

Micro-CT Contrast Scale

A phantom for evaluating high contrast materials in Micro-CT. Materials of highest interest in small-animal imaging (CaHA and Iodine).

The contrast scale factor allows evaluating the contrast, measured in Hounsfield Units, obtained for a given concentration of a substance, specified in mg/cm^3 . The MicroCT-ContrastScale phantom provides HA (calcium hydroxyapatite) and iodine samples, i.e. the substances of highest interest in small-animal imaging.

The standard phantoms are scaled down from the diameter of an average human trunk (32 cm) to that of a fat mouse or lean rat (32 mm). Other dimensions as well as inserts with concentrations other than specified here can be produced upon request.

Specifications

Base material resin
Iodine insert $\sim 9 \text{ mg}/\text{cm}^3$
CaHA insert $\sim 1200 \text{ mg HA}/\text{cm}^3$
(actual values can be found on the phantom)

Dimensions for mouse-size phantom:

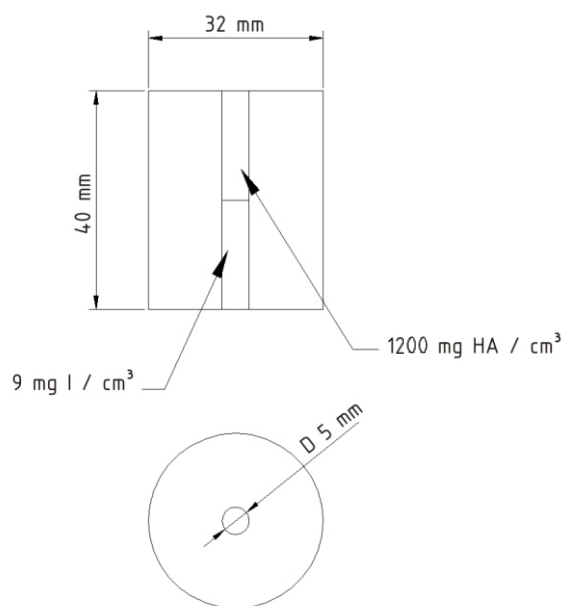
Diameter 32 mm
Length 40 mm
Weight 35 g
Diameter of inserts 5 mm

References:

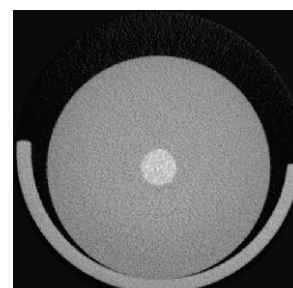
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Dimensions and content of the phantom



X-ray of the iodine insert