



National Institute of Standards & Technology

Certificate

Standard Reference Material® 1363b

Coating Thickness Standard Set

(Nonmagnetic Coating on Steel)

Nominal Coating Thickness: 255 μm , 385 μm , 505 μm , 635 μm

Set Serial No. Sample

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is designed for calibrating coating thickness gauges that employ magnetic principles. These gauges are used to measure the thickness of nonmagnetic coatings on steel including paint and other organic coatings, as well as nonmagnetic metallic coatings. A unit of SRM 1363b consists of a preconfigured set of five 45 mm \times 45 mm coupons: a bare substrate, and four coupons with metallic coatings certified for total coating thickness (nominal coating thicknesses of 255 μm , 385 μm , 505 μm , and 635 μm). Each coupon consists of an AISI 1010 cold-rolled sheet-steel substrate with the coated coupons possessing an additional uniform coating of copper that is overlaid with a thin protective layer of chromium.

Certified Coating Thickness Values: Certified coating thickness values are provided in Table 1. A NIST certified value is a value for which NIST has the highest confidence in its accuracy in that all known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account [1]. The analytical methods used for the characterization and subsequent certification of this SRM included flame atomic absorption spectrometry, optical microscopy, and magnetic induction. The resulting certified values are based upon results from the magnetic induction method and are reported as the mean coating thickness of each coupon of the SRM unit. The uncertainty in the certified value for each coupon is expressed as the expanded uncertainty, U , of the mean at the 95 % level of confidence and is calculated according to the GUM Guide [2], where $U = k u_c$, with a coverage factor, $k = 2$, and u_c , a combined uncertainty including the estimated uncertainty of the primary standards and the imprecision of the intercomparison of the primary standards to the coupon.

Expiration of Certification: The certification of **SRM 1363b** is valid indefinitely, within the uncertainty specified, provided the SRM is used infrequently as a primary standard and the unit is handled and stored in accordance with the guidelines given in this certificate (see “Notice and Warnings to Users”). The wear induced by the contact measurement of the magnetic gauges will alter the thickness values stated in this certificate. The frequency of replacement or verification of this SRM is determined by the user, based upon the number of uses and the severity of wear.

Additional Information: SRM 1358b will be discontinued on October 2, 2022 or when sold out. If excessive wear is suspected, the SRM may be returned to NIST for verification prior to December 31, 2022. **NIST will no longer support the verification service after December 31, 2022. For details, contact the NIST Mechanical Performance Group by e-mail at coating.thickness@nist.gov, or by telephone at (301) 975-6411.**

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Information Coating Thickness Values: Information coating thickness values reported in Table 2 were obtained by converting the coating thickness values reported in micrometers from Table 1 to mils. An information value is considered to be a value that will be of interest to the SRM user, but insufficient information is available to assess the uncertainty associated with the value. Information values cannot be used to establish metrological traceability.

Certified and information coating thickness values listed in Tables 1 and 2 of this certificate are considered the official values, should a discrepancy exist between the values listed in the certificate and the label affixed to the sleeve holding the coupon.

NOTICE TO USERS

Notice to Users: This SRM should not be left unprotected in a corrosive laboratory environment or undergo any treatment that would scratch or remove material from the surface of the coupon. The surfaces of these coupons require careful preservation and care during storage and use in order to maintain the stated coating thickness within the uncertainty reported on this certificate. The SRM unit may be cleaned with ethyl alcohol and soft wipe materials. The surface polish should be protected from abuse. The certification is nullified if the coupons are repolished.

Instrument Calibration: The current published standard magnetic methods for measuring coating thicknesses [3,4] should be used as guidelines to maximize the accuracy in coating thickness measurements. In general, it is not possible for the user to achieve the same uncertainty as reported in Table 1 of this certificate when using magnetic-type coating thickness gauges calibrated with this SRM. The overall uncertainty of the measurement by the user will include the contribution due to the uncertainty of this SRM, as well as the uncertainty inherent in the measurements performed by the user. The standard deviation of the measurements performed during the certification process is listed on the label affixed to the sleeve containing each coupon. It is reported to enable the user to gauge the contribution due to non-uniformity of the coating, since this will be a major contributor to the uncertainty of the values. This standard deviation should not be used when performing an error analysis. Instead, the user is instructed to use the expanded uncertainty listed in Table 1, since all known or suspected sources of bias have been investigated or taken into account in this uncertainty.

Table 1. Certified Coating Thickness Values for Each Coupon

Individual Coupon Serial Number	Certified Coating Thickness (μm)
111111111111	237.4 \pm 3.6
222222222222	351.7 \pm 5.3
333333333333	467.6 \pm 4.7
444444444444	599.0 \pm 6.0

Table 2. Information Values for Coating Thickness of Each Coupon

Individual Coupon Serial Number	Coating Thickness (mils)
111111111111	\approx 9.35
222222222222	\approx 13.85
333333333333	\approx 18.41
444444444444	\approx 23.58

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All sets also include an uncoated steel coupon that originated from the same lot of the steel used as the substrate for these SRMs. The coupon is intended for instruments that have the capability of adjusting their internal calibration based on the substrate material used. When applicable, please refer to the appropriate manufacturer's instrument manual for instructions on how to perform the adjustment.

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Users of this SRM should ensure that the Certificate in their possession is current. This can be accomplished by contacting the SRM Program: telephone (301) 975-2200; e-mail srminfo@nist.gov; or via the Internet at <https://www.nist.gov/srm>.