
- <. Sample in 3 A containers which comes in various sizes use to contain the sample for analysis and which also aids the combustion.
- >. Sample tray 3 typical a -? or @ell plate use to contain 8 samples prior to sample loading.

6. PROCEDURES

6.1. Before weighing standard or samples verify that the approximate analysis weight of the standard or samples should be the amount of material to analyze open on the estimate, +no amount of carbon oxygen nitrogen etc. in the sample. Enough material needed to analyze to attain a adequate signal to noise ratios but not so much as to saturate the detector response.

6.2. To keep the weighing process orderly use a copy of the form Sample Weighing Form to record the labels corresponding weights of samples. This list should include the name of the standard or sample, the target weight, the actual weight and the location of the weighed sample. (Note: target weight is dust that a target generally the weight of the material for analysis should be 0.10g; 9 of target weight.)

6.3. Before the weighing process begins inspect the area where the process should be performed. The area should be clean, dry, and free of dust. The area should be free of any volatile materials. The area should be free of any flammable materials. The area should be free of any explosive materials. The area should be free of any radioactive materials. The area should be free of any other hazardous materials. The area should be free of any other materials that could interfere with the weighing process.

"roppe" or the integrity of the sample or tin is in question. If the sample or tin is not started per step 6.10. If the adjustment is necessary, do not return the balance to the original weightings. If the tare button is accidentally pressed, the sample or tin is not started weighing per step 6.10.

- 6.11. Using forceps carefully fold the sample tin into a ball shape. The procedure for folding the tin will vary depending on the size of the tin and the amount of material. For most sample sizes, fold the open end close with a forceps and carefully remove excess air in the tin by gently squeezing the tin from the contents up. Using both forceps from the top edge of the tin into a HKI shape by folding the open end of the tin and lightly squeeze the fold until flat. (Do not slightly fold the same end over to seal in the contents. Gently open and fold over the tin again and lightly squeeze the tin until it is a ball shape; there should be no edges or openings in the tin. If sample falls out of the tin during this process, discard the entire tin and sample and start again as in step 6.10. For larger sample sizes, carefully fold the tin into a tight ball shape. Again, if sample falls out of the tin during this process, discard the entire tin and sample and start again as in step 6.10. The goal of this preparation is to form a spherical specimen and eliminate as much residual air in the sample and the tin as possible.
 - 6.12. Gently drop the tin with the sample onto the preparation block if any sample appears to have leaked out; discard the tin and sample and start again as in step 6.10.
 - 6.13. Weigh the folded sample once again to verify the weight if there is a significant difference from the first recorded weight; discard the sample and start again as in step 6.10.
 - 6.14. Verify that the correct weight was entered on the sample weighing form. Also record any comments about the sample on this form.
 - 6.15. Place the sample in a clean sample tray and record on the form the location of the sample in the tray.
 - 6.16. Before continuing to the next sample, make sure the preparation area and balance are clean of any residual material from the previous sample. (Note: the slightest bit of contamination will render an analysis inaccurate.)
 - 6.17. If you cannot finish weighing all the samples during one session or the weighing is complete but they will not be analyzed that day, place the lid on the sample tray and wrap it with a rubber band. Make sure the sample tray can be easily identified. Store the sample tray in a desiccator. Keep your sample records in a safe location.
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- <.1. Sartorius Balance Manual
 - <.% Sample Weighing Form
 - <. ' Balance Calibration Log Book
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