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**EUROPÄISCHES KOMITEE FÜR EISEN-UND STAHLNORMUNG**  
 EUROPEAN CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL (EURONORM – CRM)  
**CERTIFICATE OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS**  
**EURONORM – CRM No. 088-2 HIGH PURITY IRON**  
 LABORATORY MEANS (4 Values)

mass content in %

Line No.	C*	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Co	Cu	V	Ca	N	Al	Mo
1	0.00026	0.0039	–	0.0040	0.0059	–	–	0.0056	0.0147	0.00015	0.00040	0.0006	0.0002	0.0024
2	0.00032	0.0039	0.0734	0.0042	0.0059	0.0204	0.0245	0.0057	–	0.00015	0.00045	0.0007	0.0002	0.0026
3	0.00032	0.0043	0.0750	0.0043	0.0061	0.0221	0.0254	0.0057	0.0153	0.00020	0.00052	0.0007	0.0003	0.0026
4	0.00035	0.0046	0.0756	0.0044	0.0061	0.0228	0.0261	0.0057	0.0155	0.00028	0.00060	0.0008	0.0003	0.0026
5	0.00040	0.0047	0.0762	0.0044	0.0063	0.0231	0.0262	0.0058	0.0156	0.00028	0.00060	0.0008	0.0003	
6	0.00043	0.0050	0.0767	0.0044	0.0067	0.0231	0.0265	0.0058	0.0158	0.00030	0.00062	0.0009	0.0003	
7	0.00052	0.0050	0.0783	0.0045	0.0067	0.0234	0.0267	0.0060	0.0160	0.00030	0.00065	0.0009	0.0004	
8	0.00068	0.0051	0.0783	0.0045	0.0069	0.0235	0.0270	0.0060	0.0163	0.00030	0.00068	0.0010	0.0004	
9	0.00075	0.0051	0.0803	0.0045	0.0070	0.0236	0.0271	0.0061	0.0164	0.00030	0.00068	0.0010	0.0005	
10	0.00075	0.0055	0.0806	0.0045	0.0071	0.0237	0.0271	0.0061	0.0164	0.00030	0.00072	0.0010	0.0005	
11	0.00076	0.0056	0.0811	0.0047	0.0071	0.0239	0.0274	0.0061	0.0165	0.00031	0.00075	0.0010	0.0009	
12	0.00077	0.0060	0.0815	0.0047	0.0072	0.0240	0.0275	0.0061	0.0165	0.00032	0.00078	0.0011	0.0009	
13	0.00085	0.0061	0.0821	0.0047	0.0074	0.0240	0.0276	0.0061	0.0165	0.00040	0.00080	0.0011	0.0009	
14	0.00102	0.0066	0.0825	0.0047	0.0075	0.0248	0.0277	0.0062	0.0165	0.00045	0.00080	0.0011	0.0011	
15	–	0.0069	0.0827	0.0048	0.0076	0.0253	0.0280	0.0062	0.0165		0.00080	0.0011	0.0011	
16	0.00103		0.0829	0.0048	0.0076	0.0256	0.0280	0.0062	0.0166		0.00088	0.0011		
17	–		0.0832	0.0049	0.0076	0.0256	0.0280	0.0062	0.0166		0.00090	0.0012		
18			0.0834	0.0050	0.0076	0.0262	–	0.0063	0.0166		0.00090	0.0014		
19			0.0843	0.0051	0.0077	0.0269	0.0285	0.0063	0.0167		0.00090	0.0014		
20			0.0843	0.0053	0.0081	0.0269	0.0294	0.0063	0.0167		0.00095	0.0016		
21			0.0852	0.0055		0.0269	0.0296	0.0064	0.0168		–			
22			0.0854	0.0056		0.0272	0.0296	0.0064	0.0170		–			
23			0.0861	0.0059		0.0297	0.0064	0.0178						
<b>M<sub>M</sub></b>	<b>0.00062</b>	<b>0.0052</b>	<b>0.0809</b>	<b>0.0048</b>	<b>0.0070</b>	<b>0.0244</b>	<b>0.0275</b>	<b>0.0061</b>	<b>0.0163</b>	<b>0.00029</b>	<b>0.00072</b>			
<i>s<sub>M</sub></i>	0.00026	0.0009	0.0037	0.0005	0.0007	0.0018	0.0014	0.0003	0.0007	0.00008	0.00016			
<i>s<sub>w</sub></i>	0.00011	0.0003	0.0006	0.0002	0.0002	0.0005	0.0004	0.0001	0.0003	0.00004	0.00007			

*M<sub>M</sub>*: Mean of the laboratory means *s<sub>M</sub>*: Standard deviation of the laboratory means

*s<sub>w</sub>*: Intralaboratory standard deviation *s<sub>b</sub>*: Interlaboratory standard deviation

$$s_M = \sqrt{s_b^2 + s_w^2/4}$$

The laboratory mean values have been examined statistically to eliminate outlying values. Where a “–” appears in the table it indicates that an outlying value has been omitted by either the Cochran or Grubbs Test.

Values given above in italic type are for information only

**CERTIFIED VALUES**

mass content in %

	C*	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Co	Cu	V	Ca
<b>M<sub>M</sub></b>	<b>0.0006</b>	<b>0.0052</b>	<b>0.0809</b>	<b>0.0048</b>	<b>0.0070</b>	<b>0.0244</b>	<b>0.0275</b>	<b>0.0061</b>	<b>0.0163</b>	<b>0.00029</b>	<b>0.00072</b>
C(95%)	0.0002	0.0005	0.0017	0.0002	0.0004	0.0008	0.0007	0.0002	0.0003	0.00005	0.00008

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

\* The ECRM Producers are aware that the determination of low carbon contents should preferably be carried out on compact samples (after pretreatment). In this special case, the powdered sample ECRM 088-2, satisfactory carbon values have been obtained after pre-heating at 420°C ± 10°C in air for 5-10 minutes in accordance with ISO 15349-2. Determination of low carbon in unalloyed steels by HF/IR. See further information under “Methods Used” for carbon.

The half-width confidence interval  $C(95\%) = \frac{t \times s_M}{\sqrt{n}}$  where t is the appropriate Student's t value and n is the number of acceptable mean values

For further information regarding the confidence interval for the certified value see ISO Guide 35:1989 section 4



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**METHODS USED**  
**EURONORM – CRM No. 088-2**

Element	Line Number	Methods
<b>C*</b>	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-16 14	High frequency combustion-infrared absorption Combustion, non-aqueous titration
NOTE: Extensive work has shown that this finely divided material adsorbs carbon on the surface but this can be removed by pre-heating in air immediately before combustion. (This may be carried out in a muffle furnace with thermostatic temperature control). It is therefore vitally important to carry out this pre-treatment of the sample.		
<b>Si</b>	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-9-11 8-10 12-13 14 15	ICP-OES Photometric as molybdenum blue with extraction Photometric as molybdenum blue without extraction Gravimetric, dehydration with perchloric acid FAAS
<b>Mn</b>	2-6-8-10-11-12-13-14-15-17-20-21-22-23 3-4-5-7-16-18 9-19	ICP-OES FAAS Photometric, oxidation with periodate
<b>P</b>	1-11-12-19-20 2-3-10-13-15-22-23 4-5-6-7-8-14-16-17-18-21	Photometric as phosphovanadomolybdate with extraction Photometric as molybdenum blue without extraction ICP-OES
<b>S</b>	9 1 2-3-4-5-6-7-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20 8	ICP-MS Gravimetric as BaSO <sub>4</sub> , after chromatographic separation alumina High frequency combustion, infrared absorption Coulometric titration
<b>Cr</b>	2-3-7-13-14-19-20-21-22 4-5-6-8-9-10-11-12-15-16-17-18	FAAS ICP-OES
<b>Ni</b>	2-3-4-9-13-14-21 5-6-7-8-11-12-15-16-17-19-20-22-23	FAAS ICP-OES
<b>Co</b>	10 1-2-3-6-7-8-9-10-12-13-14-15-16-20 4-11-19-21-22-23 5-17-18	Photometric with dimethylglyoxime with extraction ICP-OES FAAS ICP-MS
<b>Cu</b>	1-4-5-7-10-18-19-21 3-6-8-9-13-14-15-16-17-20-22-23	FAAS ICP-OES
<b>V</b>	11 12 1-2-3-5-6-7-8-11-12-14 4 9-10-13	ICP-MS Photometric with diethyldithiocarbamate with extraction ICP-OES FAAS ICP-MS
<b>Ca</b>	1-3-4-5-6-7-14-15-16 2-8-9-10-11-12-13-17-18-19-20	FAAS ICP-OES
<b>N</b>	1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-17-18-19-20 16	Thermal conductivity, decomposition in graphite crucible Photometric with indophenol blue after distillation
<b>Al</b>	1-4-5-6-9-10-11-12-15 2-3-13-14	ICP-OES FAAS
<b>Mo</b>	7 8 1-2 3 4	ICP-MS Photometric with chrome azural S, ion exchange separation ICP-OES ICP-MS FAAS

**Abbreviations:-**

FAAS: Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometry  
ICP-MS: Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometry  
ICP-OES: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectrometry

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE SAMPLE

The sample is available in the form of powder passing a 180µm aperture sieve from which the dust passing a 53µm aperture sieve has been removed. It is supplied in bottles containing 100g.

### INTENDED USE & STABILITY

This sample is intended for the verification of analytical methods, such as those used by the participating laboratories, for the calibration of analytical instruments in cases where the calibration with primary substances (pure stoichiometric metals or compounds) is not possible and for establishing values for secondary reference materials.

It will remain stable provided that the bottle remains sealed and is stored in a cool, dry atmosphere. When the bottle has been opened the lid should be secured immediately after use. If the contents should become discoloured (eg oxidised) due to atmospheric contamination they should be discarded.

### TRACEABILITY

The traceability of this ECRM is ensured by the use of either stoichiometric analytical techniques or methods which are calibrated against pure stoichiometric metals or compounds.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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