

ACIRS-S2D-2016

Sulfur Reference Material

PRODUCT INFORMATION LEAFLET

Sulfur Reference Material with selected trace elements intended to be used for quality control purposes. Total sulfur is traceable to SI units through NIST SRM 1632d and is suitable for calibration purposes.

Higher rank bituminous coal, 125 g at a nominal top size of -212 μm

Table 1 Assigned Property Values

	Property Value ¹	Standard Deviation ²	Uncertainty ³	Number of laboratories
Total Sulfur, % d	2.877	0.0815	0.0205	99
Chlorine, % d	0.010	0.0014	0.0005	41
Mercury, mg/kg d	0.281	0.0184	0.0077	36

This sample **must** be thoroughly mixed by end-over-end rotation each time before sub-sampling. To minimise the risk of compositional changes due to oxidation, store in a cool, dark place in original containers with the lid tightly sealed.

The full technical report and Safety Data Sheet for this product are available at www.acirs.com.au/products/acirs-sulfur-reference-materials/

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACIRS-S2D-2016 was tested in the Q1, 2015 CANSPEX proficiency testing program. The values in Table 2 are provided from the proficiency testing report for informational purposes only to allow the user to better understand the characteristics of this sample. Oxidation sensitive parameters are subject to change due to the normal oxidation processes for coals and will not be monitored.

Table 2 Informational Data

Parameter	Indicative Value	Parameter	Indicative Value
Ash, % d	18.0	Pyritic Sulfur, % d	0.57
Volatile Matter, % d	35.5	Sulfate Sulfur, % d	0.65
Gross Calorific Value, MJ/kg d	28.02	Fluorine, mg/kg d	80
Total Carbon, % d	66.6	Selenium, mg/kg d	1.6
Hydrogen, % d	4.81	Phosphorus, % d	0.004
Nitrogen, % d	1.21		

NOTES

1 Property values are the best estimate of the true value for the measurand and are based on the robust mean of participant results from a CANSPEX proficiency testing program conducted (excluding results which did not meet ACIRS precision criteria). Parameters have been assigned from results of multiple analysis methods. Biases between methods were not observed. Results from in-house methods were included when within the normal distribution of standard national and international test methods.

2 Standard deviation is a robust value used to derive the likely range of results. The value for a measurand from a randomly chosen laboratory would be expected to lie within 2 standard deviations of the assigned property values with 95% probability.

3 Uncertainty is an expanded uncertainty of the property value is the likely range of the true (but unknown) value for each parameter with a coverage factor of 2 at 95% confidence limits. This includes contribution from variations in measurement results, inhomogeneity and instability. It is calculated from $2 \times 1.25 \times \text{robust sd} / \sqrt{n}$.

4 The stability of assigned property values given in Table 1 will be monitored by ACIRS. It is the responsibility of the user to obtain the most recent Technical Report and Product Information Leaflet for this reference material.

5 Informational data / Indicative values are provided for information purposes only.

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