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Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material 3131a

Magnesium

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in atomic absorption spectrometry, optical emission (plasma) spectrometry, spectrophotometry, or any other analytical technique that requires aqueous standard solutions for calibrating instruments. SRM 3131a is a single element solution prepared gravimetrically to contain 10.00 mg/mL of magnesium with a nitric acid concentration (V/V) of 10 percent. The certified value is based on a gravimetric procedure, i.e., weight per volume composition of the high-purity metal dissolved in NIST high-purity reagents.

Metal	Concentration ^a (mg/mL)	Source Purity, %	Acid Conc. (V/V) Approximate
Mg	10.00 ± 0.03	Mg metal (99.98) ^b	HNO ₃ , 10%

^aThe uncertainty listed is based on judgment and represents an estimate of the combined effects of any errors, attributable to weighing, dilutions, interelement effects, and purity of the metal or compound. (No attempt was made to derive exact statistical results as the imprecisions of most analytical methods are much larger than the errors listed above.)

^bThis high-purity material was analyzed by optical emission spectrometry and atomic absorption spectrometry and found to contain less than 100 µg/g total impurities.

Procedures for Use

Stability: This certificate is valid for one year from the shipping date provided the solutions are kept tightly capped and stored under normal laboratory conditions. NIST will monitor the stability of representative solutions from the SRM lot and if changes occur that invalidate this certification, NIST will notify purchasers.

Preparation of Working Standard Solutions: The SRM solution should be brought to 22 ± 1 °C before use. All glass or plastic surfaces coming into contact with the standard must have been previously cleaned. A working standard solution can be prepared from the SRM solution by serial dilution. Dilutions should be made with certified volumetric class A flasks and 5 or 10 mL class A pipets. All volumetric transfers of solutions should be performed using a proven analytical technique. Each dilution should be acidified with an appropriate high-purity acid and diluted to calibrated volume using high-purity water. The stability of the working standard solution will depend on the final acid concentration; therefore, care should be exercised to ensure that the final acid concentration of the dilution closely approximates that of the SRM solution. To achieve the highest accuracy, the analyst should prepare daily working solutions from 100 µg/mL dilutions of the original SRM solution.

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