

CRM ITAK-121

Certified Reference Material – Iron Ore

Table 1 – ITAK-121 – Certified Values

Element/Unit	Certified Value ^[1]	s ^[2]	s _r ^[3]	s _L ^[4]	U ^[5]
Fe (%) ^{a, d}	38.668	0.089	0.045	0.077	± 0.018
Al ₂ O ₃ (%) ^{a, b}	1.101	0.032	0.014	0.028	± 0.0068
SiO ₂ (%) ^{a, b, i, j}	41.80	0.23	0.068	0.22	± 0.051
Mn (%) ^{a, b}	0.0094	0.0017	0.00044	0.0016	± 0.00039
TiO ₂ (%) ^{a, b}	0.0095	0.0027	0.0011	0.0025	± 0.00061
P (%) ^{a, b, d}	0.0368	0.0014	0.00078	0.0011	± 0.00027
CaO (%) ^{a, b}	0.0059	0.0036	0.00047	0.0036	± 0.0010
MgO (%) ^{a, b}	0.0308	0.0074	0.0024	0.0070	± 0.0020
K ₂ O (%) ^{a, e}	0.00148	0.00053	0.00042	0.00031	± 0.00017
FeO (%) ^d	0.863	0.069	0.0082	0.069	± 0.023
^[6] LOI (%) ^{c, h}	1.721	0.038	0.025	0.028	± 0.0068

^[1] The Certified Value was calculated according to ISO Guide 35 and ISO 5725-2.

^[2] The standard deviation for proficiency assessment was calculated according to ISO 13528 and 5725-2. This standard deviation can be used for control charts for individual analysis ($n=1$).

^[3] The within-laboratory standard deviation was calculated according to ISO 5725-2.

^[4] The between-laboratory standard deviation was calculated according to ISO 5725-2.

^[5] The extended standard uncertainty of the mean ($\alpha = 5\%$) was calculated according to ISO Guide 35.

^[6] Loss on Ignition.

Note: The letters in front of the elements are codes for the Analytical Methods used.

Table 2 – ITAK-121 – Informative Values

Element/Unit	Reference Value ^[7]
Na ₂ O (%) ^{a, e, f, g, k}	< 0.025

^[7] These values are informative. They were calculated according to ISO Guide 35 and ISO 5725-2 using thirty-five results from varying numbers of laboratories.

DESCRIPTION

ITAK-121 was prepared from a sample of Iron ore donated by an Iron ore Mining Company from Southeast Brazil in 2025.

This Certified Reference Material (CRM) is presented as a fine powder.

INTENDED USE AND INSTRUCTIONS

ITAK-121 provides important control in analytical data from exploration and can be used as a tool for grade control in routine mining and laboratory operations.

This Certified Reference Material can be used, for example, to calibrate analytical equipment, assess and develop new methods, validate analytical techniques, and arbitrate proficiency testing.

The contents of the bottles or sachets should be thoroughly mixed before taking samples of ITAK-121.

The Certified Reference Material should be used without pre-treatment. ITAK is not responsible for any changes that occur after opening the bottles or sachets.

The Certified Reference Material should be stored in a dry place, away from excessive heat and moisture.

The minimum test portion of the Certified Reference Material is 0.5 g.

CHARACTERISATION AND STATISTICAL EVALUATION OF ANALYTICAL DATA

Twenty-nine specialised laboratories analysed ITAK-121. The statistical evaluation was conducted according to ISO Guide 35 and ISO 5725-2, using the following procedures: identification and treatment of outliers, stragglers, and technically invalid data; calculation of certified values; calculation of standard deviations; and calculation of extended standard uncertainties.

The certified values are metrologically traceable to the International System of Units (SI) derived unit for mass fraction (expressed as percent).

The Technical Report RT-038/2026 STD provides comprehensive details of all manufacturing phases, including certifying results, participating laboratories, and statistical evaluation.

Note: This report is available for CRM users on the ITAK database.

ANALYTICAL METHODS

The methods used in the characterisation of CRM ITAK-121 are mentioned as follows:

- **a:** Fusion method and determination by X-Ray Fluorescence.
- **b:** Fusion method and determination by Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP).
- **c:** Gravimetric method.
- **d:** Acid digestion (HNO₃, HCl) method and determination by Titrimetric method.
- **e:** Acid digestion (HNO₃, HCl) and determination by Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP).
- **f:** Acid digestion (HNO₃, HClO₄, HF, HCl) and determination by Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES).
- **g:** Pressed pellet method and determination by X-Ray Fluorescence.
- **h:** Thermogravimetric Method (TGA).
- **i:** Acid digestion method and determination by Gravimetry.
- **j:** Stoichiometric calculation.
- **k:** Acid digestion (HNO₃, HClO₄, HF, HCl) and determination by Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS).

PERIOD OF VALIDITY

This CRM certification is valid until **April 30, 2036**.

CERTIFICATE REPRODUCTION

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