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## Certified Reference Material

### BAM-M376a

Pure Copper

#### Certified Values

Element	Mass fraction <sup>1)</sup> in mg/kg	Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup> in mg/kg
Ag	163	3
As	200	3
Bi	200	5
Cd	186	3
Co	208	2
Fe	235	3
Mn	206	3
Ni	209	6
P	203	5
Pb	236	4
Sb	202	5
Se	210	4
Sn	247	3
Te	215	7
Zn	217	3
Zr	42.2	1.9

<sup>1)</sup> Unweighted mean value of the means of accepted sets of data (consisting of at least 5 but usually 6 single results), each set being obtained by a different laboratory and/or a different method of measurement. The values are traceable to the SI (Système International d'Unités) via calibration using pure metals or substances of known stoichiometry.

<sup>2)</sup> Estimated uncertainty  $U$  at level of confidence of 95 %.

#### Sample description

The Reference Material is available in the form of discs (ca. 40 mm diameter and ca. 30 mm height). It is based on the same batch of candidate material as BAM-376. The mass fractions of the elements Be, Cr, Mg and S differ slightly from the original material. Therefore these elements are given only for information with a higher uncertainty. All mass fractions are obtained from the certification inter-laboratory comparison of BAM-376 from 1996.

## Informative values

Element	Mass fraction <sup>1)</sup> in mg/kg	Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup> in mg/kg
Al	182	10
Be	41	6
Cr	400	60
Mg	124	19
S	133	19
Ti	4.5	1.7

<sup>1)</sup> Values were not certified, but given as indicative values, when the number of accepted data sets was considered to be too low (< 5) or when the uncertainty from the inter-laboratory certification was considerably larger than the expected range or in case of possible inhomogeneities. The values are traceable to the SI (Système International d'Unités) via calibration using pure metals or substances of known stoichiometry.

<sup>2)</sup> Estimated uncertainty  $U$  at level of confidence of 95 %.

## Recommended Use

The CRM is intended for establishing or checking the calibration of optical emission and X-ray spectrometers for the analysis of samples of similar matrix composition. The minimum sample size for wet chemical analysis is 0.5 g.

## Instructions for Use

Before use, the surface of the material must be prepared by milling or turning on a lathe. For wet chemical analysis chips have to be prepared by turning or milling of the sample surface.

## Transport and Storage

The material should be stored in a dry and clean environment at room temperature (approx. 20 °C). Transport under normal ambient conditions.

## Participating Laboratories

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## Means of Accepted Data Sets (certification inter-laboratory comparison of BAM-376)

Mass fraction in mg/kg

Certified values

Indicative values

Line no.	Ag	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Fe	Mn	Ni	P	Pb	Sb	Se	Sn	Te	Zn	Zr	Al	Be	Cr	Mg	S	Ti
1	157.7	---	188.0	---	---	---	199.8	191.3	191.3	222.8	186.2	---	---	191.8	209.3	38.6	159.5	38.3	371.4	---	---	2.5
2	158.8	190.9	189.2	175.8	204.6	227.8	199.9	196.7	195.2	228.2	190.3	203.2	242.3	201.7	209.3	40.5	168.2	39.0	372.0	112.3	124.3	2.7
3	159.7	194.5	192.2	177.4	205.0	228.2	201.0	202.2	200.7	228.2	195.2	204.0	243.8	209.2	211.3	40.6	170.7	39.7	386.0	113.2	129.3	3.2
4	159.8	197.3	194.2	184.3	205.5	230.3	203.3	204.5	201.2	231.5	195.5	205.8	243.9	210.5	212.7	40.8	171.9	40.2	390.0	116.2	130.5	4.7
5	159.8	197.8	199.2	184.4	205.5	233.2	204.2	205.7	201.9	231.3	195.7	206.0	245.7	211.5	215.2	41.1	172.3	40.7	398.8	118.3	133.7	4.9
6	161.4	198.7	199.6	185.7	205.8	234.0	204.7	206.8	205.2	233.7	201.4	210.5	246.2	213.0	216.7	42.0	173.5	41.3	402.5	121.2	134.0	6.6
7	161.8	200.4	201.7	185.7	206.4	234.9	205.3	209.5	206.0	234.2	202.8	212.0	247.0	214.9	217.1	42.3	180.8	41.4	403.8	123.5	134.2	6.7
8	162.8	200.5	204.4	186.0	206.7	234.9	205.6	209.7	206.7	234.2	203.8	213.0	247.3	218.7	217.2	43.8	182.5	41.4	404.5	124.8	137.8	
9	162.8	200.8	205.0	186.5	208.1	235.7	206.5	210.9	206.9	234.9	203.9	213.7	249.3	222.2	218.5	44.8	189.9	41.6	406.5	125.7	139.9	
10	163.0	201.5	208.2	186.8	208.2	235.7	206.9	211.2	207.4	237.5	203.9	214.1	253.5	223.5	219.4	47.9	192.7	42.4	407.8	126.2		
11	166.0	202.5	208.8	187.2	209.8	238.5	207.4	212.8	213.7	239.0	206.0	214.4	254.5	224.3	220.3	---	202.8	---	410.5	126.5		
12	167.2	203.7	209.2	187.6	211.0	239.0	211.5	213.3		239.4	208.6			225.2	221.3		213.7		411.8	127.9		
13	170.3	204.8		188.8	211.2	239.8	212.7	214.8		241.3	209.3			230.0	222.3				414.0	128.2		
14	170.7	205.7		191.5	214.9	242.6	214.0	216.1		241.9	213.7				222.4				417.3	128.2		
15	---			192.0	---		228.2			242.6	214.1				225.7		---			130.3	133.0	
16										244.2												
17										254.1												
<i>M</i>	163.0	199.9	200.0	186.1	207.9	234.6	205.9	208.9	203.3	236.4	202.0	209.7	247.3	215.1	217.3	42.2	181.5	40.6	399.8	123.7	133.0	4.5
<i>s<sub>M</sub></i>	4.1	4.1	7.6	4.6	3.0	4.4	4.4	8.9	6.2	7.4	8.1	4.4	4.1	10.6	4.9	2.6	15.7	1.3	14.6	6.2	4.9	1.8
<i>s̄<sub>i</sub></i>	1.8	3.7	2.3	1.6	1.9	1.8	2.6	2.6	3.8	3.0	5.0	4.4	4.5	3.8	2.5	1.6	5.5	0.4	6.1	2.0	3.4	0.5

The laboratory mean values have been examined statistically to eliminate outlying values. Where a " --- " appears in the table it indicates that an outlying value has been omitted (Grubbs 95 %). A data set consists of at least 5 but usually 6 single values of one laboratory.

*M* : mean of laboratory means

*s<sub>M</sub>* : standard deviation of laboratory means

*s̄<sub>i</sub>* : averaged repeatability standard deviation (square root of the mean of laboratory variances)

## **Analytical Method used for Certification**

<b>Element</b>	<b>Line no.</b>	<b>Method</b>
Ag	1	PAA
	2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14	FAAS
	4, 7, 10, 13	ICP-OES
	6	INAA
As	1	INAA
	2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 14	ICP-OES
	4	PAA
	5, 9	ICP-OES, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	7	Spectrophotometry, molybdenum blue, extraction
	8	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	11	DCP-OES
	12	FAAS
Bi	1, 6, 8, 9	FAAS
	2, 3, 5	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	4	ICP-OES, Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	7, 12	ICP-OES
	10	ET AAS
	11	Spectrophotometry, diethyldithiocarbamate, extraction
Cd	1	INAA
	2, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16	ICP-OES
	3	PAA
	4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12	FAAS
	9	FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu
Co	1, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12	ICP-OES
	2	INAA
	3, 4, 7, 8, 13	FAAS
	6	FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu
	14	Spectrophotometry, nitroso R salt, extraction
Fe	1, 5, 6, 11, 14	ICP-OES
	2	FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu
	3	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	4, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13	FAAS
	8	Spectrophotometry, 1.10 phenanthroline, extraction
	15	INAA
Mn	1	FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu
	2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12	FAAS
	5	ICP-OES, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	6, 7, 8, 13, 14	ICP-OES
	10	PAA

<b>Element</b>	<b>Line no.</b>	<b>Method</b>
Ni	1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13	FAAS
	2	PAA
	5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 15	ICP-OES
	6	FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu
P	1, 5	Spectrophotometry, phosphovanadomolybdate, extraction
	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11	ICP-OES
	4, 9	Spectrophotometry, phosphovanadomolybdate, without extraction
Pb	1, 2, 12, 14, 16	ICP-OES
	3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 17	FAAS
	5	FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu
	7	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	11	PAA
Sb	13	ICP-OES, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	1	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	2	PAA
	3, 4, 10, 11, 15	ICP-OES
	5	INAA
Se	6, 7, 8, 9	FAAS
	12	ET AAS
	13	Spectrophotometry, Rhodamine B, extraction
	14	DCP-OES
	1	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
Sn	2, 6	ET AAS
	3, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13	ICP-OES
	4	PAA
	5	INAA
	7	ICP-OES, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
Te	10	FAAS
	1	FAAS
	2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10	ICP-OES
	4	PAA
	8, 9	ICP-OES, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
Te	11	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	1	PAA
	2, 3, 14	ICP-OES
	4, 5, 7	FAAS
	6, 11	ICP-OES, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
Te	8	ICP-OES, As-precipitation
	9	FAAS, As-precipitation
	10, 12	FAAS, La(OH) <sub>3</sub> -precipitation
	13	ET AAS

<b>Element</b>	<b>Line no.</b>	<b>Method</b>
Zn	1, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 14 6 11 16	FAAS ICP-OES INAA FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu PAA
Zr	1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11 7 9	Spectrophotometry, pyrocatechol violet, extraction (TOPO/cyclohexane) ICP-OES PAA Spectrophotometry
Al	1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 2 3, 7, 10 11, 12	<i>ICP-OES</i> FAAS <i>ICP-OES, La(OH)<sub>3</sub>-precipitation</i> <i>DCP-OES</i> <i>FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu</i>
Be	1, 3 2 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 7	FAAS, <i>La(OH)<sub>3</sub>-precipitation</i> <i>DCP-OES</i> <i>ICP-OES</i> FAAS
Cr	1, 6 2 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 5 11, 14 13	FAAS PAA <i>ICP-OES</i> INAA <i>Titration, Fe(II)ammoniumsulfate</i> <i>Spectrophotometry, Cr(VI)-diphenylcarbazide, extraction</i>
Mg	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 4	FAAS <i>ICP-OES</i> <i>FAAS, electrolytic separation of Cu</i>
S	1, 6 2, 4 3 5, 8 7 9	<i>ICP-OES</i> <i>Combustion, iodometric titration</i> <i>Spectrophotometry, molybdenum blue</i> <i>Combustion, infrared absorption</i> <i>Microtitration as sulphide</i> <i>Combustion, coulometric titration</i>
Ti	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 7	<i>ICP-OES</i> PAA

**Abbreviations:** ET AAS – Electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry  
 FAAS – Flame atomic absorption spectrometry  
 ICP-OES – Inductively coupled plasma - optical emission spectrometry  
 INAA – Instrumental neutron activation analysis  
 PAA – Photon activation analysis

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