

GRAIN CALCULATION

Using a grain with 16.98mm diameter port:

Simulated mass of 1 grain= 529g

15% allowance for waste:

$$\text{Total mass of constituents} = 1.15 \times 529 = \mathbf{608.4g}$$

The ratio of KNO_3 : Sorbitol=65:35

$$\text{Mass of KNO}_3 = 0.65 \times 608.4g = \mathbf{395.46g}$$

$$\text{Mass of solid sorbitol} = 0.35 \times 608.4 = 212.94g$$

Liquid sorbitol contains 70% sorbitol.

Hence mass of liquid sorbitol to be measured becomes:

$$\frac{100 \times 212.94}{70} = \mathbf{304.2g}$$

Mass of iron (iii) oxide =1% total mass

$$= 0.01 \times 608.4 = \mathbf{6.084g}$$

SUMMARY (For cooking one grain the following measurements shall be used):

ELEMENT	MASS(g)
Potassium nitrate	395.46
Sorbitol	304.2
Iron (iii)oxide	6.084