

Product Type: Conductivity Calibration/Verification Standard

Catalogue Number: A-4700-060

Solution 100 – Aqueous Conductivity

Lot Number: A-3401601-07
 Certified Value: 99.59µS/cm ± 0.99 µS/cm at 25°C
 Expanded Uncertainty: U = ± 0.99µS/cm
 Reference Value: N/A
 Source Material: NIST Potassium Chloride 999c
 Container: 60mL HDPE Bottle
 Storage/Refrigeration: Store in original container at 5 ± 4°C
 Preservative: N/A
 Additional Information: Please refer to SDS SHD 916

Certificate Issue Date: 07 Dec 2016

Expiry Date: 21 Apr 2017

Certifying Officer: Lauren Nutter
 Quality Manager



Intended Use: This Certified Reference Material (CRM) is intended for use in aqueous solution as a calibration standard for the determination of the conductivity cell constant or as a control sample. The electrolytic conductivity is strongly dependent on temperature. It is therefore necessary to keep the temperature constant within the measurement cells (variation less than 0.1 K). This CRM can be used for calibration and to help meet the requirements of USP Chapter 645 & EP Chapter 2.2.38.

Method of Preparation: The certified value was determined gravimetrically. Conductivity Calibration Standards consist of ultrapure, filtered, deionised water with an initial TOC no greater than 0.100 mg/L C and having conductivity no greater than 0.058µS/cm at point of production, together with the source material.

Instructions for Use: CRMs should be kept in the original shipping container and stored in accordance with the storage/refrigeration instructions upon receipt. Prior to use, CRMs should be removed from storage, allowed to stabilise to ambient temperature and inverted three times. The single use container should remain tightly closed prior to use. Avoid contaminating open containers.

Metrological Traceability: CRMs are manufactured using the source material shown above, where applicable.

Period of Validity: Certified values are monitored and purchasers will be notified of any significant changes resulting in recertification or withdrawal of this CRM during the period of validity. Altus Science CRMs are intended for single use only. The fitness for purpose of the material cannot be guaranteed after single use or beyond the expiry date shown above.

Certified Value: CRMs are manufactured to **ISO Guide 34** ^[4] and verified to **ISO/IEC 17025** ^[3]. The Certified Value is the manufactured concentration. Analytical verification of this product meets the acceptance criteria set by Altus Science.

Accreditation: Altus Science is Accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) as a Reference Material Producer (Laboratory ID: 8020) in accordance with ISO Guide 34:2009 and to ISO 17025:2005 as a Testing Laboratory.

Contents of Certificates and Labels comply with the requirements of ISO Guide 31:2015 ^[5].



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Homogeneity Assessment: Homogeneity was assessed in accordance with ISO Guide 35^[1]. Completed units were sampled using a random sampling protocol. The results of chemical analysis were then compared by Single Factor Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). Uncertainty due to the degree of homogeneity was derived using ANOVA (Homogeneity Uncertainty Contribution = $\sqrt{u_{bb}^2}$). Heterogeneity was not detected under the conditions of the ANOVA.

Expanded uncertainty U_{CRM} : Uncertainty values in this document are expressed as Expanded Uncertainty. The reported Expanded Uncertainty is based on the combined uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor, $k=2$, providing a confidence level of 95%. The components of combined standard uncertainty include uncertainties due to characterisation, homogeneity, long term stability, and short term stability (transport) as appropriate.

The Expanded Uncertainty applies to the product as supplied ^[1, 2].

$$U_{CRM} = \sqrt{u^2_{\text{Characterisation}} + u^2_{\text{Homogeneity}} + u^2_{\text{Stability}}}$$

u Characterisation is the uncertainty in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025 which includes contributions from the primary reference material, temperature and the measuring system.

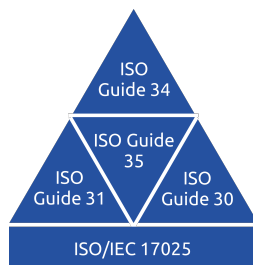
u Homogeneity is the between-bottle variation in accordance with ISO Guide 34. Assessment of homogeneity is performed by analysis of a representative number of randomly sampled units.

u Stability is the uncertainty obtained from short-term and long-term stability in accordance with ISO Guide 34. Stability studies are the basis for quantification of the expiry date of this Reference Material for the unopened container.

References:

- 1) ISO Guide 35:2006(E), Reference Materials-General and Statistical Principles for Certification.
- 2) ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, Uncertainty of Measurement –Part 3:Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement(GUM:1995).
- 3) ISO/IEC 17025:2005(E), General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration laboratories.
- 4) ISO Guide 34:2009(E), General Requirements for the Competence of Reference Material Producers.
- 5) ISO Guide 31:2015(E), Reference Materials - Contents of Certificates, Labels and Accompanying Documentation.

Further Information: Additional Reference Material Certificates, Safety Data Sheets and information on the full range of Altus Science products can be found at www.altusscience.com or email info@altusscience.com.



ISO Guide 34: Accreditation as a Reference Material Producer

ISO Guide 35: Outlines principles for calculating the uncertainty of the certified value

ISO Guide 31: Describes the contents of the reference material certificate and accompanying documentation

ISO Guide 30: Confirms that standards are characterised according to CRM definition

ISO/IEC 17025: Accreditation as a testing laboratory

