

## reference method

A method having small, estimated inaccuracies relative to the end use requirement. The accuracy of a reference method must be demonstrated through direct comparison with a definitive method or with a primary reference material.

**Source:**

PAC, 1995, 67, 1699 (*Nomenclature in evaluation of analytical methods including detection and quantification capabilities (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)*) on page 1702