

Low limits, high standards

Elemental limits of detection

The Thermo Scientific™ Niton™ XL5 Plus handheld XRF analyser is built for your most demanding applications. Where low detection limits and high sample throughput are critical, the Niton XL5 Plus' combination of hardware and software provide you with solutions to meet your most difficult analytical requirements.

The chart below details the typical sensitivity, or limits of detection (LODs)¹ of the Niton XL5 Plus in parts per million (PPM) for various elements in aluminium (Al), titanium (Ti), iron (Fe), and copper (Cu) base metals. LODs are calculated as three standard deviations (99.7% confidence interval) for each element, using 60-second analysis times per filter (120 seconds total analysis time).



Limits of Detection (mg/kg)				
Time: 60s per filter				
Element	Al Base Metal	Ti-based Alloys	Fe-based Alloys	Cu-based Alloys
Pb	4	11	30	33
Bi	3	11	29	28
Te	N/A	18	N/A	70
Sb	8	15	37	57
Sn	7	14	34	47
Cd	7	13	30	51
Ag	7	13	30	56
Pd	10	16	36	54
Ru	2	3	5	14
Mo	1	3	5	10
Nb	1	2	5	13
Zr	6	N/A	5	52
Y	1	2	5	9
Se	1	5	9	22
Zn	11	160	32	180
Cu	8	19	45	N/A
Ni	11	22	160	83
Fe	38	72	N/A	110
Co	18	44	380	87
Mn	68	130	99	130
Cr	9	420	15	22
V	1	2	14	15
Ti	6	13	12	18
S	N/A	N/A	20	N/A
P	N/A	N/A	24	31
Si	540	130	66	82
Al	N/A	390	200	280
Mg	790	N/A	N/A	N/A

Limits of detection (LODs) are dependent on the following factors:

- Testing time
- Interferences/matrix
- Level of statistical confidence
- Line overlaps

Please note:

Ongoing research and advancements in our Niton XL5 Plus analysers will lead to continual improvement in many of the values detailed in this chart. Contact Niton UK for the latest performance specifications.

Actual analysis time is based on your requirements. In most cases, shorter times will provide you with the detection limits required. For example, if analysis time is reduced from 60 seconds per filter to 15 seconds per filter, then the detection limits obtained would be twice the values shown in the chart. Similarly, increasing the time of analysis will reduce the detection limits by the square root of the increased time.

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