

FLX-1004-01-COA

DIN EN ISO 17034:2017



# Certified Reference Material FLX-1004 - Cement

Certified Values				
Parameter	Mass fraction in % <sup>1)</sup>	Uncertainty in % <sup>2)</sup>	Traceable to	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6,53	0,16	NIST SRM 634a	
CaO	58,17	0,52	BAM Reinstoff 3	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2,59	0,10	NIST SRM 634a	
K₂O	0,734	0,051	IV-70918 U2-MEB733627	
MgO	2,81	0,12	BAM Reinstoff 6a	
Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0,317	0,033	IV-70918 U2-MEB733627	
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0,149	0,033	IV-70918 U2-MEB733627	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0,165	0,023	NIST SRM 634a	
SiO2	24,63	0,34	BAM Reinstoff 1	
SO₃	3,34	0,14	NIST SRM 634a	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0,405	0,037	IV-70918 U2-MEB733627	
ZnO	0,029	0,009	IV-70918 U2-MEB733627	

Table1) Certified Values

1) Certified value traceable to SI unit kg/kg based on ignited material.

2) Total expanded uncertainty  $U_{CRM}$  calculated for a confidence interval of 95% (k=2).

The sum of all oxides is **99,867** %. This excludes informational values and LOI.

This certificate is valid, within the uncertainty specified, **until 31.01.2034**, provided the CRM is handled in accordance with instructions given in this certificate. The certification is nullified if the CRM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

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# Description of the CRM

This reference material is an industrial product and was taken directly from the production stream. The complete batch was sealed into 30 g bottles. This material is normally used as cement for constructions.

### Intended use

Calibration and control sample for x-ray fluorescence (XRF) analysis.

# **Informational Values**

Parameter	Mass Fraction in % <sup>3)</sup>	Uncertainty <sup>4)</sup>
CI	0,065 <sup>5)</sup>	-
LOI	<b>2,00</b> <sup>6)</sup>	-

Table2) Informational Values

3) Only Informational Value, not accredited.

4) Total expanded uncertainty U<sub>CRM</sub> calculated for a confidence interval of 95% (k=2), if present.

5) Based on dried material (1h 105 °C).

6) Based on original material.

# Instructions for the correct use of the CRM

This material is moisture sensitive. This material has to be ignited for minimum 1 hour at 950°C prior use. The ignition process must result in a constant weight. The ignited material must be stored in a desiccator not longer than 24h, then reignition might be necessary. The minimum sample quantity for analysis should be 0,5 g. For XRF use, ignited samples should be prepared as a fused bead, e.g. in accordance with ISO 29581-2:2010.

# **Storage Information**

The material has to be stored in a dry and clean environment.

#### **Hazardous situation**

For this material an actual MSDS is available.

# Level of homogeneity

In accordance with ISO Guide 35:2017 a homogeneity study was performed. A one-way ANOVA was used to calculate the batch inhomogeneity.



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# Stability

In accordance with ISO Guide 35:2017 a stability study was performed. As a result, the stability of the material was considered as fit for purpose. The uncertainty of long term stability was calculated

### **Total expanded uncertainty**

The total expanded uncertainty  $U_{CRM}$  for a confidence interval of 95% (k=2) was calculated by taking into account the uncertainty of characterization  $u_{char}$ , of inhomogeneity  $u_{bb}$  and long-term stability  $u_{lts}$ .

$$U_{CRM} = \mathbf{k} \times \sqrt{u_{char}^2 + u_{bb}^2 + u_{lts}^2}$$

#### Traceability

All of the certified values derived as part of this testing program have traceability to the reference materials stated in table 1.

#### Methods used

The analytical work performed to assess this material was carried out by the FLUXANA laboratory, which works according to ISO/IEC 17025:2018.

In accordance with ISO 17034:2017 and ISO Guide 35:2017, we use the approach stated in ISO 17034:2017 Chapter 7.12.3. d) value transfer from an RM to a closely matched candidate RM performed using a single measurement procedure performed by one laboratory.

An example for this approach is found in ISO 13528:2022-08 E.5. Using this approach, samples of the test material that is to be the new reference material are tested along with matching and/or synthetic RMs using a suitable method. The assigned values  $X_{CRM}$  and their uncertainties  $U_{CRM}$  are then derived from a calibration against the certified reference values of the compared RMs. Synthetic RMs are made from pure chemicals by weighing. Measurement method used: XRF with fusion as sample preparation technique.

This certificate is in conformance with ISO Guide 31:2015.

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