5 mm diameter by 4.5 mm length with a nominal weight of 0.1 g.

INTENDED USE: This Reference Material (RM*) is a Statistical Quality Control (SQC) material intended for the maintenance of an instrument's calibration status over time. *[also termed in-house reference material, Control Material, Statistical Process Control material (SPC), Statistical Quality Control material (SQC), QCM material, verifier. etc.]

It is also intended for use much as a CRM is used** for instrument calibration and drift correction, validation of analytical methods, especially regarding trueness. This material is fully characterized with traceability to the SI according to ISO 17034 requirements for Reference Material Producers. **[Qualified for accredited laboratory use as taught in ASTM E2972 Section 6.5 and ISO 17025 (A.3.1) and associated documents for such use.] Please consult our [FAQs](#) to learn how to incorporate this in your quality system.

Other uses: to check instrument operational performance, including repeatability, and to aid in the estimation of measurement uncertainty, to carry out reproducibility studies, and to confirm the degree of equivalence of measurement results from multiple laboratories, aka harmonization. It can be used to investigate impacts of changes to environmental conditions (e.g. temperature, humidity, facility power).

Mass Fraction Expanded Uncertainty

Hydrogen (H)	216 mg/kg	2.5 mg/kg	$s = 0.74$ mg/kg
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VALUE ASSESSMENT: The measurand listed is the amount of the element contained in Grade 5 titanium traceable to the derived SI unit of mass fraction expressed as milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) realized using inert gas fusion method WHRM ME1447a along with Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis (PGAA) for hydrogen under repeatability conditions. The estimated true value for hydrogen is based on a statistical evaluation of data supplied by inert gas fusion (IGF) utilizing a thermal conductivity detector at White Horse Reference Materials (WHRM) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) utilizing Prompt Gamma-ray Activation Analysis (PGAA).

The uncertainty in the amount of hydrogen used for calibration and analysis using a Standard Additions (SA) method has been evaluated by careful analysis of the equation of state, its measured parameters, fundamental constants, measurement precision and sample mass. All other sources of uncertainty were found to be negligible. The evaluation of the equation of state and the estimators of the uncertainty of hydrogen used for calibration were derived through MC simulation. The reported expanded uncertainty of measurement is stated as the standard uncertainty of measurement multiplied by the coverage factor $k = 2$ such that the coverage corresponds to approximately 95 %.

For SQC use (repeatability, reproducibility studies, etc.), the repeatability standard deviation, s , is the repeatability of measurement of $n = 50$ specimens attained during heterogeneity testing.

MINIMUM SAMPLE QUANTITY: To relate analytical determinations to the assigned value on this Product Information Sheet, a minimum sample quantity of 0.2 g is recommended for hydrogen analysis. The property values and their associated uncertainty are only guaranteed if minimum sample quantity is respected.

HETEROGENEITY Material hydrogen heterogeneity was low and fit for purpose for value assignment. Heterogeneity testing was performed at WHRM using inert gas fusion with thermal conductivity detection using a LECO hydrogen analyzer following ASTM E1447. ANOVA demonstrated that bottle-to-bottle variance was indistinguishable from the overall standard deviation calculated from of 50 sample analyses (selected from 10 bottles for 5 repetitions consisting of two pins each.)

PERIOD OF VALIDITY: The estimated true value(s) are valid, within the measurement uncertainty specified, indefinitely, provided the RM is handled and stored in accordance with the instructions given in this document (see “Instructions for Handling and Use”). This document is nullified if the RM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS: The material should be stored in its original, tightly capped bottle in a cool, dry location.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING AND USE: The material does not require additional preparation prior to weighing, if stored as outlined per instructions given in this document (see “Storage Information”). Use a clean, dry tool to handle the pins, and do not touch the pins with any material likely to contaminate the surface.

MAINTENANCE OF RM DOCUMENT: WHRM will monitor this RM over the period of validity. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the value assignment, WHRM will publish on its website the revised document and make an effort to notify the end user.

PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS: The material for WHRM-TRMMb was obtained in the form of pins prepared by White Horse Technical Services (WHTS) using a proprietary process. The material was blended and bottled at WHTS. The starting material for preparation of WHRM-TRMMb was a Grade 5 titanium alloy, manufactured in the form of wire by Perryman Company (Houston, PA).

Quantitative hydrogen analysis of the material for WHRM-TRMMb was performed at WHRM using inert gas fusion with thermal conductivity detection. As required by ASTM E1447, each sample consisted of two pins for a mass per sample of approximately 0.2g. Additional quantitative analysis was performed by NIST employing PGAA instrumentation. The value reported was statistically evaluated to achieve the estimated mg/kg value. The WHTS SA test method result of 216.2 mg/kg is nearly identical to the reported mean result of 216.4 mg/kg from (PGAA). The highest magnitude uncertainty components are associated with the slope and the intercept of the standard additions line. The relative standard uncertainty for the amount hydrogen used for SA is just 0.022 % or 0.049 mg/kg.

QUALITY ASSURANCE:

For quality assurance, SRM 2454 was analyzed at the same time and showed no detectable bias with an analysis result of 210.6 mg/kg being very close to the certified value of 211 mg/kg.

WHTS TRMMb was produced and is maintained in a manner compliant with the requirements of ISO 17034 and associated documents. WHRM remains committed to a responsible adherence to best practices as developed and demonstrated in both public and private sector organizations and as set forth in international Reference Material Producer requirements.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION: This product is Non-Hazardous in solid form.

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Legal Notice: Remedies for any claimed defect in this product will be limited to product replacement or refund of the purchase price. In no event shall WHTS be liable for incidental or consequential damages. For good laboratory practice it is recommended that all standards be verified prior to use.