



RE: Material Test Report Policy

In business for over 29 years, Rare MetalSource is an ISO 9001:2008 Registered manufacturer (converter) and distributor of various forms and grades of aircraft and aerospace metals. We do not melt. Our starting stock (ingot, billet, slab, etc.) is procured only from DFARS compliant melt sources – purchased as chemistry and capability only to applicable specifications. In this capacity of a converter, the starting stock is altered by forging, rolling, drawing, heat-treating, etc.

Additionally, we maintain a conventional inventory of items that we purchase from the mill as bar or plate with no further processing or conditioning required.

Converted product:

Converted product will be accompanied by our Rare MetalSource Test Report utilizing data from billet (mill) certs as well as applicable independent lab testing, having confirmed that materials shipped are in compliance with specifications shown. To assure traceability, our test report does include the original melter's heat number and identity; however, we are precluded from disseminating copies of mill billet certs due to third-party liability issues, long-standing contractual vendor agreements, and to protect our intellectual property rights. Keep in mind, mill billet certs show chemistry and capability only, and do not adequately represent the finished product that we provide. We will not, under any circumstance, provide a mill test report that does not accurately reflect the material as purchased.

Conventional Inventory:

Material shipped from our conventional inventory that has not been converted or altered in any way from its original form will, upon request, be accompanied by a mill test report, along with a Rare MetalSource Certificate of Compliance.

In any event of a valid claim of material “non-conformance”, we do maintain an open door policy wherein our quality documents may be reviewed.

We trust you will understand our position with regards to this important matter. If you have any further questions, please call me.

Regards,

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Quality Manager

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