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## **INTRODUCTION**

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### **(a) CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIALS (CRMs)**

**British Chemical Standard Certified Reference Materials (BCS-CRMs)** are normally analysed by at least five Analysts, and a certificate showing the individual mean values obtained by each Analyst and a summary of the methods used is supplied with each sample. Certificates issued since 1984 also give the standard deviation of the intralaboratory means, and those issued since 1994 express the level of confidence of the certified value as the 95% half width confidence interval.

**EURONORM Certified Reference Materials (ECRMs)** are prepared under the auspices of the European Committee for Iron and Steel Standardization (ECISS) and are issued with a certificate giving the names of the participating laboratories, the mean values obtained by each laboratory for each element and a statistical evaluation of the laboratory means. The certificate also includes a summary of the methods of analysis used. Before publication each certificate has been approved by the Producing Organisations, namely Bureau of Analysed Samples Ltd. (BAS) in the UK, Institut de Recherches de la Siderurgie Française (IRSID) / Centre Technique des Industries de la Fonderie (CTIF) in France, Stahlinstitut VDEh (VDEh), BAM Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und prüfung and Max-Planck-Institut für Eisenforschung (MPI) in Germany and the Nordic CRM Working Group (NCRMWG) in the Nordic countries. Although BAS is no longer part of the ECRM Producers Group, there are still over 50 BAS ECRMs which will be available until their exhaustion, when they will be replaced by BCS-CRMs and/or SS-CRMs

There are also some existing BCS-CRMs which have been accepted as interim ECRMs after examination by laboratories in the EU. These are indicated with an ECRM number alongside the existing BCS-CRM number.

Bureau of Analysed Samples Ltd. act as UK distributors for ECRMs prepared by IRSID/CTIF in France, BAM in Germany and Jernkontoret in Sweden, and details of these samples, most of which are held in UK stock, are given in a separate BAS 'Outside Source' Reference Materials Catalogue, copies of which will be supplied on request. Further information regarding the preparation, certification and supply of ECRMs, and the use of the statistical information given on their certificates is given in Technical Reports **CEN/TR 10317:2014** (formerly **ECISS Information Circular No. 1**) and **CEN/TR 10350:2013** (formerly **ECISS Information Circular No. 5**) which are available in the UK from the BSI, 389 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4AL.

All BCS-CRM and ECRM samples are supplied in the finely divided form and many of them are also available in disc form for optical emission and X-ray fluorescence spectrometry.

**Spectroscopic Standard Certified Reference Materials (SS-CRMs)** have been specially prepared to provide samples of uniform composition in a form suitable for use with optical emission and X-ray fluorescence spectrometers. Each sample has been analysed by at least five laboratories, and a certificate showing the individual mean values obtained by each laboratory and a summary of the methods used is supplied with each sample or set of samples.

Steel samples are usually in the form of discs cut from round bar. Cast iron samples, which are prepared in conjunction with Repicast Ltd./Castings Technology International (formerly BCIRA), are in the form of chill cast rectangular blocks.

### **(b) REFERENCE MATERIALS (RMs)**

British Chemical Standard Reference Materials (BCS-RMs) and Spectroscopic Reference Materials, e.g. high purity metals and ceramic materials (p.16), low alloy cast irons, high chromium irons, nickel chromium irons and austenitic (Ni-resist) irons (p. 22) and copper base alloys (p. 23) are normally analysed by only two laboratories and are not given certified status.

### **(c) SPECTROSCOPIC SETTING-UP SAMPLES (SUS)**

These Setting-up Samples (SUS) have been specially prepared to meet the day to day setting-up requirements of laboratories using direct reading spectrometers for production control analysis. Their use will conserve supplies of Spectroscopic Standard CRMs for calibration purposes only and will relieve spectrographers of the problem of finding suitable samples within their works for their daily setting-up requirements.

The steel samples are in the form of round bar. The cast iron samples, prepared in conjunction with Repicast Ltd./Castings Technology International (formerly BCIRA), are in the form of chill cast rectangular blocks.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Our website, at [www.basrid.co.uk](http://www.basrid.co.uk), has recently been improved and now includes a database of our more popular CRMs which is simultaneously searchable for up to six constituents. A large and ever growing selection of downloadable certificates for BAS products can also be found on the website.**

Every endeavour is made to maintain a continuous supply of all samples in this catalogue by completing the preparation of an appropriate replacement by the time each sample becomes exhausted. When orders are received for obsolete samples the relevant replacements will normally be supplied. If for any reason such a sample is not acceptable, full credit will be allowed if it is returned carriage paid provided that the seal on the carton containing finely divided samples is unbroken.

Information regarding new samples in course of preparation will be supplied on request. When these are available for distribution a notice to this effect will be made on our website.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Bureau of Analysed Samples Ltd. is very pleased to advise that in November 1994 its Quality System was formally approved and recognised by the award of a Certificate of Registration to the Quality Standard BS EN ISO 9002:1994 for the production and supply of CRMs, RMs and SUS. This certificate has now been revalidated to the new Standard BS EN ISO 9001:2015. Furthermore, BAS was accredited, in June 2006, to the International Guide, **ISO Guide 34** and the accreditation has since been updated to the full Standard **ISO 17034**.

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# BRITISH CHEMICAL STANDARD CERTIFIED REFERENCE AND REFERENCE MATERIALS - Soda Ash, High Purity Metals, Ceramic Materials and Benzoic Acids

Although the High Purity Metals, Ceramic Materials and Benzoic Acid samples below have been carefully analysed by both BAS Ltd. and an independent laboratory, they have been classified as RMs and not CRMs in order to distinguish them from BAS CRMs which are normally analysed by at least five laboratories.

## CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (nominal mass content in %)

### Soda Ash Certified Reference Material (Finely divided material - units of 100g)

BCS-CRM No.	Description	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	NaCl	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Insoluble Residue
526	Soda Ash (SGT Soda Ash 1)	99.74	0.126	0.0005	0.008	<0.02

### High Purity Metal Reference Materials (Finely divided material or blocks/bars - see below)

BCS-RM No.	Description	Ag	As	Bi	C	Cd	Co	Cu	Fe	Ga	In	Mn	Ni
192j	High Purity Tin (100g millings or 300g blocks)	...	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.001	<0.0001	...	<0.0001	<0.0005	...	<0.0001	...	<0.0001
194e	High Purity Zinc (300g blocks)	...	<0.00005	...	...	<0.0005	...	<0.0005	0.001	...	<0.0005	...	...
195g	High Purity Aluminium (100g millings or 300g blocks)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.001	0.080	0.009	...	0.001	...
198f	Super Pure Aluminium (100g blocks)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.005	0.001	...	...	...	...
210e	High Purity Lead (500g bars)	0.0001	<0.002	0.0008	...	<0.0001	<0.005	0.0006	0.0005	...	...	<0.001	<0.001

### High Purity Metal Reference Materials (continued)

BCS-RM No.	Description	S	Sb	Si	Ti	Tl	V	Al	Pb	Sn	Zn	Melting Point
192j	High Purity Tin (continued)	0.0002	<0.001	...	...	...	...	...	<0.001	99.996	<0.0001	231.9 °C
194e	High Purity Zinc (continued)	...	...	...	...	<0.0005	...	...	0.002	<0.001	99.99	419.5 °C
195g	High Purity Aluminium (continued)	...	...	0.035	0.002	...	0.004	99.85	...	...	0.015	659.2 °C
198f	Super Pure Aluminium (continued)	...	...	0.002	...	...	...	99.99	...	...	...	...
210e	High Purity Lead (continued)	...	<0.002	...	...	0.001	...	<0.001	99.996	<0.002	<0.005	327.3 °C

### Ceramic Reference Materials (Finely divided material - units of 100g). These samples have been prepared jointly by Ceram Research Limited (now Lucideon) and BAS.

BCS-RM No.	Description	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	MgO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	BaO	Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SnO <sub>2</sub>	SrO	SO <sub>3</sub>	ZrO <sub>2</sub> + HfO <sub>2</sub>	L.O.I.
201a	Nepheline Syenite	57.3	23.54	0.05	0.12	1.07	0.025	7.53	8.90	0.025	0.37	0.007	...	0.43	...	...	0.76
202a	Plaster (Gypsum)	1.38	0.33	0.03	0.10	37.4	0.39	<0.03	0.10	<0.01	...	...	...	0.33	53	...	7.0
203a	Talc	59.7	0.30	<0.01	0.22	0.25	32.08	0.02	0.005	0.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.78
204a	Zircon	37.6	0.74	2.22	0.18	0.15	0.012	0.014	0.017	0.77	...	...	1.69	...	...	53.8	0.50
205a	Borax Frit	52.16	5.38	0.04	0.15	12.58	0.62	8.53	1.04	...	0.03	...	...	0.01	...	...	0.24

### Ceramic Reference Materials (continued)

BCS-RM No.	Description	B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ZrO <sub>2</sub>	PbO	ZnO	Li <sub>2</sub> O
205a	Borax Frit (cont.)	18.46	0.34	0.05	0.16	<0.01

### Benzoic Acid Reference Materials (BCS-RM 190t supplied in units of 100 x 0.2g tablets; BCS-RM 190v supplied in units of 100g of crystals or 100 x 1.0g tablets)

BCS-RM No.	Description	
190t	Benzoic Acid	Purity 100.0±0.05%, Calorific Value, 26,439.7±12.2 joules per gramme based on mass (Certified by Pattinson and Stead, Middlesbrough, UK)
190v	Benzoic Acid	Purity 100.0±0.06%, Calorific Value, 26,443.2±6.6 joules per gramme based on mass (Certified by Pattinson and Stead, Middlesbrough, UK)







## SPECTROSCOPIC STANDARD CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIALS - Highly Alloyed Steels

**CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (nominal mass content in %)** - Figures in bold type certified, figures in small italic type only approximate.

### **Ferritic Stainless Steels (Wrought)** (SS-CRM 469-473: 38mm dia. x 19mm discs, SS-CRM 70: 44mm dia. x 13mm disc)

Ref. No.	Description	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	Co	Cu	V
<b>SS-CRM 70</b>	Ferritic Stainless Steels	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.024</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>16.36</b>	...	<b>0.40</b>	...	<i>0.02</i>	...
<b>SS-CRM 469</b>		<b>0.279</b>	<b>0.421</b>	<b>0.598</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.020</b>	<b>11.93</b>	...	<b>0.246</b>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.02</i>
<b>SS-CRM 470</b>		<b>0.153</b>	<b>0.335</b>	<b>0.235</b>	<b>0.024</b>	<b>0.035</b>	<b>17.68</b>	...	<b>0.369</b>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.02</i>
<b>SS-CRM 471</b>		<b>0.095</b>	<b>0.326</b>	<b>0.417</b>	<b>0.018</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>23.85</b>	...	<b>0.96</b>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.03</i>
<b>SS-CRM 472</b>		<b>0.227</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.032</b>	<b>0.029</b>	<b>15.82</b>	<b>0.661</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.02</i>	<i>0.02</i>
<b>SS-CRM 473</b>		<b>0.172</b>	<b>0.604</b>	<b>0.494</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>0.030</b>	<b>9.06</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.03</i>	<i>0.02</i>

Samples 469 to 473 are also available in the finely divided form - see page 10

### **High-Speed Steels (Wrought)** (38mm dia. x 19mm discs)

Ref No.	Description	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	Al (Total)	As	Co	Sn	V	W
<b>SS-CRM 482/1</b>	High-Speed Steels	<b>0.675</b>	<b>0.14</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<i>0.16</i>	...	...	<b>0.29</b>	...	<b>1.04</b>	<b>17.83</b>
<b>SS-CRM 483/1</b>		<b>0.650</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<i>0.08</i>	...	...	<b>2.06</b>	...	<b>0.22</b>	<b>9.28</b>
<b>SS-CRM 485/1</b>		<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.043</b>	<b>0.039</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>0.006</i>	<i>0.022</i>	<b>4.97</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>17.79</b>
<b>SS-CRM 486/1</b>		<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.029</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>4.54</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<i>0.06</i>	<0.005	<i>0.016</i>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.014</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>5.80</b>
<b>SS-CRM 487/1</b>		<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>0.029</b>	<b>3.91</b>	<b>9.41</b>	<i>0.14</i>	<b>0.006</b>	<i>0.012</i>	<b>7.95</b>	<i>0.006</i>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.80</b>

**High Manganese Steels (Cast)** (48mm x 42mm x 12mm blocks). These samples have been prepared jointly by Repicast Ltd./Castings Technology International (formerly BCIRA) and BAS.

Ref Nos.	Description	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Mo	Ni	Al (Total)	Co	Cu	N	V	As	Ti
<b>SS-CRM 492/3</b>	High Manganese Steels	<b>1.18</b>	<b>0.299</b>	<b>8.33</b>	<b>0.0318</b>	<b>0.0093</b>	<b>1.076</b>	<b>1.318</b>	<b>4.17</b>	<b>0.131</b>	<b>0.0048</b>	<b>0.0211</b>	<b>0.0225</b>	<i>0.004</i>	<i>0.002</i>	<b>0.0024</b>
<b>SS-CRM 493/3</b>		<b>0.819</b>	<b>0.861</b>	<b>11.15</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.009</b>	<b>0.259</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>0.035</b>	...	<b>0.017</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.025</b>	...	...















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