



National Institute of Standards & Technology

Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material® 3144

Spectrometric Standard Solution

Rhodium

Batch Code 591906

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in atomic absorption spectrometry, inductively coupled plasma spectrometry, spectrophotometry, or any other analytical technique that requires aqueous standard solutions for calibrating instruments. SRM 3144 is a single element solution prepared gravimetrically to contain a nominal 1 mg/mL of rhodium with an approximate hydrochloric acid volume fraction of 10 %. The certified value is based on gravimetric preparation of the solution and the assay of the rhodium salt. The mass density of the solution at 22 °C is 1.016 g/mL.

Metal	Concentration (mg/mL)	Source Purity, %	Acid Volume Fraction, Approximate
Rhodium	0.9992 ± 0.0005	(NH ₄) ₃ RhCl ₆ *	HCl, 10 %

*This high-purity material was analyzed by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry and found to contain less than 121 mg/kg total impurities.

The uncertainty in the certified value is calculated as

$$U = 2u_c$$

where u_c is the "combined uncertainty" calculated according to the ISO Guide [1]. The value u_c is intended to represent, at the level of one standard deviation, the combined effects of any errors attributable to weighing and uncertainty associated with the dilution as well as those associated with the gravimetric assay of the ammonium hexachlororhodate salt for percent rhodium.

The combined uncertainty consists of Type B components due to uncertainties in the material purity, material assay, handling, and dilution.

SRM 3144 was prepared by T.A. Butler; gravimetric assay procedures were performed by C.M. Beck II; inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometric and titrimetric analyses were made by G.C. Turk of the NIST Analytical Chemistry Division. Oxygen and nitrogen analyses were performed by Luvak, Inc., Boylston, MA. Technical advice on the gravimetric assay procedures for the rhodium salt was given by P. Blumberg of Ledoux & Co. and E.W. Hobart, Jr. of the Sabin Metal Corp.

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Procedures for Use

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

Preparation of Working Standard Solutions: All solutions should be brought to $22\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ before use and 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 mL 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. The analyst should prepare daily working solutions from 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ dilutions of the original SRM solution.

NOTICE AND WARNING TO USERS

For some instrumental techniques, small differences in acid type and concentration between the SRM and sample may lead to erroneous results. Therefore, the same acid mixture as is listed on this SRM certificate should be used in making appropriate dilutions and working standards.

REFERENCE

- [1] *"Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement"*, ISBN 92-67-10188-9, 1st Ed. ISO, Geneva, Switzerland, (1993).