

# Atomic

*Absorption* Standards

Celebrating  
**50 Years**  
of Quality

**1985**  
Atomic Absorption  
Standards Introduced





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## Customer Testimonial:

*“We have found  
SPEX CertiPrep® Standards  
to be accurate and precise  
for AA and wet chemical  
analysis. This supports our  
laboratory QA/QC for  
environmental testing.”*

*– Sally & Bruce Wenstall*

Atomic Absorption (AA) still remains a frequently used method for elemental analysis in both aqueous and organic media. Graphite furnace atomization and hydride generation techniques provide the best detection limits for many elements, especially those of environmental concern. For the determination of minor and trace elements in various chemical and metallurgical products, in drinking water and wastewater, in soils and biological samples, atomic absorption is the preferred method in most analytical laboratories.

SPEX CertiPrep® offers a selection of atomic absorption calibration standards and matrix modifiers. As always, we supply each solution with a comprehensive SPEXertificate® which documents the quality. Each standard is manufactured under the same Triple Checked for Quality® Assurance Program as our plasma-grade solutions:

SPEX CertiPrep's unique Triple Checked for Quality® just got better. We now triple check our products for quality *twice*.

### The Starting Material

- Stoichiometry of starting material
- Trace metallic impurities by ICP-AES or ICP-MS
- CL, SO<sub>4</sub>, checked by classical wet chemistry

### The Final Solution

- ICP-AES for the major element
- Classical wet assay for major element
- Final ICP-AES or ICP-MS analysis for trace metal impurities on the actual solution

To ensure that your measurements are accurate, you can rely on our certificates to provide complete information.

## Matrix Modifiers

SPEX CertiPrep® offers a variety of high-purity matrix modifiers for Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption (GFAA). The matrix modifier will change the behavior of either the analyte element or matrix in solution with respect to temperature, thus allowing a more optimum graphite furnace program to be used. During the pyrolysis stage of GFAA, certain elements are lost due to their high volatility. Matrix modifiers are added to a solution to prevent these losses by converting the element to a less volatile form.

Element/Matrix	Starting Material	Volume mL	Catalog#
<b>NICKEL NITRATE SOLUTION</b>			
5% (50,000µg/mL) Nickel in 5% HNO <sub>3</sub>	Ni	100	MMNI4-100
		500	MMNI4-500
<b>AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE SOLUTION</b>			
40% (400,000µg/mL) Ammonium Phosphate in H <sub>2</sub> O	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	100	MMP9-100
		500	MMP9-500
<b>LANTHANUM NITRATE SOLUTION</b>			
5% (50,000µg/mL) Lanthanum in 5% HNO <sub>3</sub>	La <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	MMLA2-100
<b>AMMONIUM NITRATE SOLUTION</b>			
2% (20,000µg/mL) Ammonium Nitrate in H <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>	100	MMNO9-100
<b>PALLADIUM NITRATE SOLUTION</b>			
2% (20,000µg/mL) Palladium in 10% HNO <sub>3</sub>	Pd	100	MMPD4-100
		500	MMPD4-500
<b>MAGNESIUM NITRATE SOLUTION</b>			
2% (20,000µg/mL) Magnesium in 5% HNO <sub>3</sub>	Mg(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> •6H <sub>2</sub> O	100	MMMG2-100
		500	MMMG2-500

### Helpful Hint:

*If you cannot find the exact blend of elements you need call Customer Service or check out the design form on the next page.*

