



National Institute of Standards & Technology

Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material[®] 126c

High-Nickel Steel (36 % Ni)

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in validation of chemical and instrumental methods of analysis. A unit of SRM 126c consists of a bottle containing approximately 150 g of chips. This material is available in disk form as SRM 1158 for applications in optical emission and X-ray fluorescence spectrometry.

Certified Values: Certified values for four constituents in SRM 126c are provided in Table 1. All values are reported as mass fractions [1]. The uncertainty listed with the value is an expanded uncertainty, $U = ku_c$, based on a 95 % confidence level [2] and is calculated according to the method in the ISO Guide [3]. 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 [4]. A certified value is the present best estimate of the “true” value based on the results of analyses performed at NIST and collaborating laboratories. Test methods used to determine these elements are identified in the appendix and the accompanying key.

Reference Values: Reference values for six constituents are provided in Table 2. Reference values are non-certified values that are the present best estimates of the true values; however, the values do not meet the NIST criteria for certification and are provided with associated uncertainties that may not include all components of uncertainty [4]. The uncertainty listed with the value is an expanded uncertainty based on a 95 % confidence level [4] and is calculated according to the method in the ISO Guide [3].

Information Values: An information value for vanadium is given in Table 3. 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. They are intended to provide additional information on the matrix.

Expiration of Certification: The certification of **SRM 126c** is valid indefinitely, within the uncertainty specified, provided the SRM is handled and stored in accordance with the instructions given in this certificate (see “Instructions for Use”). The certification is nullified if the SRM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

Maintenance of SRM Certification: NIST will monitor this SRM over the period of its certification. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification, NIST will notify the purchaser. Registration (see attached sheet) will facilitate notification.

The original characterization of this material was performed in 1972 under the direction of O. Menis and J.I. Shultz of the National Bureau of Standards (NBS, now NIST).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

To relate analytical determinations to the certified values on this Certificate of Analysis, a minimum sample quantity of 200 mg is recommended.

PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS¹

The material for this SRM was prepared by the Research and Development Center, Carpenter Technology Corporation, Reading, PA. Certification analyses were performed using the methods provided in the appendix.

Table 1. Certified Values for SRM 126c High-Nickel Steel

Constituent	Mass Fraction (%)	Expanded Uncertainty (Mass Fraction, %)	Coverage Factor, <i>k</i>
C	0.02540	0.00068	2.8
Mn	0.4684	0.0073	2.8
Ni	36.054	0.029	2.8
Si	0.1936	0.0034	2.8

Table 2. Reference Values for SRM 126c High-Nickel Steel

Constituent	Mass Fraction (%)	Expanded Uncertainty (Mass Fraction, %)	Coverage Factor, <i>k</i>
Co	0.0080	0.0023	3.2
Cr	0.0625	0.0078	3.2
Cu	0.0396	0.0018	3.2
Mo	0.0110	0.0018	3.2
P	0.00350	0.00092	3.2
S	0.0050	0.0015	2.8

Table 3. Information Values for SRM 126c High-Nickel Steel

Constituent	Mass Fraction (%)
V	0.001

¹ Certain commercial equipment, instruments or materials are identified in this certificate to adequately specify the experimental procedure. Such identification does not imply recommendation or endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, nor does it imply that the materials or equipment identified are necessarily the best available for the purpose.

REFERENCES

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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 at: telephone (301) 975-2200; fax (301) 926-4751, email srminfo@nist.gov; or via the Internet at <http://www.nist.gov/srm>.

Appendix. Analytical Methods

Element	Methods
C	21
Co	5, 18
Cr	5, 13, 20
Cu	5, 11, 16, 19
Mn	1, 5, 15
Mo	22
Ni	4, 8, 12
P	6
S	2, 7, 10
Si	3
V	9, 14, 17

Key to Methods:

1. Potentiometric titration
2. Combustion in oxygen at 1450 °C and SO₂ titration with standard KIO₃
3. Double dehydration with intervening filtration
4. 0.25 g sample and double precipitation; precipitate dried at 150 °C
5. Atomic absorption spectrometry
6. Ammonium phosphovanadate photometric method
7. Combustion-spectrophotometric using pararsaniline
8. Finished by electrolysis
9. Hg cathode separation 3,3'-diaminobenzidine hydrochloride photometric method
10. 1 g sample combusted in oxygen and SO₂ measured by infrared detection
11. Diethyldithiocarbamate photometric method
12. Dimethylglyoxime precipitate titrated with cyanide
13. Diphenylcarbazide photometric method
14. Nitric acid oxidation, potentiometric titration with standard ferrous ammonium sulfate
15. Periodate spectrophotometric method
16. Neo-cuproine spectrophotometric method
17. 3,3'-dimethylnaphthidine spectrophotometric method
18. Ion-exchange-nitroso R spectrophotometric method
19. 2,2'-biquinoline spectrophotometric method
20. Persulfate oxidation, potentiometric titration with standard ferrous ammonium sulfate
21. Combustion chromatographic method
22. Photometric method