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Standard Reference Material® 2620a
Carbon Dioxide in Nitrogen
(Nominal Amount-of-Substance Fraction 1 % mol/mol)
Lot 31-H-XX

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Purpose: The certified value delivered by this Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended for use in producing metrologically traceable secondary standards for the calibration of instruments used for carbon dioxide determinations.

Description: This SRM is a primary gas mixture supplied in a DOT 3AL-specification aluminum (6061 alloy) cylinder with a water volume of 6 L. Mixtures are shipped with a nominal pressure exceeding 12.4 MPa (1800 psig), which provides the user with 0.73 m^3 (25.8 ft^3) of useable mixture. The cylinder is the property of the purchaser and is equipped with a CGA-580 brass valve, which is the recommended outlet for this carbon dioxide mixture.

Certified Value: A NIST certified value is a value for which NIST has the highest confidence in that all known or suspected sources of bias and imprecision have been accounted [1]. This SRM mixture has been certified for carbon dioxide amount-of-substance fraction (mole fraction, sometimes termed "molar concentration"). This certified value is traceable to the International System of Units (SI) through the gravimetric primary standards and procedures used in the preparation of this mixture. The certified value given below applies to all cylinders in this lot.

Carbon Dioxide Mole Fraction: 0.9955 % mol/mol ± 0.0016 % mol/mol[(a)]

[(a)] The certified value is expressed as $x \pm U_{95\,\%}(x)$, where x is the value and $U_{95\,\%}(x)$ is the expanded uncertainty of the value. The true value of the analyte lies within the interval $x \pm U_{95\,\%}(x)$ with 95 % confidence. For guidance in propagating this uncertainty, see reference 2.

Additional Information: Appendix A contains a table of all cylinder Sample Numbers and their associated information for this lot. Appendix B contains values of potential interest to users.

Period of Validity: The certified value delivered by **SRM 2620a**, **Lot No. 31-H-XX** is valid within the measurement uncertainty specified until **05 August 2033**, provided the SRM is handled and stored in accordance with the instructions given in this certificate (see "Storage" and "Cylinder and Gas Handling Information"). The certification is nullified if the SRM is damaged, contaminated or otherwise modified, or if the internal pressure drops below 0.7 MPa (100 psig).

Maintenance of Certified Value: NIST will monitor this SRM over the period of its validity. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification, NIST will issue an amended certificate through the NIST SRM website (https://www.nist.gov/srm). Before making use of any of the values delivered by this material, users should verify they have the most recent version of this documentation, available through the NIST SRM website (https://www.nist.gov/srm).

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Safety: Consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for hazard information.

Storage: This SRM should be stored under normal laboratory conditions within the temperature range of 15 °C to 30 °C.

Cylinder and Gas Handling Information: NIST recommends the use of a high purity, two stage pressure regulator with a stainless-steel diaphragm and CGA-580 outlet to safely reduce the pressure and to deliver this mixture to the instrument. The regulator should be purged to prevent accidental contamination of the SRM by repeatedly (minimum three times) opening the valve and pressurizing the regulator, then closing the valve and releasing the pressure safely into a vent line.

Mixture Preparation: The gas mixtures comprising this SRM lot were prepared in accordance with NIST technical specifications by a commercial specialty gas vendor under contract to NIST. The specifications stipulate that each SRM mixture be identical in carbon dioxide mole fraction and stable with time.

Analytical Method: Analyses of the carbon dioxide mole fraction for this lot of cylinders were conducted by comparison to a representative cylinder chosen from the lot, designated as the SRM lot standard (LS). The LS was compared to NIST primary gravimetric standards using Gas Chromatography with Thermal Conductivity Detector (GC-TCD). Each of the carbon dioxide mixtures that comprise this SRM lot was then compared to the LS using GC-TCD. Within the precision of the NIST measurements, all the cylinders comprising this SRM lot have identical carbon dioxide mole fractions.

CAS Registry Numbers: This SRM is certified for carbon dioxide in nitrogen. The relevant CAS Registry numbers for these components are: carbon dioxide CAS Registry 124-38-9; nitrogen (balance gas) CAS Registry 7727-37-9.

NOTICE TO USERS

NIST strives to maintain the SRM inventory supply, but NIST cannot guarantee the continued or continuous supply of any specific SRM. Accordingly, NIST encourages the use of this SRM as a primary benchmark for the quality and accuracy of the user's in house reference materials and working standards. As such, the SRM should be used to validate the more routinely used reference materials in a laboratory. Comparisons between the SRM and in house reference materials or working measurement standards should take place at intervals appropriate to the conservation of the SRM and the stability of relevant in house materials. For further guidance on how this approach can be implemented, contact NIST by email at srms@nist.gov.

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If you use this SRM in published work, please reference:

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APPENDIX A

The table contains all cylinder Sample Numbers and their associated information for this lot.

Sample Number	Cylinder Number	Hydrotest Date	Fill Date
31-H-03	FF58535	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-04	FF58476	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-06	FF58477	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-07	FF58538	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-09	FF58511	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-10	FF58501	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-11	FF58455	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-12	FF58523	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-13	FF58536	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-15	FF58482	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-16	FF58555	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-17	FF58521	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-18	FF58457	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-19	FF58533	October 2016	July 2017
31-H-20	FF58503	October 2016	July 2017

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APPENDIX B

Values of Potential Interest to Users: A NIST value of potential interest to users is a value that will be of interest and use to the SRM user, but insufficient information is available to assess adequately the uncertainty associated with the value or only a limited number of analyses were performed [1]. A NIST value of potential interest is provided for information purposes only. Results for additional analyses performed during the certification process are given below.

Constituent	Concentration/Method	CAS Registry
Carbon monoxide	< 1 µmol/mol (as determined by cavity enhance absorption spectroscopy)	630-08-0
Water	< 1 µmol/mol (as determined by P_2O_5 adsorption)	7732-18-5
Total hydrocarbons (Expressed as Methane)	< 10 nmol/mol (as determined by FT-IR spectroscopy)	74-98-6
Nitrogen	Balance	7727-37-9

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