



# National Institute of Standards & Technology

## Certificate of Analysis

### Standard Reference Material 69b

#### Bauxite (Arkansas)

(In Cooperation with the American Society for Testing and Materials)

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is in the form of fine powder (nominal particle size < 0.08 mm) and is intended primarily for use in evaluating chemical and instrumental methods of analyses.

(All analyses are based on samples dried 2 hours at 140 °C)

<u>Constituent</u>	<u>Certified Value<sup>1</sup> Percent by Weight</u>	<u>Estimated Uncertainty<sup>2</sup></u>
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	48.8	0.2
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.14	.12
SiO <sub>2</sub>	13.43	.10
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.90	.05
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	0.29	.07
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	.118	.004
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	.028	.003
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	.011	.002
CaO	.13	.02
MgO	.085	.008
MnO	.110	.005
ZnO	.0035	.0005
K <sub>2</sub> O	.068	.009
SO <sub>3</sub>	.551	.006
Loss on Ignition <sup>3</sup>	27.2	.2

<sup>1</sup>The certified value listed for a constituent is the present best estimate of the "true" value. The certified values are given as the oxide on an equivalent weight basis and assume stoichiometry in the form of the oxide listed.

<sup>2</sup>The estimated uncertainty listed for a constituent is based on judgment and represents an evaluation of the combined effects of method imprecision, possible systematic errors among methods, and material variability for samples 1.0 g or more. (No attempt was made to derive exact statistical measures of imprecision because several methods were involved in the determination of most constituents.)

<sup>3</sup>Determined by igniting to constant weight at 1050 °C.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE COMPOSITION

Constituents other than those certified are present in this material as indicated below. They are not certified but are given as additional information on the composition.

Constituent	Concentration Percent by Weight	Constituent	Concentration, Percent by Weight
BaO	(0.008)	Co	(0.0001)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	(0.025)	Hf	(0.0063)
Ce	(0.024)	Sc	(0.0008)

The mineralogical composition of SRM 69b is 30% kaolinite, 60% gibbsite, and 10% siderite. It was determined by x-ray diffraction studies at the Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior, Reston, VA, (J.W. Hosterman).

### PLANNING, PREPARATION, TESTING, ANALYSIS:

The base material for this SRM was provided by the Aluminum Company of America, Bauxite, Arkansas, through the courtesy of T.J. Forbes and by the Alcoa Technical Center, Pittsburgh, PA, courtesy of H.B. Hartman. It was processed (crushed, ground, sieved, and mixed) at the Colorado School of Mines Research Institute under contract with the National Institute of Standards & Technology.

Homogeneity testing was performed at NIST by J.S. Maples and T.E. Gills using instrumental neutron activation analysis.

Cooperative analyses for certification were performed in the following laboratories:

- Aluminum Company of America, Alcoa Center, PA, R.C. Obbink.
- Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd., Arvida Research Center, Arvida, Quebec, Canada, L. Girolami.
- Andrew S. McCreath & Son, Inc., Harrisburg, PA, F.A. Pennington, Jr., R.F. Eakin, and S.L. Miller.
- General Refractories Co., U.S. Refractories Division, Research Center, Baltimore, MD, S. Banerjee.
- Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior, Reston, VA, H.J. Rose, Jr., and J.W. Hosterman.
- Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., Center for Technology, Pleasanton, CA, H.J. Seim, A.E. McLaughlin, D.F.G. Marten, A. Kermaninejad, R.C. Kinne, J.R. Skarset, J. Boruk, and U. Vogel.
- National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, R.K. Bell (Retired), ASTM-NIST Assistant Research Associate, W.R. Kelly, and K.E. Murphy.
- National-Southwire Aluminum Co., Hawesville, KY, N. Robinson and E. Gotzy.
- Ormet Corp., Burnside, LA, W.L. Brown and A.D. Lafleur.
- Reynolds Aluminum Co., Alumina Research Division, Bauxite, AR, J.B. Ezell, Jr.
- University of Kentucky, Institute for Mining and Minerals Research, Center for Energy Research Laboratory, Lexington, KY, T.V. Rebagay.

The overall coordination of the technical measurements leading to certification were performed under the direction of J.I. Shultz, Research Associate, ASTM-NIST Research Associate Program.

The original, technical and support aspects involved in the preparation, certification, and issuance of this Standard Reference Material were coordinated through the Standard Reference Materials Program by R.E. Michaelis and R. Alvarez.

The update and revision of this Certificate was coordinated through the Standard Reference Materials Program by T.E. Gills.

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BAUXITE SERIES

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R.E. Michaelis and R. Alvarez, NIST Standard Reference Materials Program

and J.I. Shultz, ASTM Research Associate

The values for the series of bauxite Standard Reference Materials (SRMs) are given in the following table. They are available in the form of fine powders ( < 0.08 mm). The bauxite series is issued as a culmination of a major industry-ASTM/NIST cooperative program.

SRM No. Designation/	69b Arkansas	600 Australian	696 Surinam	697 Dominican	698 Jamaican
Constituent	Percent by Weight				
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	48.8	40.0	54.5	45.8	48.2
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	7.14	17.0	8.70	20.0	19.6
SiO <sub>2</sub>	13.43	20.3	3.79	6.81	0.69
TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.90	1.31	2.64	2.52	2.38
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	0.29	0.060	0.14	0.065	0.061
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.118	0.039	0.050	0.97	0.37
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.028	0.060	0.072	0.063	0.064
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.011	0.024	0.047	0.100	0.080
CaO	0.13	0.22	0.018	0.71	0.62
MgO	0.085	0.05	0.012	0.18	0.058
MnO	0.110	0.013	0.004	0.41	0.38
ZnO	0.0035	0.003	0.0014	0.037	0.029
BaO	(0.008) <sup>a</sup>	---	(0.004)	(0.015)	(0.008)
Na <sub>2</sub> O	(0.025)	0.022	(0.007)	(0.036)	(0.015)
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.068	0.23	0.009	0.062	0.010
SO <sub>3</sub>	0.551	0.155	0.150	0.0769	0.144
Loss on Ignition	27.2	20.5	29.9	22.1	27.3
Ce	(0.024)	---	(0.0041)	(0.069)	(0.030)
Co	(0.0001)	---	(0.00009)	(0.0013)	(0.0045)
Hf	(0.0063)	---	(0.0032)	(0.0014)	(0.0015)
Sc	(0.0008)	---	(0.0008)	(0.0058)	(0.0051)
Total	(100.0)	(99.99)	(100.1)	(100.1)	(100.1)

<sup>a</sup> Values in parenthesis are not certified.

The value listed for a certified constituent is the present best estimate of the "true" value based on the results of the analytical program for certification involving 10-12 laboratories. The individual certificates of analysis list the "estimated uncertainties" associated with the certified values.

Inquiries regarding the bauxite SRMs 69b, 600, 696, 697, and 698, should be directed to Standard Reference Materials Program, Building 202, Room 215, National Institute of Standards and Technology. Telephone (301) 975-6776; FAX (301) 948-3730.