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Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material[®] 2298

Sulfur in Gasoline (High Octane)

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is a high octane unleaded motor gasoline (primarily an alkylate blend) intended for use in the evaluation of methods and the calibration of instruments used in the determination of total sulfur in gasoline or materials of similar matrix. A unit of SRM 2298 consists of 5 amber ampoules, each containing approximately 20 mL of gasoline.

Certified Value: 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 certified sulfur content provided in Table 1 is based on analyses by isotope dilution thermal ionization mass spectrometry (ID-TIMS) [2]. Homogeneity testing was performed using X-ray fluorescence spectrometry. The uncertainty in the certified value is expressed as an expanded uncertainty and is calculated according to the ISO/JCGM Guide [3] with coverage factor, $k = 2.571$, for a 95 % confidence interval.

Table 1. Certified Mass Fraction Value^(a)

Sulfur: $4.7 \mu\text{g/g} \pm 1.3 \mu\text{g/g}$

^(a) The measurand is the total concentration of sulfur in gasoline and the certified value is metrologically traceable to the unit microgram of sulfur per gram.

Information Value: 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 or only a limited number of analyses were performed [3]. An information value for density is provided in Table 2.

Expiration of Certification: The certification of **SRM 2298** is valid, within the measurement uncertainty specified, until **30 September 2016**, provided the SRM is handled and stored in accordance with instructions given in this certificate (see "Instructions for Handling, Storage, and Use"). This certification is nullified if the SRM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING, STORAGE, AND USE

Each SRM ampoule should only be opened for the minimum time required to dispense the material. Once an ampoule is opened, the material must be used within a period of five hours to avoid a significant change in the sulfur content. To relate analytical determinations to the certified value in this certificate, a minimum sample mass of 150 mg should be used. The unopened ampoules should be stored under normal laboratory conditions away from direct sunlight.

Table 2. Information Value

Physical Property Test ^(a)	ASTM Standard Used	Result
Density @ 15 °C	D 4052-96	694.1 kg/m ³

^(a) This property was determined by a commercial firm using ASTM methods. The result is **NOT** certified and is provided as additional information on the matrix.

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