



Certificate of Analysis

Standard Reference Material[®] 1482a

Polyethylene

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) is intended primarily for use in calibration and performance evaluation of instruments used to determine the molecular mass and molecular mass distribution by high temperature size exclusion chromatography (SEC) and instruments used to obtain the high temperature dilute solution viscosity of the polymer. SRM 1482a is supplied in the form of a white powder in units of 0.3 g.

| Property | Certified Value and Uncertainty |
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| Certified Mass-Average Molecular Mass (M_w): | 13 600 g/mol \pm 1 500 g/mol |
| Certified Number-Average Molecular Mass (M_n): | 11 400 g/mol \pm 300 g/mol |
| Certified Intrinsic Viscosity $[\eta]$: | 40.1 mL/g \pm 0.57 mL/g |

Certified Measurement Technique and Uncertainty: The M_w , M_n and their related combined expanded uncertainties reported above were measured on SRM 1482 *Polyethylene* in 1978 [1,2].

Intrinsic viscosity measurements were made at 130 °C in the solvent, 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene. Butylated hydroxytoluene (2,6-Di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylphenol) was added to the solvent at about 0.7 g/L as an antioxidant. Details of the intrinsic viscosity measurements on SRM 1482a are given in reference [3].

All certified measurement uncertainties are expressed as combined expanded uncertainties with a coverage factor $k = 2$.

Expiration of Certification: The certification of SRM 1482a is valid, within the measurement uncertainties specified, until **22 November 2012**, provided that the SRM is handled in accordance with the instructions given in this certificate. This certification is nullified if the SRM is modified or contaminated.

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

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Homogeneity and Characterization: The homogeneity of SRM 1482a was tested by SEC analysis of solutions in 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene at 130 °C. The characterization of this polymer is described in reference [3]. SRM 1482a is a reblending and rebottling of SRM 1482.

Storage: The SRM should be stored in the original bottle with the lid tightly closed under normal laboratory conditions.

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