CEMENT AND CONCRETE REFERENCE LABORATORY PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM

Final Report Blended Cement Proficiency Samples Number 51 and Number 52

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May 9, 2003

To: Participants in the CCRL Blended Cement Proficiency Sample Program

SUBJECT: Final Report on Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 51 and No. 52

Enclosed is your copy of the final report, on the test results for the current pair of CCRL **Blended Cement** Proficiency Samples which were distributed in February 2003.

This report consists of a Table of Results for individual laboratory data, a statistical Summary of Results, a set of general Scatter Diagrams, and associated detailed information.

The CCRL Proficiency Sample Programs are intended for internal use by the laboratory as a tool to identify potential problems in laboratory procedures or test equipment and to initiate remedial actions. These programs are designed to complement the CCRL Laboratory Inspection Program as part of a total quality system. Care should be taken when using this program for any other use.

It is presently anticipated that the next Blended Cement Proficiency Samples will be distributed in February 2004.

Sincerely,

Polin K. Haupt

Robin K. Haupt Supervisor, Proficiency Sample Programs Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory

Enclosure

To: Participants in the CCRL Blended Cement Proficiency Sample Program

FROM: Robin K. Haupt, Supervisor, PSP

SUBJECT: Explanation of Final Report on Results of Tests for Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 51 and No. 52

This letter, and the material included with it, constitute the final report, and summary of results for the current pair of Blended Cement Proficiency Samples, which were distributed in February 2003. This material includes a Table of Results for individual laboratory data, a statistical Summary of Results, and a set of general Scatter Diagrams. Your unique laboratory number is displayed at the top of the individualized Table of Results.

An explanation of the program is contained in the paper: "Statistical Evaluation of Interlaboratory Cement Tests" by J. R. Crandall and R. L. Blaine, and "Statistical Aspects of the Cement Testing Program" by W.J. Youden, which can be found in Volume 59, Proceedings of the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Society, June 25, 1959, American Society for Testing and Materials.

Each laboratory receives an individualized Table of Results. The Table of Results shows the test title and the reporting unit in the first two columns. After that it lists in order, the laboratory's results for the odd and even numbered samples, overall averages for the odd and even numbered samples, and the laboratory's ratings for the odd and even samples. (See reverse for an explanation of the scatter diagrams.)

Laboratory ratings, shown in the Table of Results for the individual laboratory, were determined in the manner described by Crandall and Blaine using a rating scale of 1 to 5 instead of 0 to 4. The ratings have no valid standing beyond showing the difference between the individual laboratory result and the average for a particular test.

The following table details the relationship between the ratings and the averages.

Ratings	Range (Number of Standard Deviations)	Number (Per 100) of Laboratories achieving the rating ¹
5	Less than 1	69
4	1 to 1.5	18
3	1.5 to 2	9
2	2 to 2.5	3
1	Greater than 2.5	1

The sign of the rating merely shows whether the result reported was greater or less than the average obtained.

Participants subscribing to the chemical analysis portion of this report should note that the statistics were calculated using data obtained by wet methods, and rapid methods of chemical analysis.

¹Youden, W.J., "Statistical Aspects of the Cement Testing Program", Volume 59, *Proceedings of the* 62nd Annual Meeting of the Society, June 25, 1959, American Society for Testing and Materials.

Please note that individual laboratory ratings were not given for the flow of air content mortar (test no. 190) and compressive strength mortar (test no. 230). Air content flows in the range of 87.5 ± 7.5 are satisfactory. Similarly, the compressive strength flows in the range of 110 ± 5 are satisfactory. Labs with flow values outside these ranges will be flagged as a "Labs Eliminated" on the scatter diagram. Averages, standard deviations, and a scatter diagram are provided for your information. This information may be a helpful indicator of a problem with flow table apparatus or mortar mixing procedures. Flow values of 151 were assigned to laboratories reporting a mortar flow off the flow table top.

In cases where some laboratories' results are eliminated, averages, standard deviations, coefficients of variation, and the ratings of the other laboratories' results, are recalculated using the data remaining after the elimination. Since the laboratory ratings given are the results from this one series of tests, you need not attach too much significance to a single low rating, or pair of ratings, from this one series. A continuing tendency to get low ratings on several pairs of samples should lead a laboratory to consider the types of error, systematic and random, contribute to ratings that are low. Systematic error, which is indicated by low ratings with the same signs on each pair of samples, means a consistent error is occurring in equipment and/or test procedures. One indication of random error is low ratings on both samples with different signs. The cause of systematic error is generally easier than random error to find since it occurs regularly.

Summary of Results - General

Usually, averages, standard deviations, and coefficients of variation are given with all results reported, and then with one or more outlying results omitted. Sometimes, two or more recalculations with laboratories omitted, have been done for the same test. In these cases, all of the laboratories omitted in previous recalculations are also omitted in subsequent ones. Results omitted are values that are more than three standard deviations from the mean of one or both samples. Often, elimination of these outlying results has little effect on the average, but may have a more pronounced effect on the standard deviation and coefficient of variation.

Scatter Diagrams

General scatter diagrams are supplied with this report. Crandall and Blaine describe the manner of preparing scatter diagrams, and their interpretation, in the paper published in the 1959 ASTM Proceedings. Each laboratory will receive a complete set of diagrams according to their subscription to the given program.

Using the results received from each laboratory, a scatter diagram is generated for each test method by plotting the value for the odd numbered samples on the *X*, or horizontal axis, against the value for the even numbered samples on the *Y*, or vertical axis. To find your point, just plot as you would when plotting any scatter diagram. Vertical and horizontal dashed lines, which divide the diagrams into four sections or quadrants, place the average values for the odd and even numbered samples, respectively. The first line of print under the diagram includes the test number, as given on the data sheet, the test title, and the number of data points on the diagrams. The number of plotted points may not agree with the total number of data pairs included in the analysis because a few points may be off the diagram, and some points may represent several data pairs, which are identical. Laboratories whose points are off the diagram will have a rating of ± 1 for that particular test.

As described in Crandall and Blaine, a tight circular pattern of points around the intersection of the median lines is the ideal situation. Stretching out of the pattern into the first (upper right) and third (lower left) quadrants, suggests some kind of bias, or tendency for laboratories to get high or low results on both samples. Examination of the scatter diagrams indicates strong evidence of bias on many tests.

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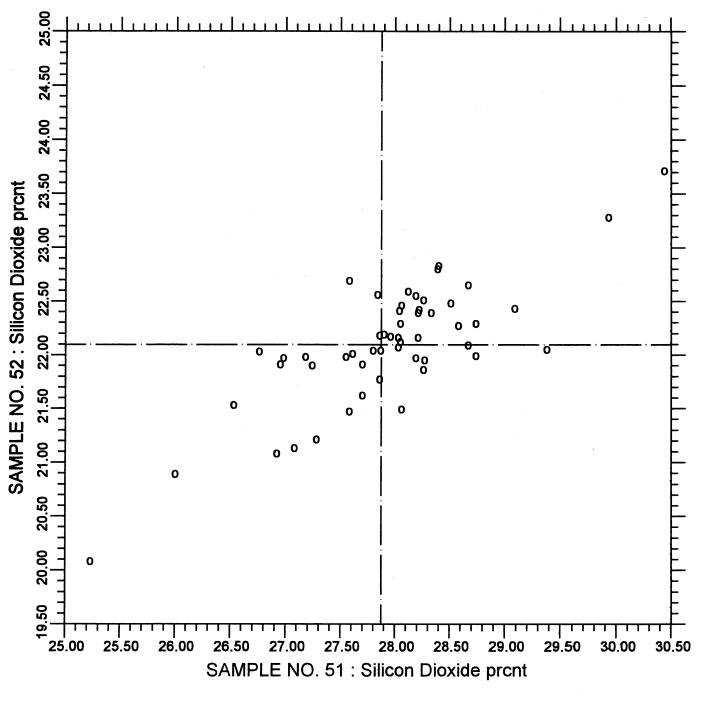
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

				Sample No. 51			Sample No. 52		
Test		#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Silicon Dioxide	prent		56	27.63	1.6	5.95	21.98	1.1	4.97
Silicon Dioxide	prent	*	54	27.88	0.99	3.54	22.10	0.57	2.60
Aluminum Oxide	prcnt		49	6.18	0.27	4.38	5.92	0.25	4.30
Aluminum Oxide	prent	*	47	6.18	0.22	3.62	5.92	0.19	3.22
Ferric Oxide	prcnt		54	3.02	0.27	8.82	3.09	0.25	7.99
Ferric Oxide	prent	*	53	3.05	0.20	6.41	3.11	0.16	5.12
Calcium Oxide	prcnt		54	52.40	1.5	2.91	60.67	1.1	1.81
Calcium Oxide	prent	*	52	52.31	1.38	2.63	60.79	0.81	1.34
Magnesium Oxide	prcnt		56	2.84	0.19	6.78	2.62	0.20	7.57
Magnesium Oxide	prent	*	52	2.81	0.15	5.26	2.59	0.12	4.63
Sulfur Trioxide	prcnt		57	2.61	0.19	7.35	2.64	0.14	5.11
Sulfur Trioxide	prent	*	53	2.61	0.110	4.21	2.63	0.084	3.20
Loss on Ignition	prcnt		57	3.67	0.280	7.63	1.49	0.08	5.09
Loss on Ignition	prent	*	55	3.71	0.079	2.14	1.49	0.062	4.18
Phosphorus Pent	prcnt		39	0.111	0.022	19.5	0.158	0.043	27.4
Phosphorus Pent	prent	*	37	0.109	0.015	13.6	0.151	0.017	11.4
Titanium Dioxide	prcnt		40	0.314	0.035	11.2	0.387	0.054	14.0
Titanium Dioxide	prent	*	37	0.316	0.029	9.33	0.389	0.023	5.93

* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

Silicon Dioxide	3 11
Aluminum Oxide	14 47
Ferric Oxide	3
Calcium Oxide	24 30
Magnesium Oxide	3 18 35 1715
Sulfur Trioxide	38 92 159 309
Loss on Ignition	169 1251
Phosphorus Pentoxide	176 1251
Titanium Dioxide	18 46 176

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Silicon Dioxide BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52



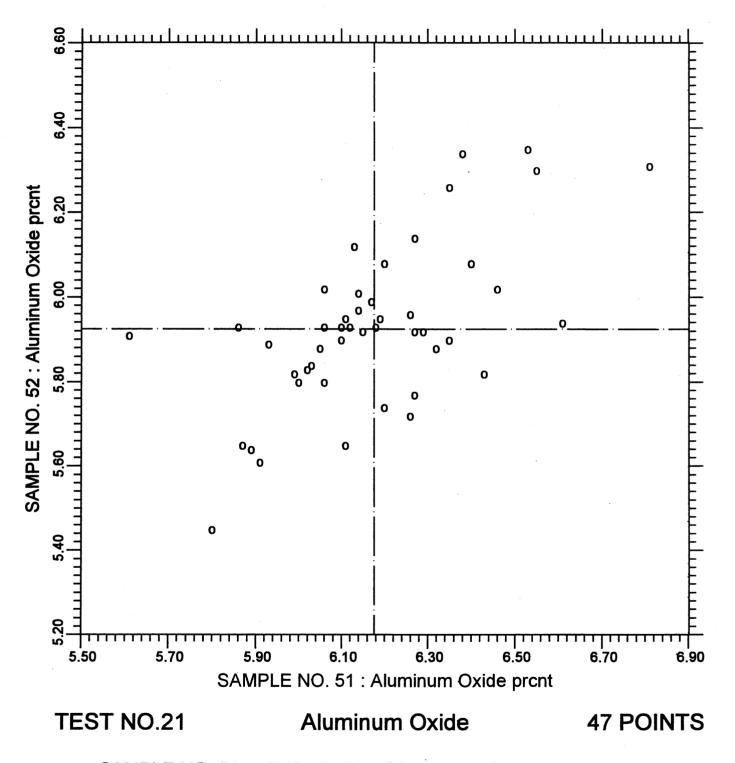
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Silicon Dioxide

53 POINTS

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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Aluminum Oxide - wo/minor oxides BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52

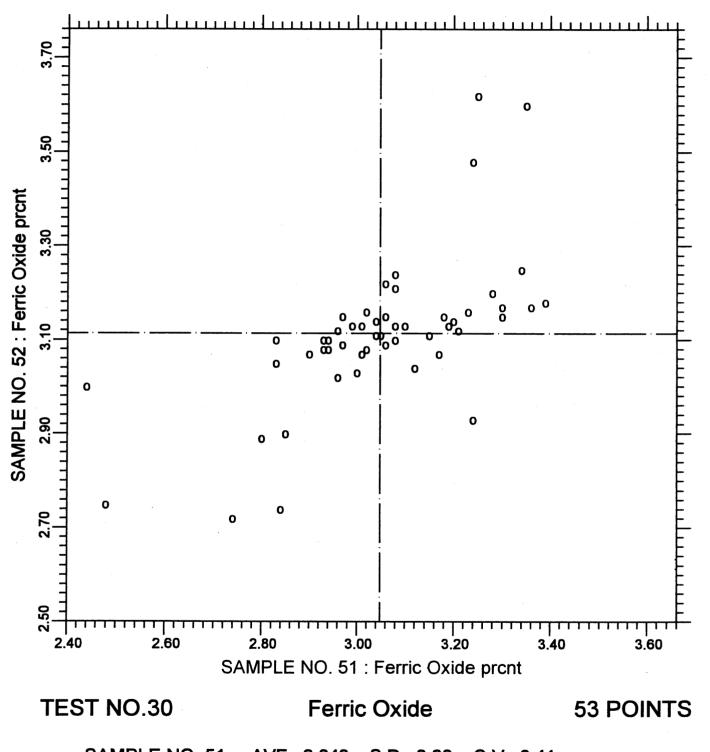


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 C.V.
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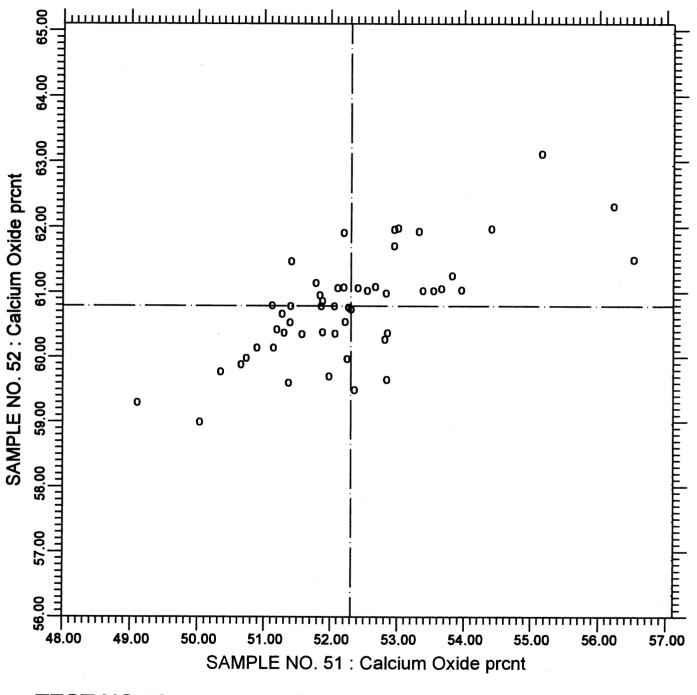
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SAMPLE NO. 51 AVE 3.048 S.D. 0.20 C.V. 6.41 SAMPLE NO. 52 AVE 3.113 S.D. 0.16 C.V. 5.12 LABS ELIMINATED 3





TEST NO.40

Calcium Oxide

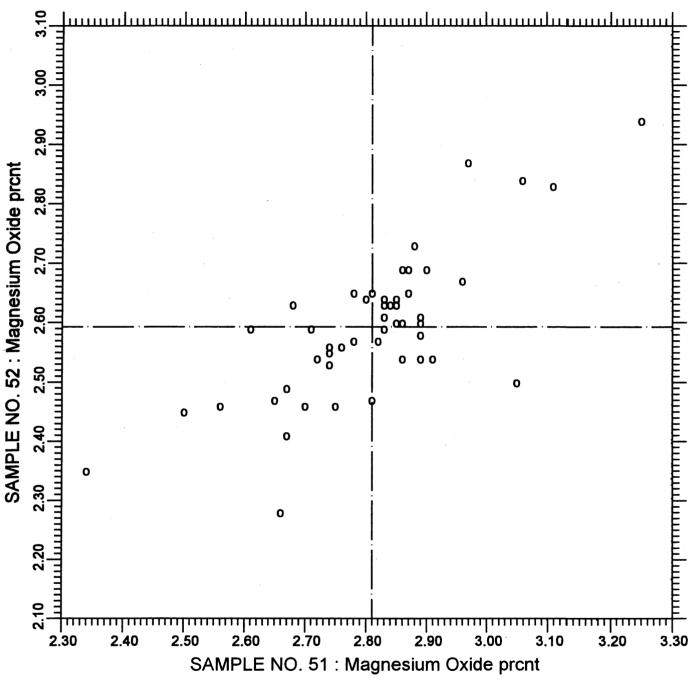
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 C.V.
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 SAMPLE NO. 52
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 LABS ELIMINATED
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TEST NO.50 Magnes

Magnesium Oxide

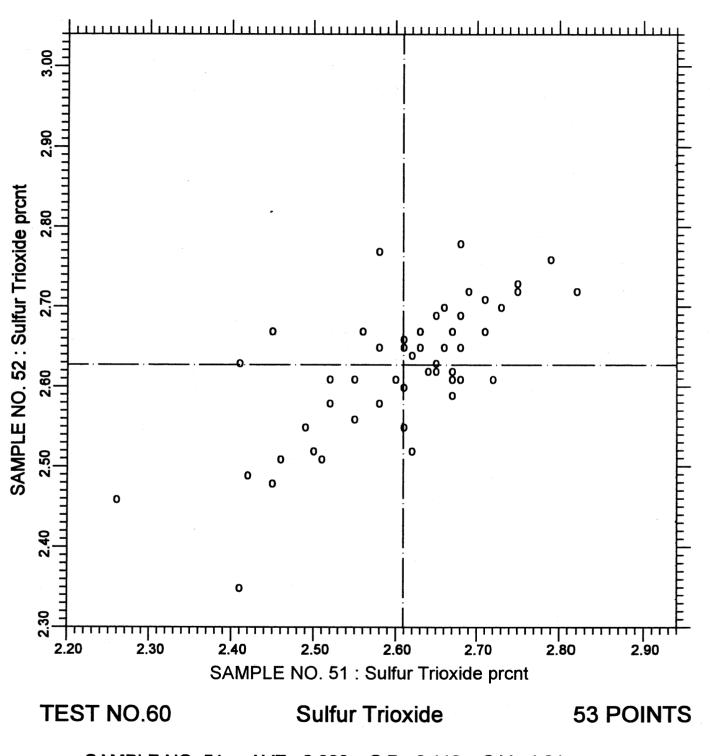
52 POINTS

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 AVE
 2.810
 S.D.
 0.15
 C.V.
 5.26

 SAMPLE NO. 52
 AVE
 2.593
 S.D.
 0.12
 C.V.
 4.63

 LABS ELIMINATED
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 35
 1715

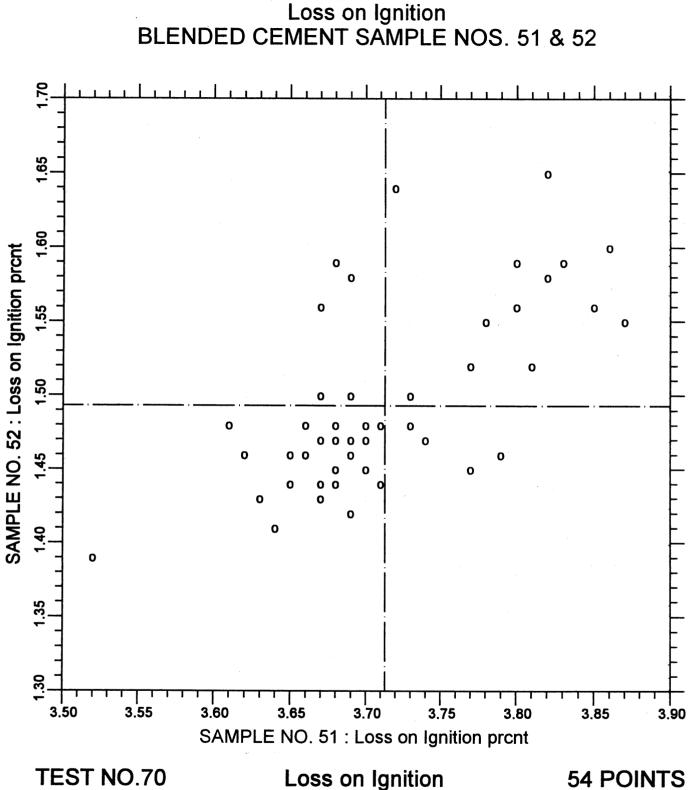
CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Sulfur Trioxide BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52



 SAMPLE NO. 51
 AVE
 2.609
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 C.V.
 4.21

 SAMPLE NO. 52
 AVE
 2.627
 S.D.
 0.084
 C.V.
 3.20

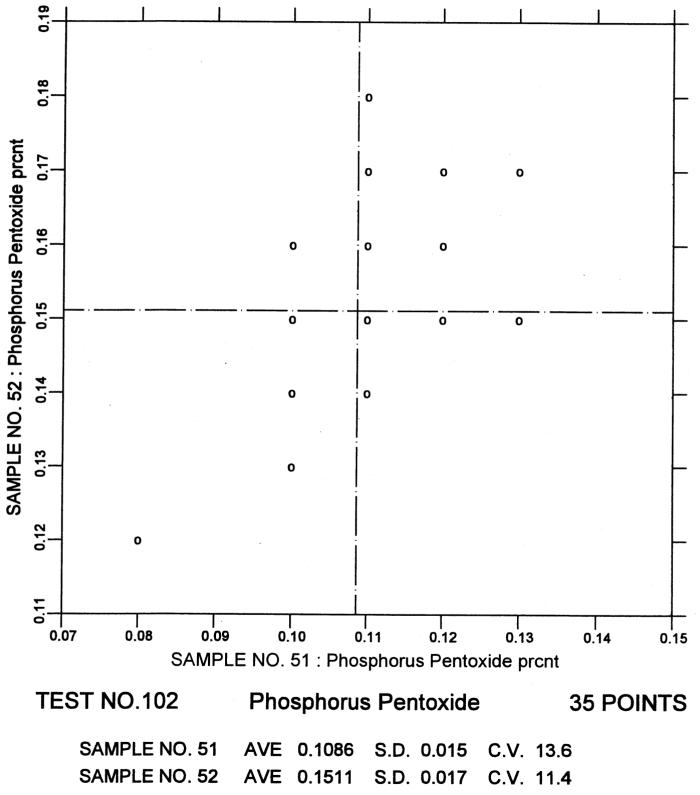
 LABS ELIMINATED
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 92
 159
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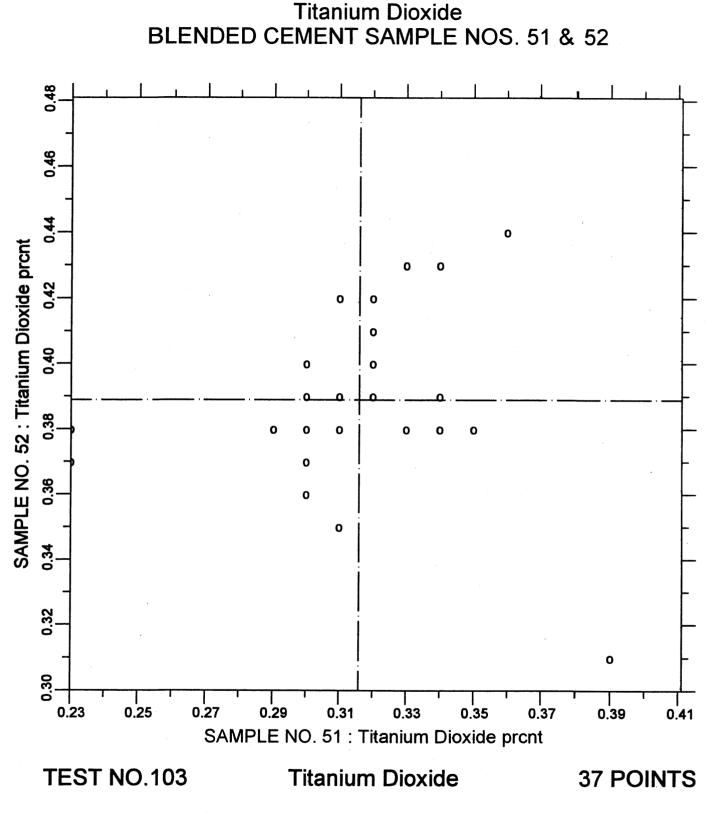
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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Phosphorus Pentoxide BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52



LABS ELIMINATED 176 1251

LABS OFF DIAGRAM 47 246



CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM

 SAMPLE NO. 51
 AVE
 0.3159
 S.D.
 0.029
 C.V.
 9.33

 SAMPLE NO. 52
 AVE
 0.3889
 S.D.
 0.023
 C.V.
 5.93

 LABS ELIMINATED
 18 46 176

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Sample No. 51 Sample No. 52 C.V. C.V. Test #Labs Average S.D. Average S.D. 1.99 N.C. Water prcnt 63 26.2 0.52 25.6 0.50 1.94 N.C. Water prcnt * 61 26.1 0.48 1.82 25.6 0.38 1.50 Vicat TS Initial 156 25.4 16.3 151 24.4 16.2 min 61 Vicat TS Initial * min 59 154 21.8 14.2 148 18.5 12.5 Vicat TS Final 47.3 17.7 45.9 17.9 min 59 267 257 Vicat TS Final min * 58 272 35.7 13.1 260 38.1 14.6 Autoclave Expan prcnt 60 0.069 0.054 77.9 0.037 0.037 101.4 Autoclave Expan prcnt * 55 0.072 0.025 34.5 0.038 0.018 47.5 Air Content prcnt 56 4.8 1.5 31.3 5.7 1.3 22.3 Air Content * 54 4.8 1.0 22.0 5.6 1.1 20.2 prcnt AC Mix Water 56 68.6 2.4 3.58 68.9 2.3 3.34 prcnt * 2.2 2.1 AC Mix Water prcnt 55 68.8 3.16 69.0 3.08 AC Flow 88 3.6 4.07 88 3.4 3.88 prcnt 56 Specific Gravity 51 2.94 0.048 1.65 3.10 0.056 1.82 Specific Gravity * 49 2.94 0.038 3.10 0.048 1.54 1.30

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* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

N.C. Water	34 975
Vicat TS Intial	33 975
Vicat TS Final	51
Autoclave Expansion	35 36 43 169 289
Air Content	45 497
Air Content Mix Water	497
Specific Gravity	33 51

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Sample No. 51

Sample No. 52

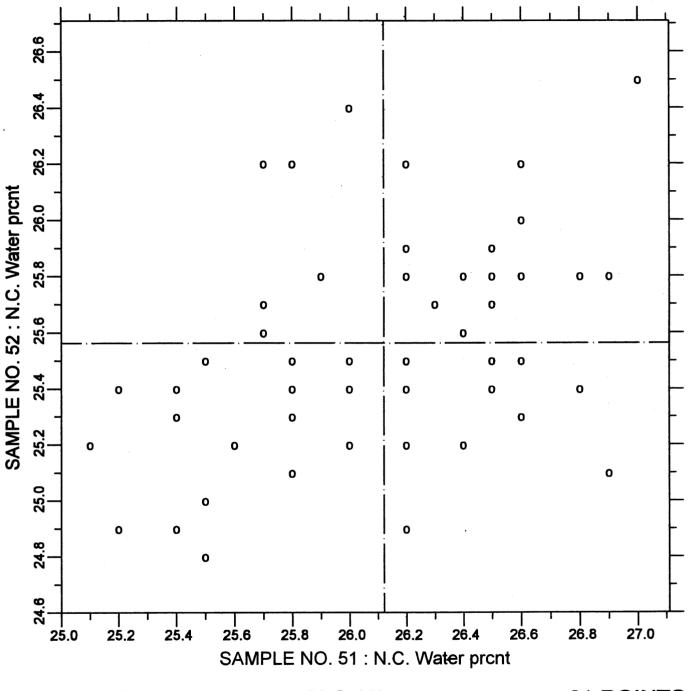
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Comp Str 3-day	psi		63	4087	333.7	8.17	3588	393.9	10.98
Comp Str 3-day	psi	*	62	4103	309.8	7.55	3609	361.8	10.03
Comp Str 7-day	psi		63	5004	413.8	8.27	5052	421.8	8.35
Comp Str 7-day	psi	*	60	5061	323.9	6.40	5111	334.4	6.54
Comp Str 28-day	psi		55	6673	529.8	7.94	6654	596.5	8.96
Comp Str 28-day	psi	*	53	6736	414.2	6.15	6725	477.7	7.10
CS Mix Water	prent		62	48.0	1.6	3.42	47.8	1.6	3.36
Comp Str Flow	prent		61	111	3.6	3.22	111	3.7	3.30
Comp Str Flow	prent	*	55	110	2.6	2.36	110	2.5	2.30
Fineness AP	cm ² /g		61	5163	617.2	11.96	4039	323.4	8.01
Fineness AP	cm ² /g	*	60	5129	562.7	10.97	4021	294.9	7.33
$45 \mu m$ Sieve	prent		58	98.32	0.49	0.496	96.74	1.16	1.200
$45 \mu m$ Sieve	prent	*	55	98.395	0.37	0.381	96.930	0.66	0.682

* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

Comp Strength 3-day	9
Comp Strength 7-day	9 25 1799
Comp Strength 28-day	9 1799
Comp Strength Flow	11 159 22 289 51 50
Fineness Air Permeability	70
$45\mu m$ Sieve	22 34 51

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TEST NO.110

N.C. Water

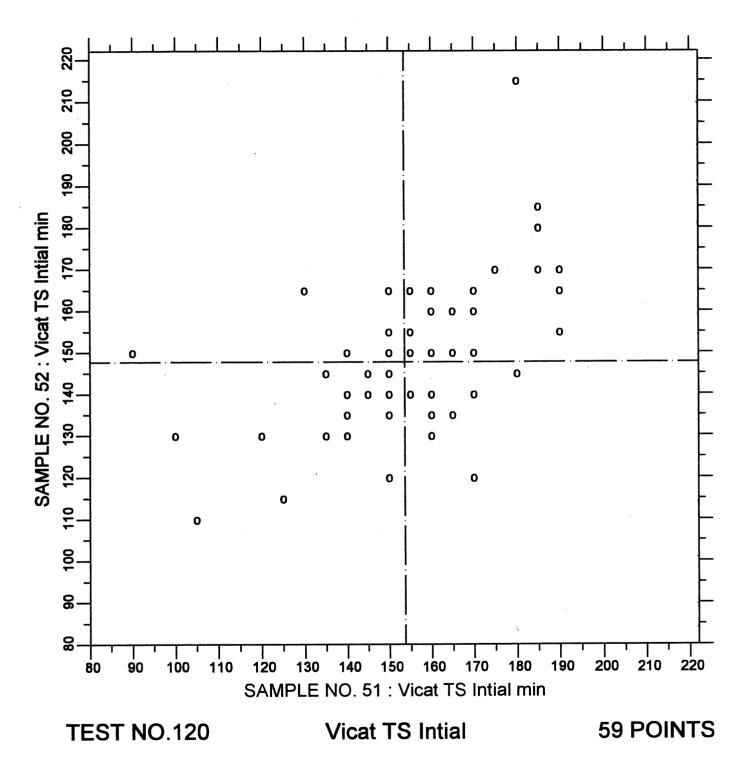
61 POINTS

 SAMPLE NO. 51
 AVE
 26.121
 S.D.
 0.48
 C.V.
 1.82

 SAMPLE NO. 52
 AVE
 25.562
 S.D.
 0.38
 C.V.
 1.50

 LABS ELIMINATED
 34 975

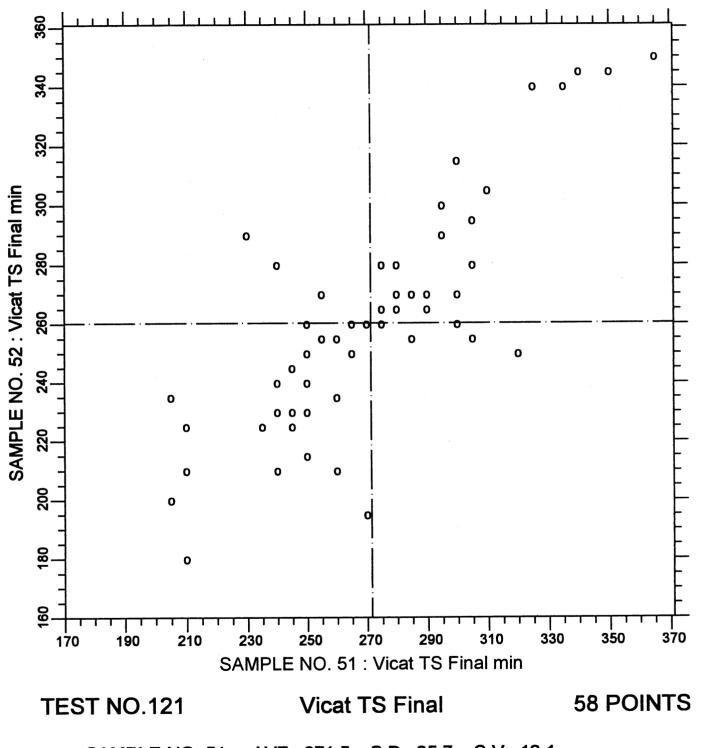




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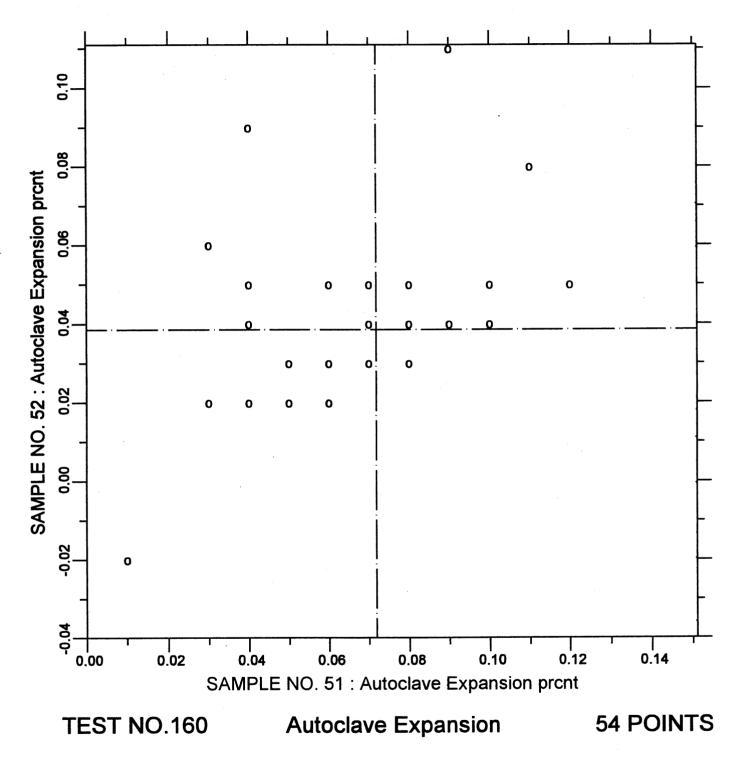
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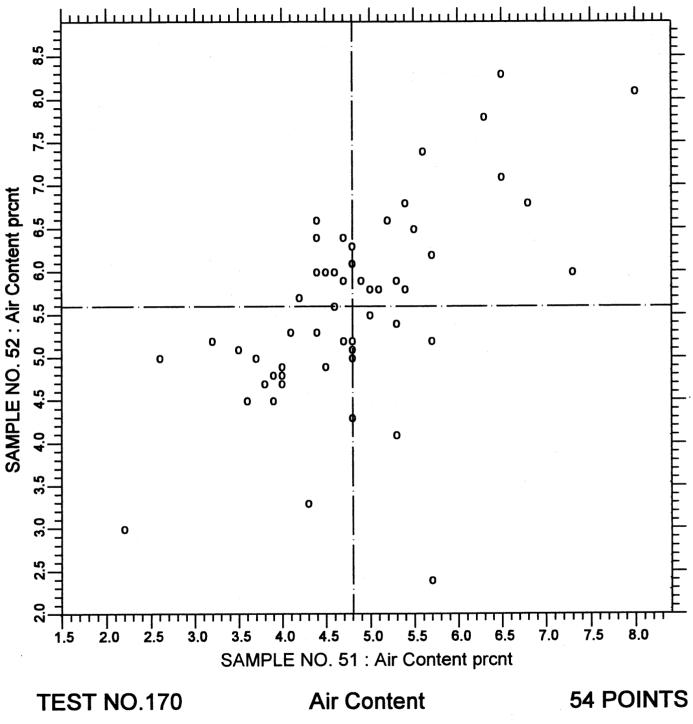
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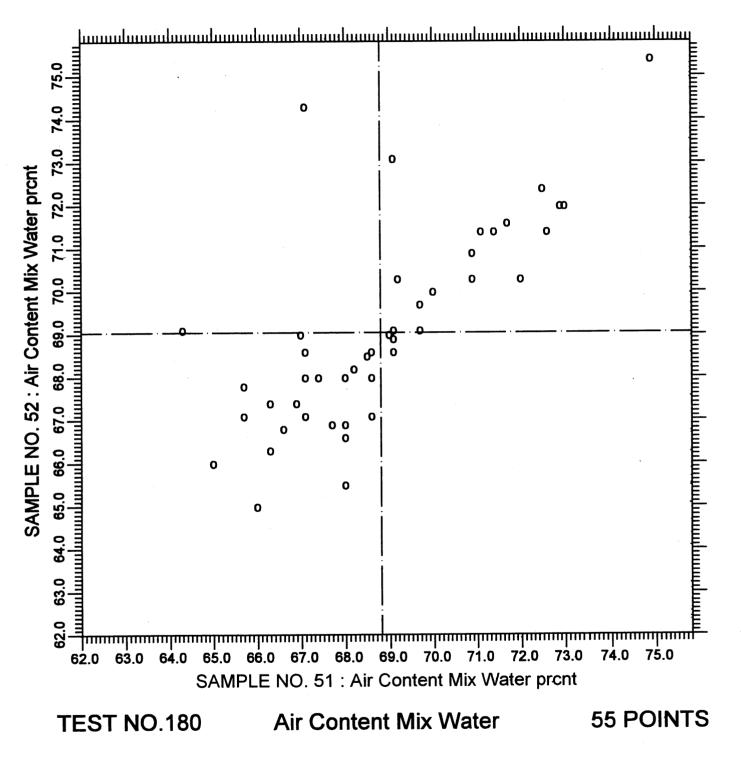
SAMPLE NO. 51 AVE 0.0718 S.D. 0.025 C.V. 34.5 SAMPLE NO. 52 AVE 0.0385 S.D. 0.018 C.V. 47.5 LABS ELIMINATED 35 36 43 169 289 LABS OFF DIAGRAM 1251

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Air Content **BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52**



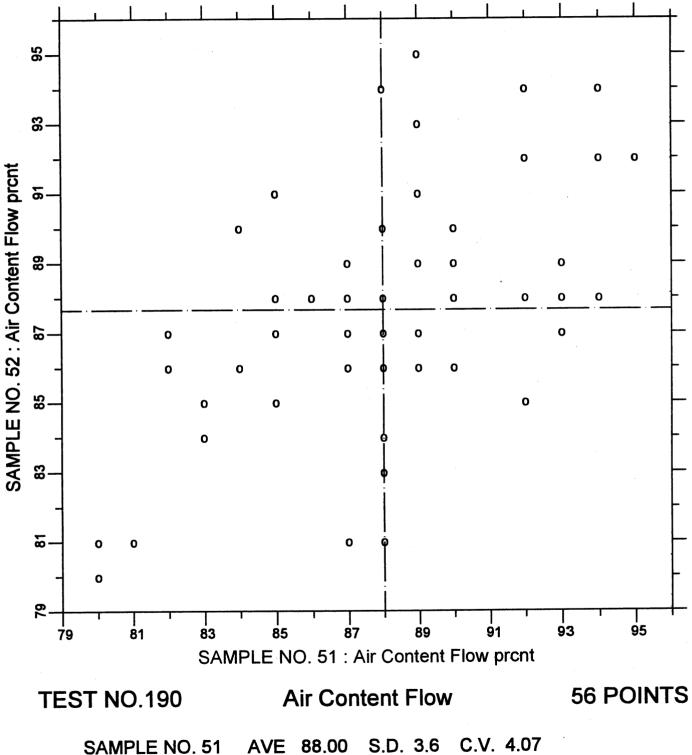
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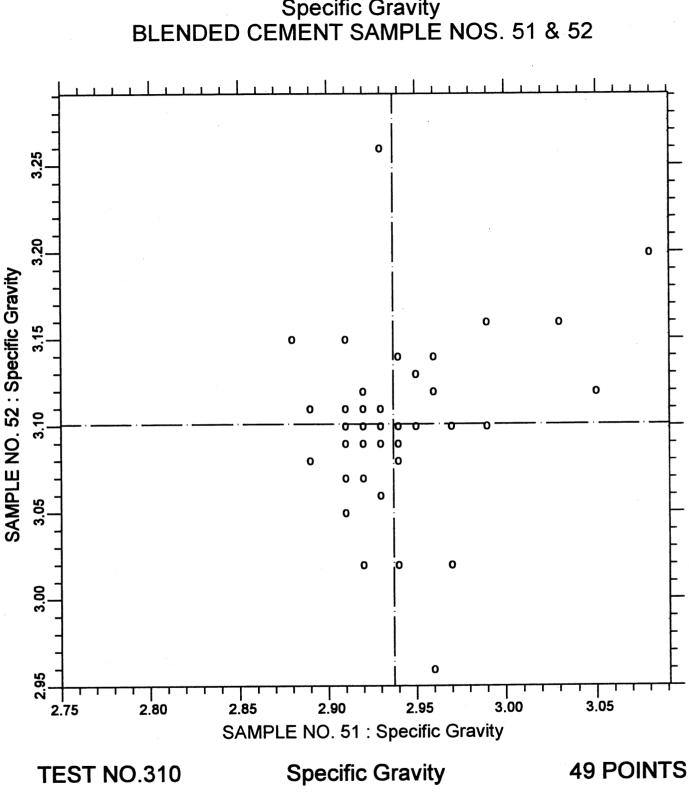


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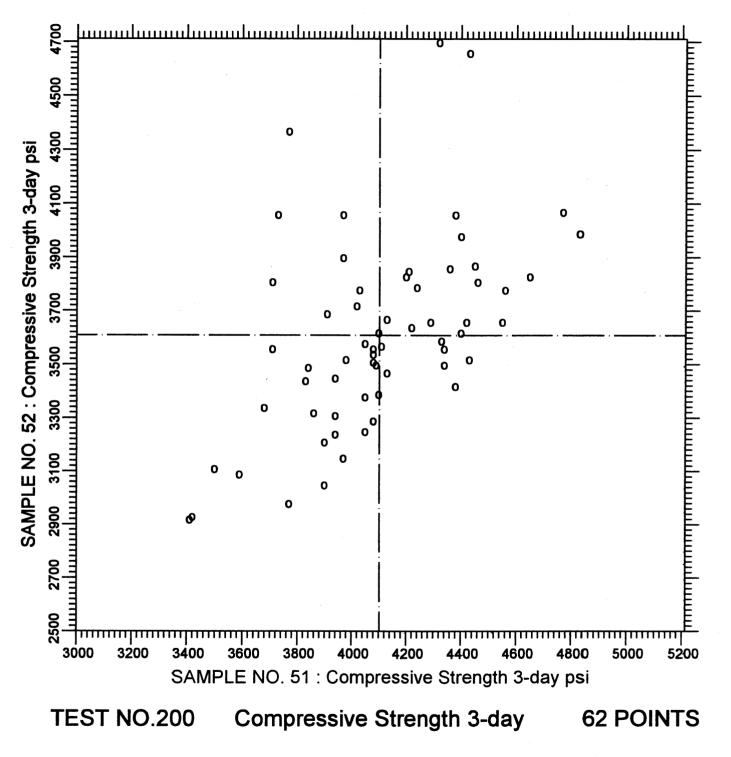
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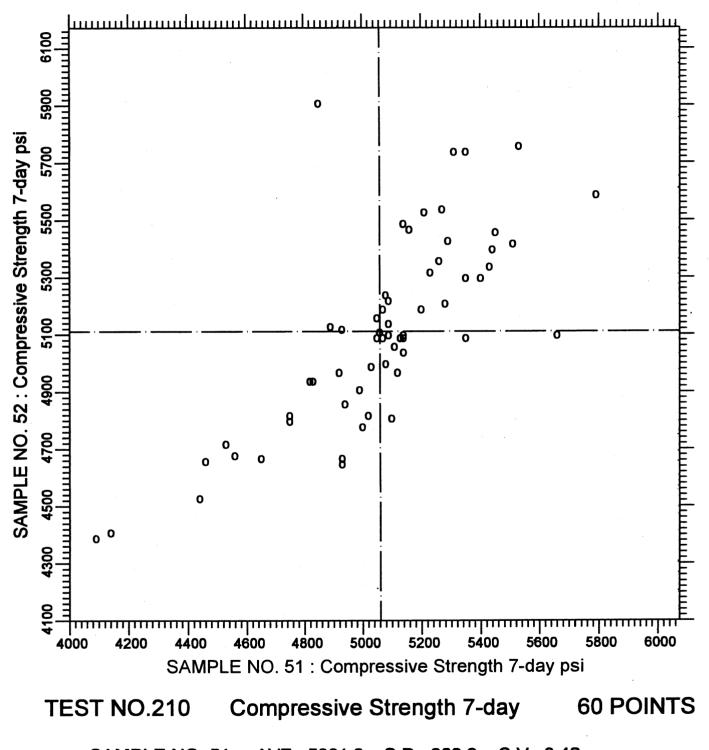
CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Specific Gravity BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Compressive Strength - 3-day BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52



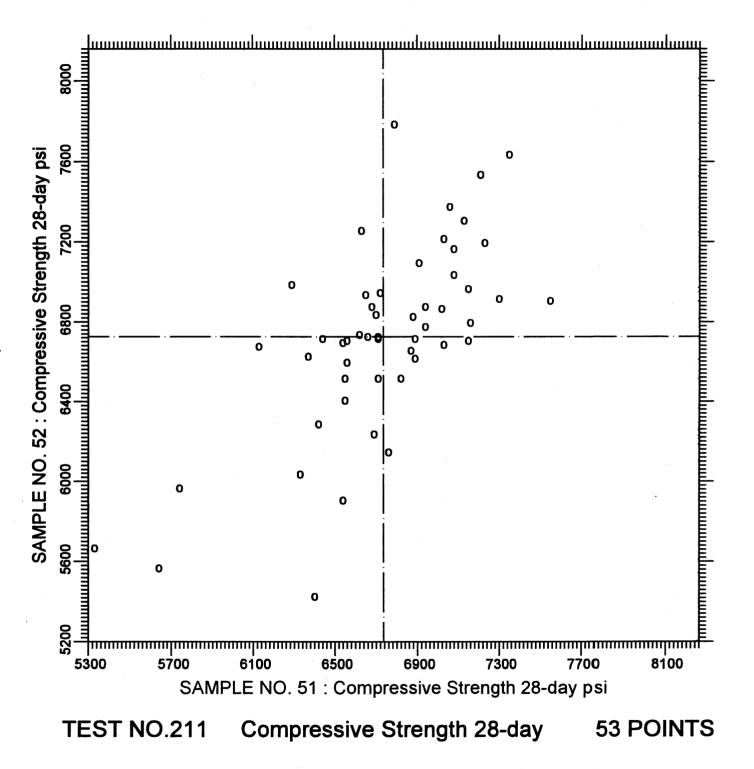
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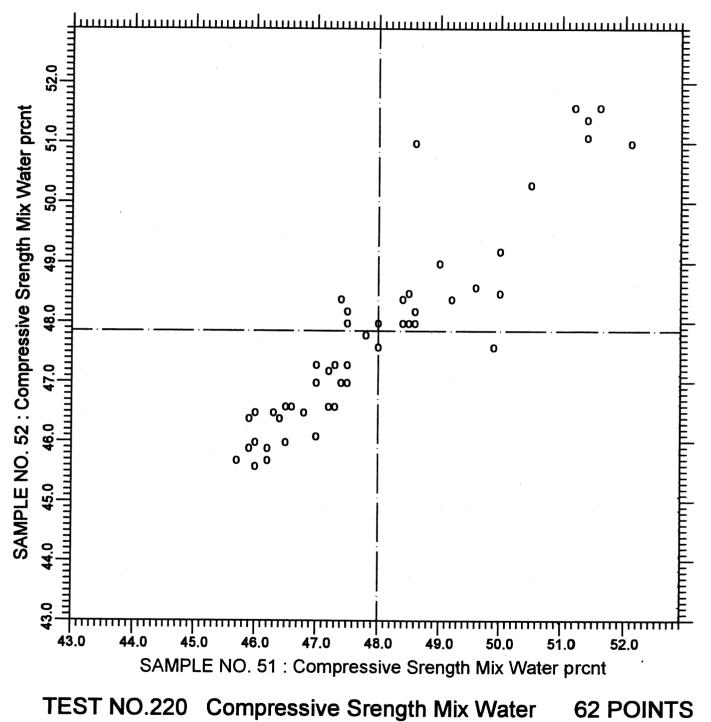
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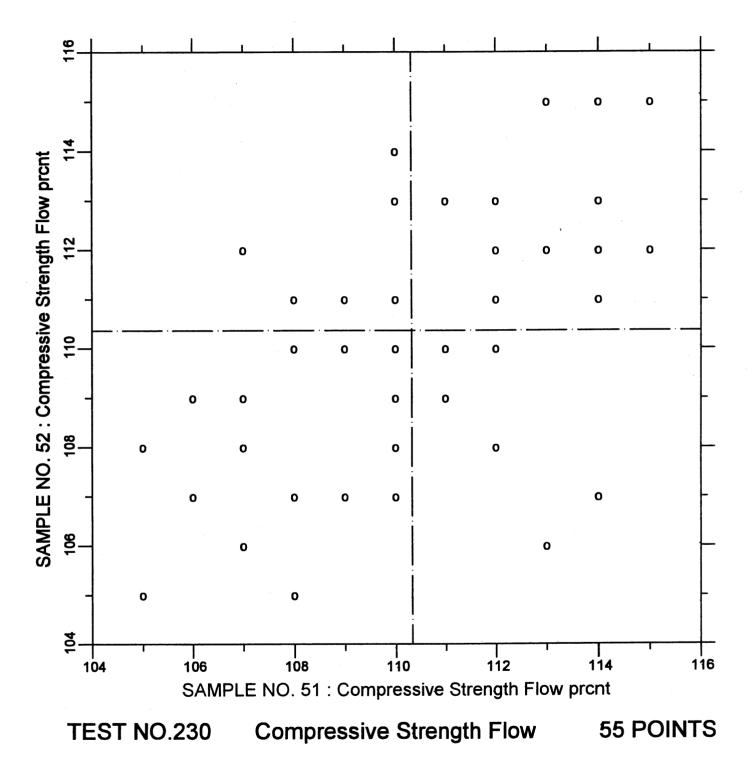
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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Compressive Strength - % Water BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52



SAMPLE NO. 51AVE48.00S.D.1.6C.V.3.42SAMPLE NO. 52AVE47.85S.D.1.6C.V.3.36

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Compressive Strength - Flow BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52

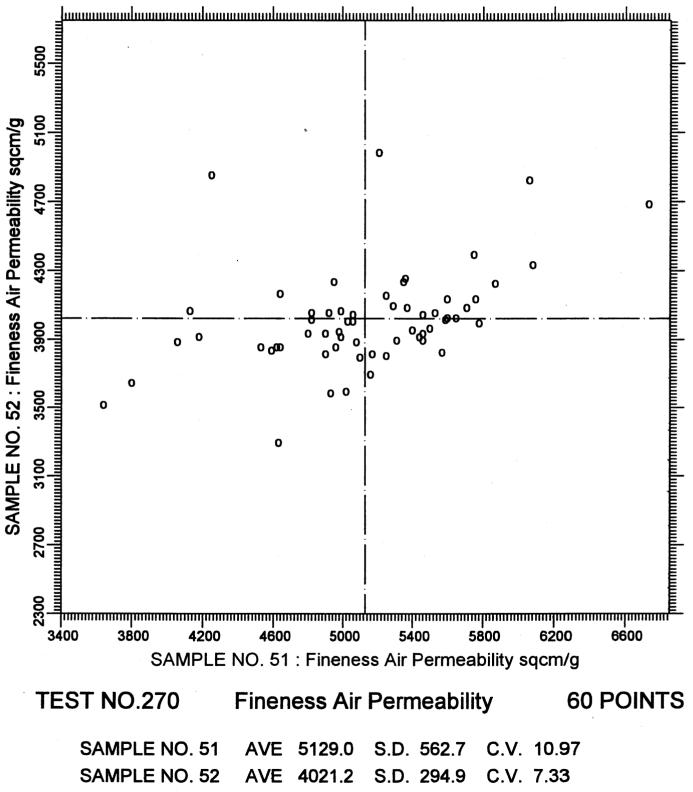


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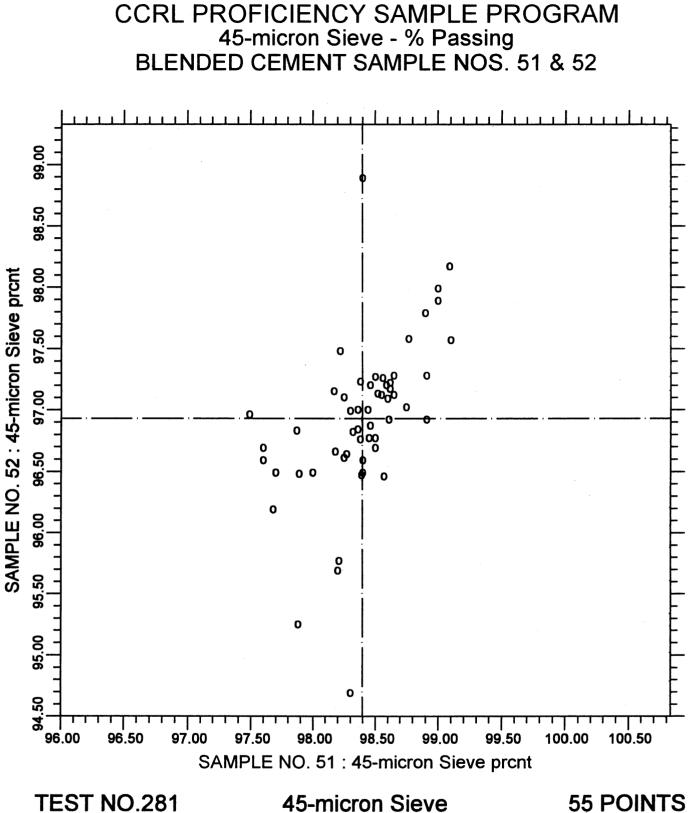
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 LABS ELIMINATED
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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Fineness - Air Permeability BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLE NOS. 51 & 52



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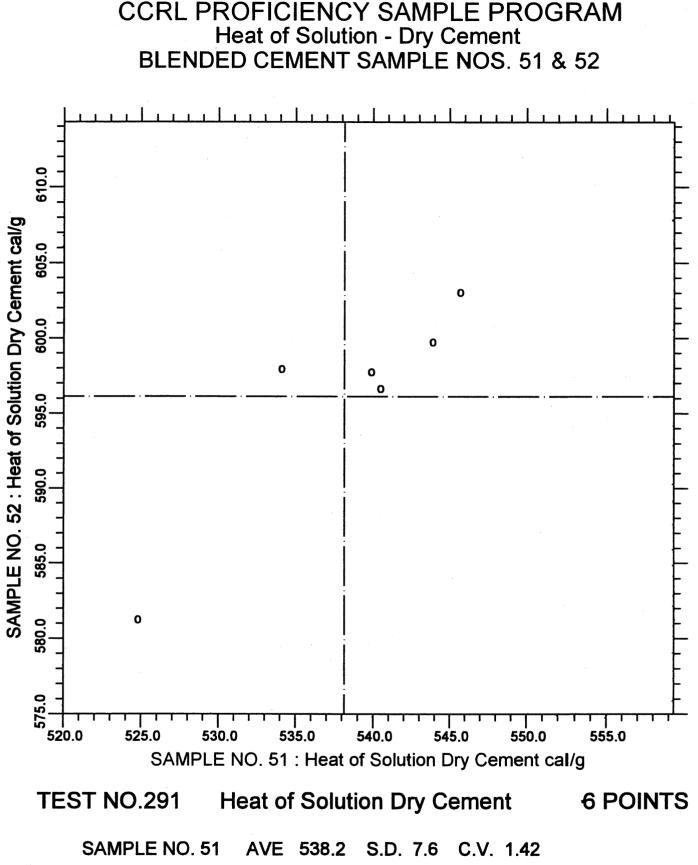
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55 POINTS

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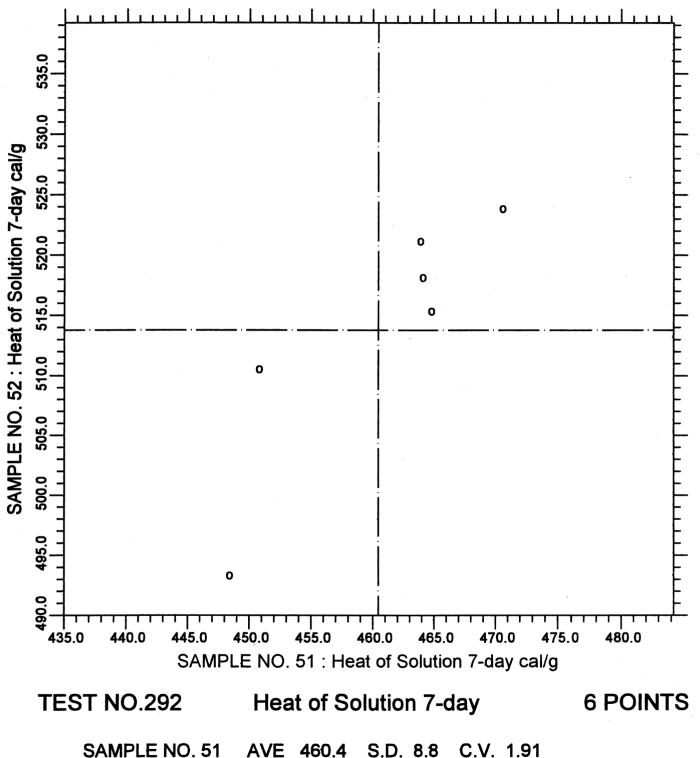
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

			Sample	No. 51		Sample		
Test		#Labs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Heat Solution Dry	cal/g	6	538.2	7.6	1.42	596.1	7.6	1.27
Heat Sol 7-day	cal/g	6	460.4	8.8	1.91	513.8	11.0	2.14
Heat Sol 28-day	cal/g	3	458.7	10.6	2.31	509.2	9.9	1.94
Heat Hyd 7-day	cal/g	6	77.8	8.1	10.45	82.4	5.4	6.61
Heat Hyd 28-day	cal/g	3	85.7	9.2	10.80	91.4	7.9	8.65

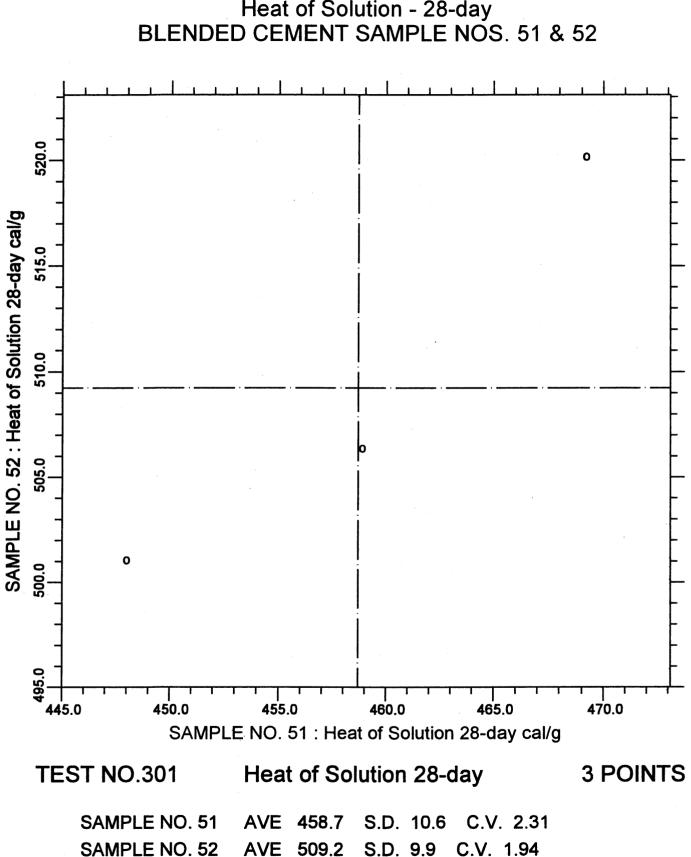


SAMPLE NO. 52 AVE 596.1 S.D. 7.6 C.V. 1.27

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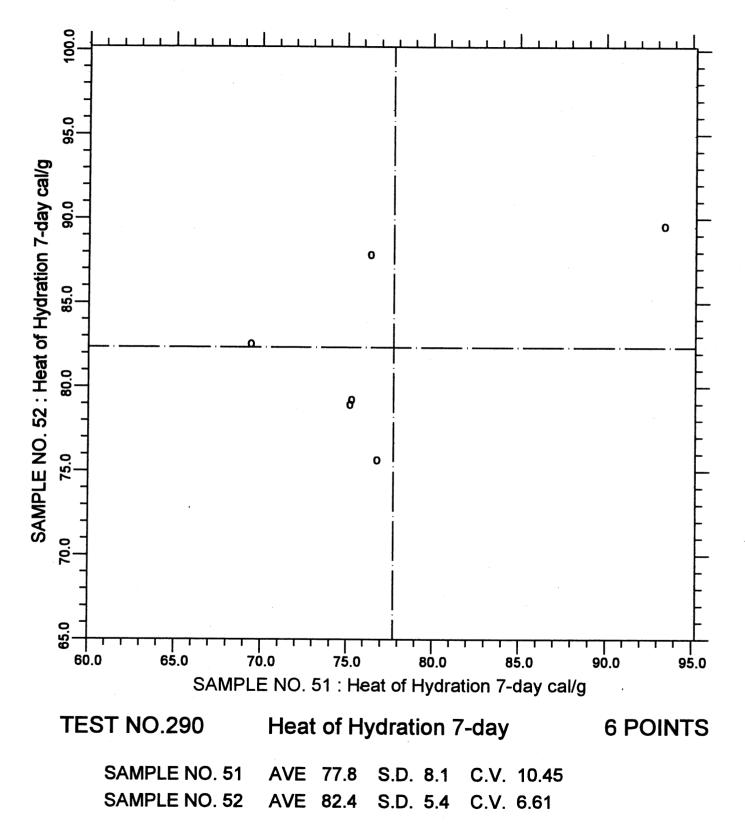


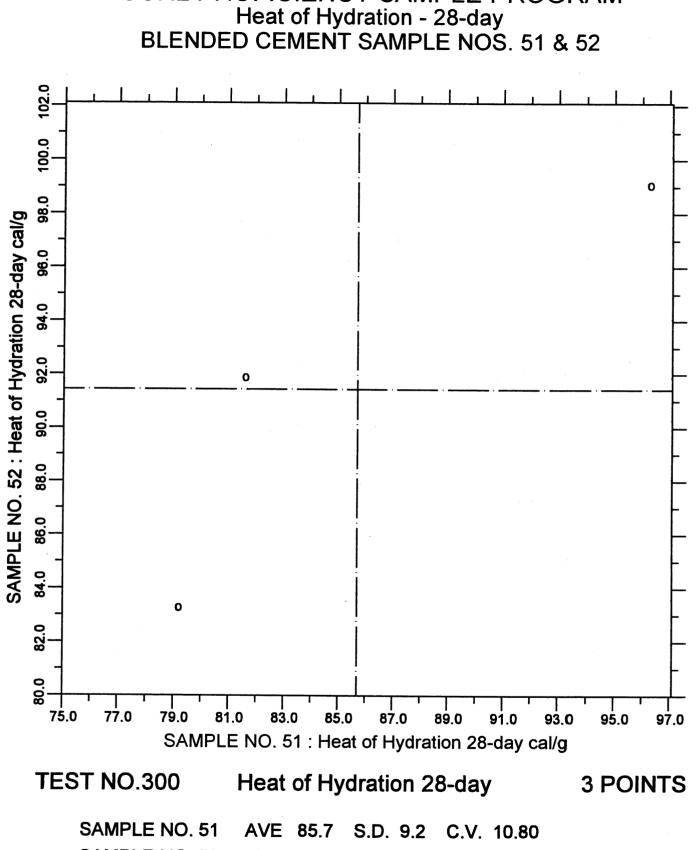
SAMPLE NO. 52 AVE 513.8 S.D. 11.0 C.V. 2.14



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SAMPLE NO. 52 AVE 91.4 S.D. 7.9 C.V. 8.65

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