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Gesellschaft der Metallurgen und Bergleute e.V.

## Certified Reference Material

### BAM-M385a

Pure Copper

#### Certified Values

Element	Mass fraction <sup>1)</sup> in mg/kg	Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup> in mg/kg
Ag	25.4	0.5
Al	13.3	3.2
As	9.4	2.0
Bi	5.64	0.28
Cd	2.75	0.28
Co	7.4	0.4
Cr	10.4	0.8
Fe	44.2	1.2
Mn	9.9	0.9
Ni	10.8	0.6
P	10.0	1.3
Pb	10.8	1.0
Sb	14.9	0.8
Se	5.0	0.7
Si	7.3	0.8
Sn	16.1	1.1
Te	8.1	1.2
Ti	6.6	1.1
Zn	9.2	0.7

<sup>1)</sup> Unweighted mean value of the means of accepted sets of data (consisting of at least 3 but usually 6 single results), each set being obtained by a different laboratory and/or a different method of measurement.

<sup>2)</sup> Estimated expanded uncertainty  $U$  with a coverage factor of  $k = 2$  ( $S_i: k = 2.5$ ), corresponding to a level of confidence of approx. 95 %, as defined in the Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement, (GUM, ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008).

This certificate is valid until 11/2047.

## Values for information

Element	Mass fraction <sup>1)</sup> in mg/kg	Uncertainty <sup>2)</sup> in mg/kg
Mg	32	7
S	35.4	2.5
Zr	18	7

<sup>1)</sup> Values were not certified, but given for information, 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 there were hints that the material was not homogeneous enough.

<sup>2)</sup> Estimated expanded uncertainty  $U$  with a coverage factor of  $k = 2.5$ , corresponding to a level of confidence of approx. 95 %, as defined in the Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement, (GUM, ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008).

### Sample Description

The Reference Material is available in the form of discs (approx. 40 mm diameter and 30 mm height).

### Recommended Use

The CRM is intended for establishing or checking the calibration of spark optical emission and X-ray spectrometers for the analysis of samples of similar matrix composition. The minimum sample size for wet chemical analysis is 0.2 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. Transport under normal ambient conditions.

### Participating Laboratories

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## Means of Accepted Data Sets

Certified values  
Mass fraction in mg/kg

Values for information  
Mass fraction in mg/kg

Line No.	Ag	Al	As	Bi	Cd	Co	Cr	Fe	Mn	Ni	P	Pb	Sb	Se	Si	Sn	Te	Ti	Zn	Mg	S	Zr
1	---	11.2	8.75	5.18	2.39	6.67	9.6	41.4	9.29	---	9.01	9.2	13.8	4.30	---	13.3	6.38	5.00	---	24.0	29.7	---
2	---	11.3	8.75	5.21	2.45	6.91	10.1	43.0	9.39	10.08	9.38	9.6	14.2	4.75	6.44	14.0	6.59	5.63	8.50	28.0	31.6	---
3	24.4	11.4	8.83	5.22	2.48	7.05	10.1	43.0	9.40	10.28	9.53	10.0	14.3	4.79	6.73	14.5	7.40	6.03	8.70	28.8	31.7	16.2
4	24.6	11.7	8.90	5.40	2.63	7.11	10.2	43.2	9.41	10.43	9.88	10.2	14.5	4.85	7.13	15.5	7.99	6.12	8.79	29.2	32.0	17.0
5	24.9	12.7	9.12	5.49	2.65	7.26	10.2	43.6	9.55	10.72	9.97	10.2	14.7	4.96	7.64	15.6	8.03	6.21	8.93	30.9	32.2	17.9
6	25.3	13.2	9.15	5.53	2.72	7.30	10.3	43.6	9.67	10.72	10.16	10.3	14.8	4.97	7.77	15.9	8.10	6.60	8.98	31.4	35.7	18.0
7	25.1	13.3	9.21	5.57	2.75	7.33	10.5	44.1	9.82	10.72	10.17	10.6	14.8	5.00	7.92	16.3	8.12	6.65	8.99	32.4	37.0	19.1
8	25.4	14.0	9.30	5.70	2.85	7.33	10.5	44.7	9.98	10.73	10.17	11.1	14.9	5.08		16.8	8.29	6.78	9.34	34.8	37.2	19.7
9	25.4	14.5	9.36	5.84	2.87	7.38	10.6	45.0	10.00	10.80	10.21	11.2	15.0	5.18		16.8	8.33	7.00	9.42	35.3	39.2	
10	25.6	14.8	9.87	5.87	2.93	7.47	10.7	45.1	10.33	10.92	10.29	11.5	15.0	5.28		17.5	8.65	7.07	9.43	35.5	39.3	
11	25.7	15.5	9.97	5.89	2.97	7.67	10.8	45.3	10.35	11.01	10.65	11.7	15.2	5.35		17.5	8.68	7.40	9.53	35.7	39.5	
12	26.3	16.6	10.01	6.00	2.98	7.92	11.0	45.5	10.73	11.28	11.07	11.9	15.5	5.90		17.7	8.83	7.57	9.94	36.4	40.0	
13	26.5		10.77	6.44	3.02	8.03	---	46.0	10.78	11.33		13.0	15.5	---		18.3	9.94	7.70	9.95	36.9	---	
14						8.33		46.0					15.6									
15													15.6									
<i>M</i>	25.4	13.3	9.38	5.64	2.75	7.41	10.4	44.2	9.90	10.75	10.04	10.8	14.9	5.03	7.27	16.1	8.10	6.60	9.21	32.2	35.4	18.0
<i>s<sub>M</sub></i>	0.5	1.8	0.61	0.37	0.22	0.45	0.4	1.4	0.52	0.37	0.56	1.1	0.6	0.39	0.60	1.6	0.93	0.79	0.47	4.0	3.8	1.3
$\bar{s}_i$	0.7	1.1	0.37	0.43	0.12	0.21	0.2	1.2	0.28	0.33	0.92	1.0	0.8	0.33	0.51	1.0	0.51	0.51	0.48	1.4	2.1	2.1

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 3 but usually 6 single values of one laboratory.

*M* : mean of laboratory means

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

$\bar{s}_i$  : averaged repeatability standard deviation (square root of the mean of laboratory variances)

## Analytical Method used for Certification

Element	Line Number	Method
Ag	3, 7, 9, 11	GDMS
	4	INAA
	5, 6, 8, 10	ICP-OES
	12	FAAS
	13	ICP-MS
Al	1, 6, 9	GDMS
	2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12	ICP-OES
	4	ICP-MS
As	1, 6, 9, 10	GDMS
	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8	ICP-OES
	11	ETAAS
	12, 13	ICP-MS
Bi	1, 13	ICP-MS
	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	ICP-OES
	5, 8, 9, 11	GDMS
	10, 12	ETAAS
Cd	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	ICP-OES
	6, 9, 11, 12	GDMS
	8, 13	ICP-MS
	10	ETAAS
Co	1, 5, 9, 13	GDMS
	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	ICP-OES
	3, 7	ICP-MS
	11	ETAAS
	14	INAA
Cr	1, 2, 4, 7, 11	ICP-OES
	3, 9	ICP-MS
	5, 6, 12	GDMS
	8	INAA
	10	ETAAS
Fe	1	ICP-MS
	2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14	ICP-OES
	3, 5, 6, 13	GDMS
	8	ETAAS
Mn	1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13	ICP-OES
	2, 8, 9, 11	GDMS
	5	ICP-MS
	7	ETAAS
Ni	2, 6	ICP-MS
	3, 5, 7, 9	GDMS
	4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	ICP-OES
	12	ETAAS

<b>Element</b>	<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Method</b>
P	1	Spectrophotometry
	2, 6, 9, 11	GDMS
	3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12	ICP-OES
Pb	1, 2, 3, 4, 10	ICP-OES
	5, 12	ICP-MS
	6, 7, 8, 9	GDMS
	11, 13	ETAAS
Sb	1, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15	ICP-OES
	2, 3, 5, 11	GDMS
	7, 14	ICP-MS
	8	INAA
	9	Spectrophotometry
	13	ETAAS
Se	1, 4, 11	ICP-MS
	2, 3, 8, 12	ICP-OES
	5, 6, 7, 9	GDMS
	10	ETAAS
Si	2, 5, 6	GDMS
	3, 7	ICP-OES
	4	ICP-MS
Sn	1, 3, 10, 11	GDMS
	2, 4, 5, 9, 13	ICP-OES
	6, 8, 12	ICP-MS
	7	ETAAS
Te	1, 6, 13	ICP-MS
	2, 5, 8, 9	ICP-OES
	3, 4, 7, 10	GDMS
	11, 12	ETAAS
Ti	1, 6	ICP-MS
	2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13	ICP-OES
	3, 5, 7, 11	GDMS
Zn	2, 3, 6, 8, 12	ICP-OES
	4, 7, 10, 11	GDMS
	5, 13	ICP-MS
	9	INAA
Mg	1, 3, 4, 6	GDMS
	2	ICP-MS
	5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	ICP-OES
S	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11	ICP-OES
	2, 6	Combustion/IR
	4, 8, 12	GDMS
Zr	3, 5, 6, 7	ICP-OES
	4	GDMS
	8	ICP-MS

**Abbreviations:** ETAAS – Electrothermal atomic absorption spectrometry  
FAAS – Flame atomic absorption spectrometry  
GDMS – Glow discharge mass spectrometry  
ICP-OES – Inductively coupled plasma - optical emission spectrometry  
ICP-MS – Mass spectrometry with inductively coupled plasma  
INAA – Instrumental neutron activation analysis  
IR – Infrared spectrometry

### **Metrological Traceability**

The ensure traceable of the certified mass fractions to the SI (Système International d'Unités) calibration was performed using certified standard solutions or pure metals or substances of known stoichiometry.

### **Technical Report**

A detailed technical report describing the analysis procedures and the treatment of the analytical data used to certify BAM-M385a is available on request or can be downloaded from BAM website ([www.bam.de](http://www.bam.de)).

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