Specification – Certified Reference Material

Aquastar® Water Standard 1%

Accreditation:

Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany is accredited by the German accreditation authority as registered reference material producer (D-RM-15185-01-00) in accordance with **ISO 17034**.

Producer:	Merck KGaA, Frankfurter Str. 250, 64293 Darmstadt, Germany
Product no.:	1.88052.0010
Description of CRM:	Water Standard 1% Certified Reference Material for Karl Fischer titration, 1 g ≙ 10 mg H_2O, Aquastar®
Expiry date:	3 years
Storage:	+15°C to +25°C tightly closed in the original container
Composition:	1-Methoxy-2-propanol

Analyte	Specification as mass fraction	Associated uncertainty, $U=k\cdot u$ ($k=2$) as mass fraction
Water	**0.990 – 1.010%**	**±0.010%**
	9.90 – 10.10 mg/g	**±0.10 mg/g**

Metrological traceability:	Directly traceable to SI Unit (kg) and verified by NIST SRM 2890.
Measurement method:	The water content is determined by coulometric Karl Fischer Titration (n ≥ 10).
Intended use:	Certified reference material for checking the accuracy of Karl Fischer equipment according to ISO 9001 chapter 7.1.5 "Monitoring and measuring resources" of coulometric Karl Fischer Titrators and checking measuring results according to European Pharmacopeia (Ph. Eur.) chapter 2.5.32 "Water Micro Determination". It can also be used to standardize the titrant according to European Pharmacopeia (Ph. Eur.) chapter 2.5.12 "Water Semi-Micro Determination" and according to the United States Pharmacopeia <921> "Water Determination".

Certification process details:

Aquastar® Water Standard 1% is prepared gravimetrically from high purity water and 1-Methoxy-2-propanol. All balances are regularly calibrated with analytical weight sets traceable to primary weights by PTB (Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt).

Characterisation of Aquastar® Water Standard 1% is carried out by the accredited quality control (QC) laboratory at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany according to DIN EN ISO / IEC 17025. The water content of Aquastar® Water Standard 1% is measured by means of direct coulometric Karl Fischer titration.

Homogeneity and stability studies are performed with the material according to the requirements of ISO 17034 and ISO 33405.

Associated uncertainty:

The associated uncertainty U_{CRM} reported with the certified values is calculated as combined expanded uncertainty $U_{CRM}=k \cdot u_{CRM}$ in accordance with GUM and EA-4/02, with $k=2$ as the coverage factor for a 95% coverage probability.

The combined uncertainty u_{CRM} is derived from combination of the squared uncertainty contributions:

$$u_{CRM} = \sqrt{u^2_{characterisation} + u^2_{homogeneity} + u^2_{stability}}$$

$u_{characterisation}$: is the uncertainty in accordance with DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025 which includes e. g. contributions of the primary reference material and the measuring system.

$u_{characterisation}$ in the certified value is calculated in accordance to EA-4/02 and GUM.

$U_{characterisation}$ is 0.0035% (0.035 mg/g) (calculated as $U_{characterisation} = k \cdot u_{characterisation}$ with $k=2$)

$u_{homogeneity}$: is the between-bottle variation in accordance with ISO 17034. The assessment of homogeneity is performed by analysis of a representative number of systematically chosen sample units.

$u_{stability}$: is the uncertainty obtained from short-term and long-term stability in accordance with ISO 17034. The stability studies are the basis for the quantification of the expiry date of this water standard for the unopened ampoule.

Detailed information is provided by the certificates and the certification report on our website.