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Final Report Blended Cement Proficiency Samples Number 53 and Number 54

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To: Participants in the CCRL Blended Cement Proficiency Sample Program

SUBJECT: Final Report on Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 53 and No. 54

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 2004.

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 2005.

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. 53 and No. 54

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 2004. 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. Since systematic error occurs with more regularity, its cause is generally easier to find than the cause of random error.

Summary of Results - General

The Summary of Results provide the statistical summary for each test. Each line lists the test, the number of participants represented, the averages, standard deviations and coefficients of variations. When necessary the data from the test is represented in two lines, one line with all results reported, and then a second line with outlying results omitted. Sometimes two or more recalculations are required to eliminate all outliers from the 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.

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. 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.

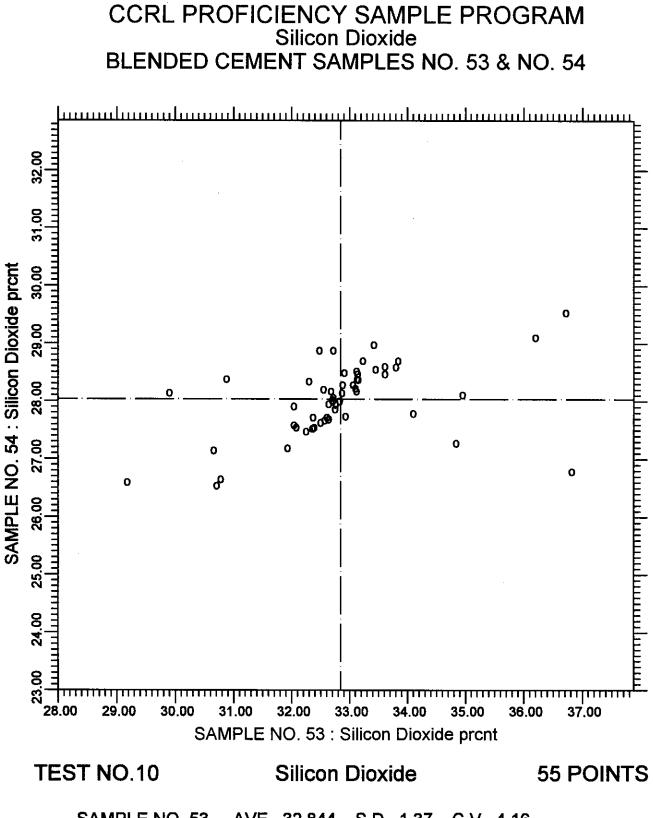
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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

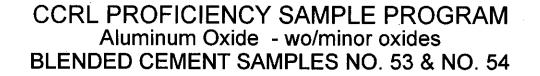
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Test		#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Silicon Dioxide	prent	*	56	32.81	1.38	4.20	27.97	0.77	2.74
Silicon Dioxide	prent		55	32.84	1.37	4.16	28.03	0.62	2.22
Aluminum Oxide Aluminum Oxide		*	52 47	4.27 4.20	0.29 0.18	6.72 4.40	5.31 5.25	0.25 0.16	4.73 3.16
Ferric Oxide	prent	*	55	3.20	0.23	7.27	2.04	0.18	9.04
Ferric Oxide	prent		53	3.23	0.12	3.86	2.04	0.11	5.50
Calcium Oxide	prent	*	56	53.56	0.88	1.65	53.28	1.00	1.88
Calcium Oxide	prent		54	53.56	0.74	1.38	53.28	0.94	1.77
Magnesium Oxide Magnesium Oxide		*	57 53	0.94 0.96	0.16 0.14	17.4 14.47	2.37 2.37	0.41 0.17	17.3 7.10
Sulfur Trioxide	prent	*	59	1.97	0.19	9.85	2.96	0.16	5.46
Sulfur Trioxide	prent		54	1.94	0.11	5.84	2.95	0.10	3.57
Loss on Ignition	prent	*	59	2.12	0.11	5.29	4.10	0.14	3.33
Loss on Ignition	prent		57	2.13	0.061	2.89	4.10	0.074	1.82
Phosphorus Pent	prent	*	41	0.24	0.035	14.9	0.19	0.030	16.0
Phosphorus Pent	prent		38	0.23	0.022	9.33	0.19	0.018	9.33
Titanium Dioxide Titanium Dioxide	•	*	42 39	0.33 0.34	0.035 0.030	10.5 9.10	0.19 0.19	0.030 0.018	15.8 9.59

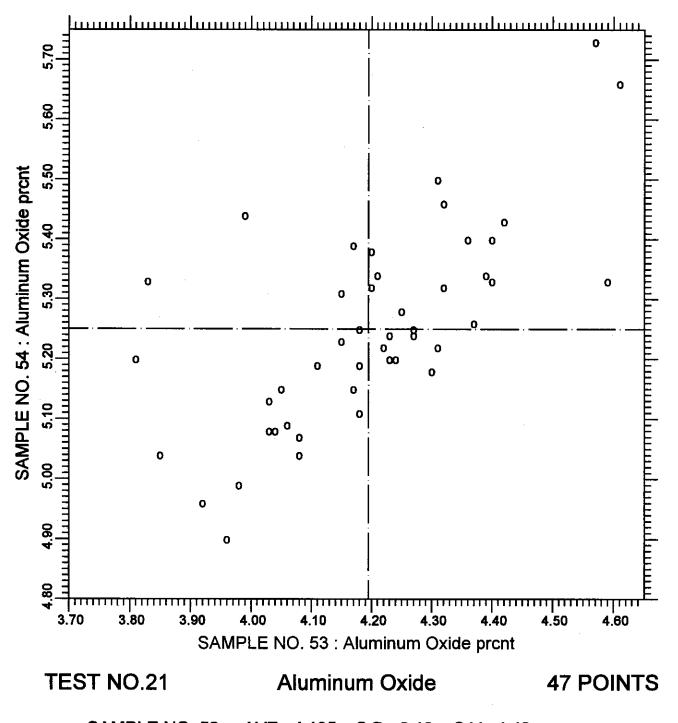
* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

Silicon Dioxide	309
Aluminum Oxide	1 176 126 309 413
Ferric Oxide	3 80
Calcium Oxide	38 169
Magnesium Oxide	14 36 51 1251
Sulfur Trioxide	38 47 159 497 2191
Loss on Ignition	3 24
Phosphorus Pentoxide	44 176 2190
Titanium Dioxide	47 50 1799



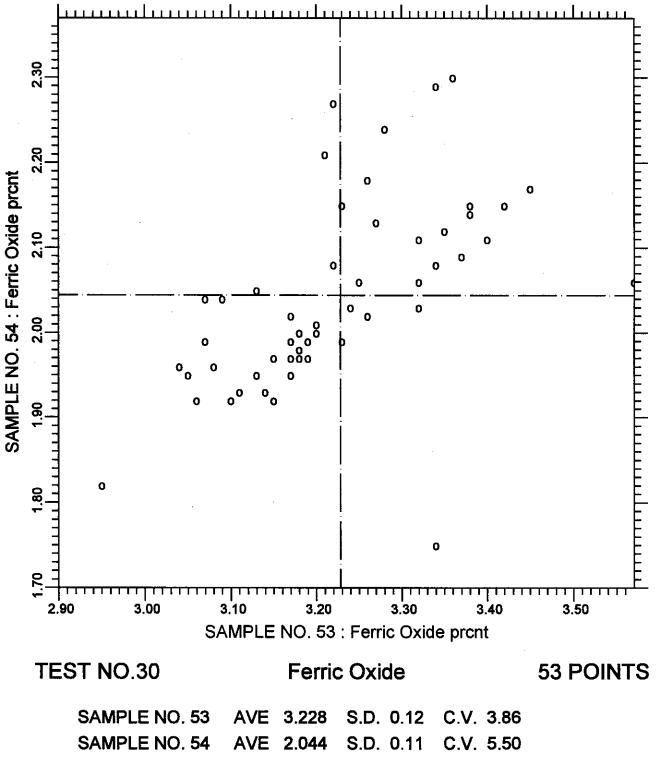
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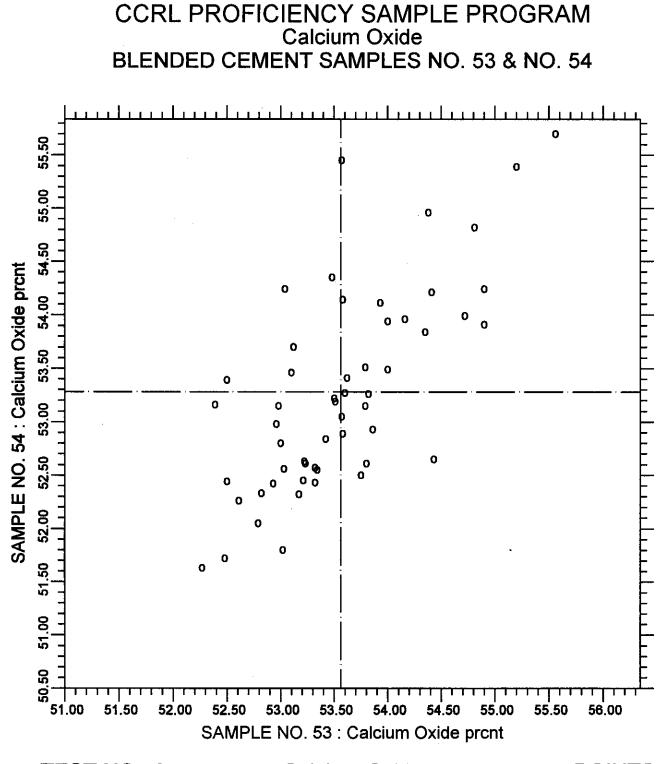


SAMPLE NO. 53 AVE 4.195 S.D. 0.18 C.V. 4.40 SAMPLE NO. 54 AVE 5.250 S.D. 0.16 C.V. 3.16 LABS ELIMINATED 1 176 126 309 413

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Ferric Oxide BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 53 & NO. 54



LABS ELIMINATED 380



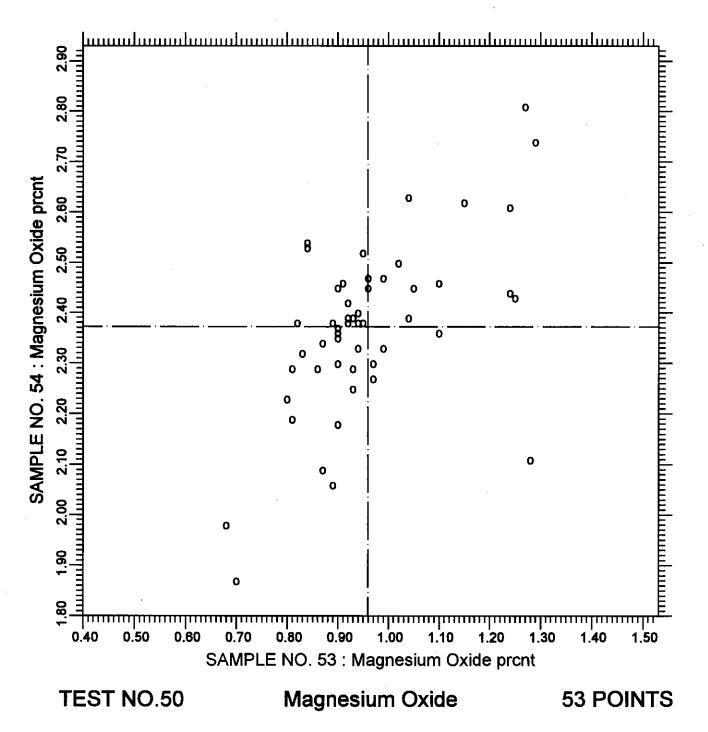
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 Calcium Oxide
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 AVE
 53.56
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 C.V.
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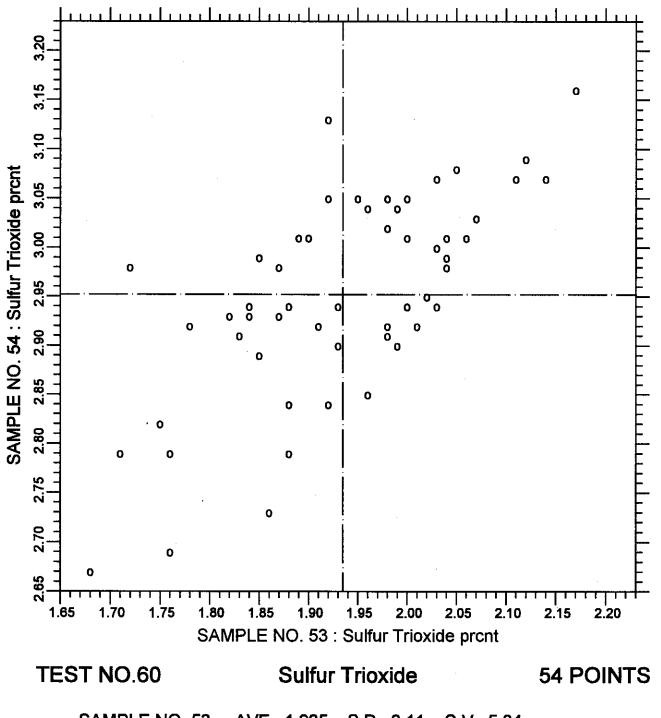
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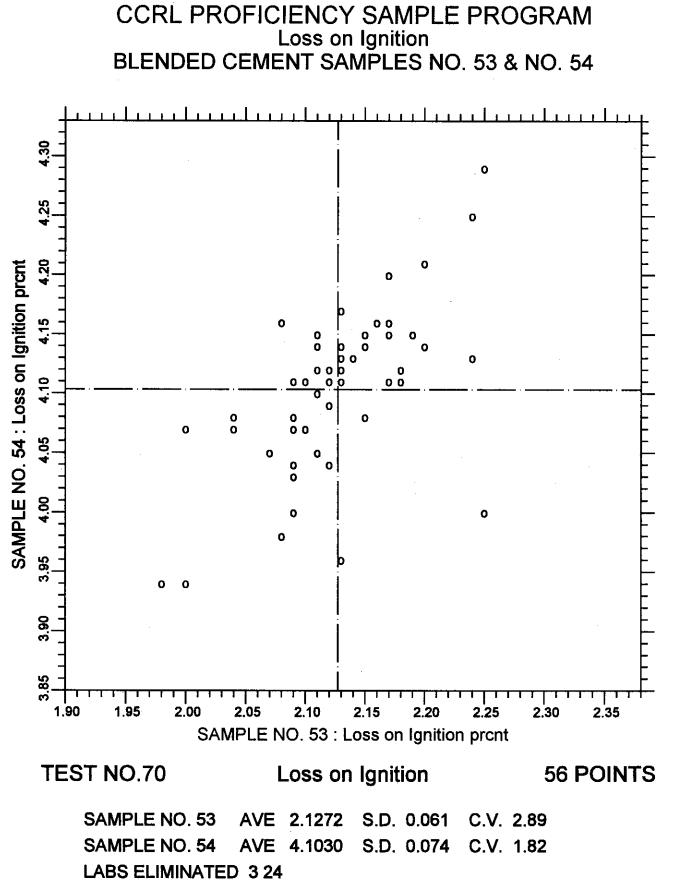


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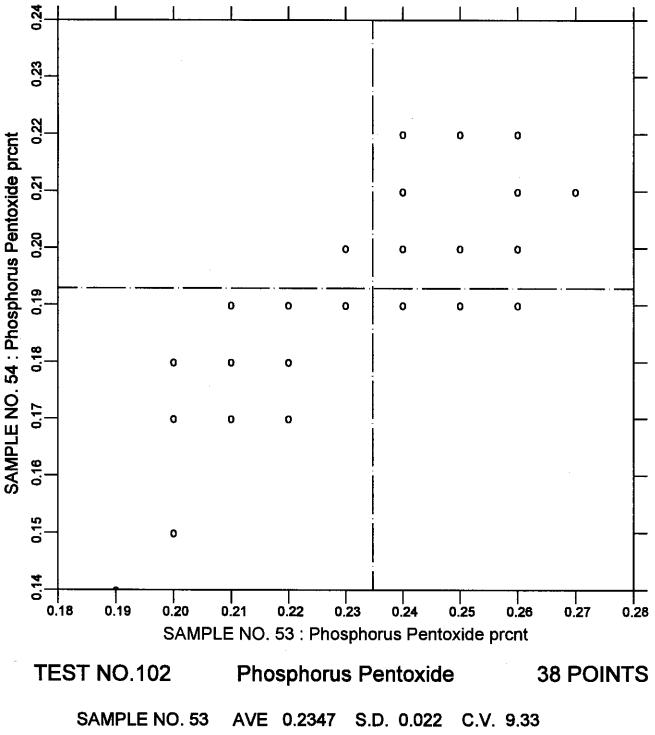


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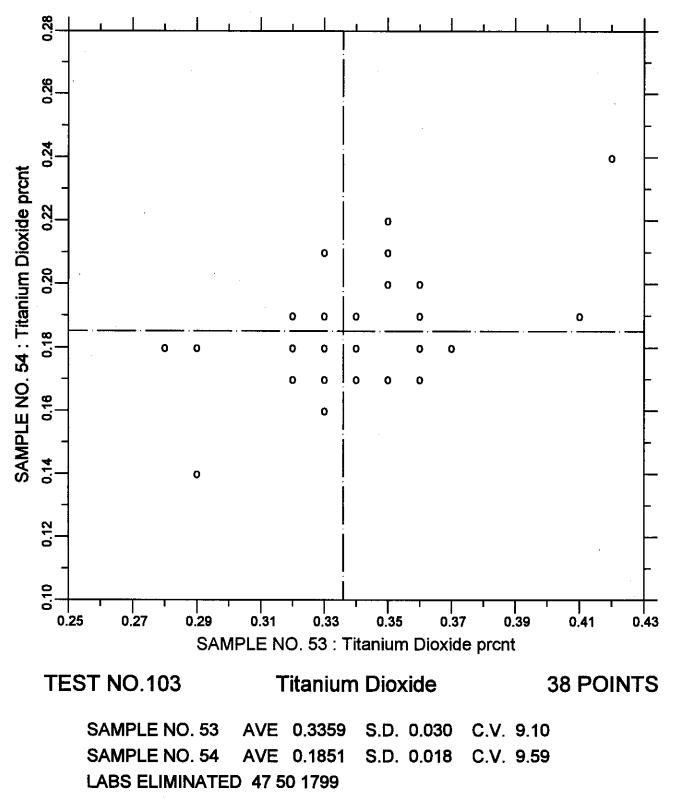
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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Phosphorus Pentoxide BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 53 & NO. 54



SAMPLE NO. 54 AVE 0.1929 S.D. 0.018 C.V. 9.33 LABS ELIMINATED 44 176 2190

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Titanium Dioxide BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 53 & NO. 54



LABS OFF DIAGRAM 176

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

				Sample	e No. 53	Sampl			
Test		#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
N.C. Water	prent		68	29.5	2.5	8.37	27.2	2.6	9.76
N.C. Water	prcnt	*	65	29.2	0.74	2.54	26.9	0.45	1.66
Vicat TS Initial	minute		67	194	26.6	13.7	158	17.9	11.3
Vicat TS Final	minute		64	299	41.1	13.7	276	39.0	14.2
Autoclave Expan	prent		65	-0.003	0.021	-797.7	0.004	0.024	594.2
Autoclave Expan	prent	*	63	-0.004	0.017	-407.8	0.001	0.014	2207.0
Air Content	prcnt		62	5.9	1.1	18.0	7.4	1.1	14.4
AC Mix Water	prent		62	69.1	3.1	4.55	68.7	3.2	4.69
AC Mix Water	prent	*	61	69.4	1.8	2.63	69.0	1.9	2.78
AC Flow	prent		62	88	3.5	3.96	88	3.5	4.01
AC Flow	prent	*	61	88	3.4	3.84	88	3.4	3.85
Spec Gravity			53	3.46	3.7	106	3.44	3.6	106
Spec Gravity		*	50	2.96	0.033	1.10	2.95	0.030	1.02
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* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

N.C. Water	37 74 289
Autoclave Expansion	51 1251
Air Content Mix Water	1038
Air Content Flow	169
Specific Gravity	43 126 2116

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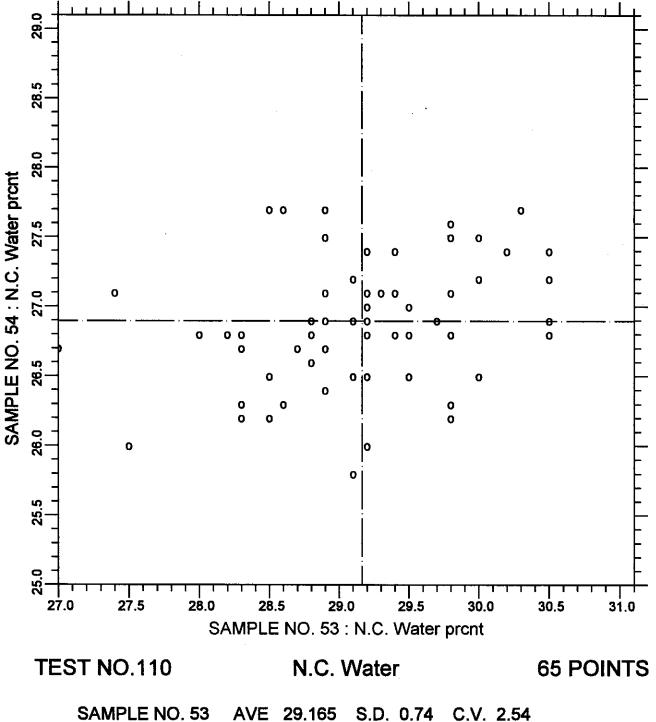
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

				Sample	No. 53		Sample No. 54			
Test		#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.	
Comp Str, 3 day	psi		69	2504	192.7	7.70	3008	268.0	8.91	
Comp Str, 7 day	psi		69	3514	290.0	8.25	3787	307.0	8.10	
Comp Str, 7 day	psi	*	67	3535	262.3	7.42	3800	278.8	7.34	
Comp Str, 28 day	psi		57	6576	545.7	8.30	4995	349.6	7.00	
Comp Str, 28 day	psi	*	56	6611	482.8	7.30	5001	350.3	7.00	
CS Mix Water	prent		66	48.3	2.6	5.29	48.2	3.1	6.43	
CS Mix Water	prent	*	64	48.6	1.2	2.37	48.4	1.1	2.23	
Com Str Flow	prcnt		67	109	4.4	4.08	110	4.2	3.84	
Com Str Flow	prent	*	61	109	2.6	2.34	110	2.8	2.49	
Fineness AP	cm ² /g		66	4988	683.4	13.7	4682	638.3	13.6	
Fineness AP	cm ² /g	*	65	4930	499.8	10.14	4625	444.9	9.62	
45µm Sieve	prent		64	98.580	0.36	0.360	95.471	0.98	1.027	
45µm Sieve	prent	*	61	98.602	0.32	0.320	95.470	0.65	0.684	

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

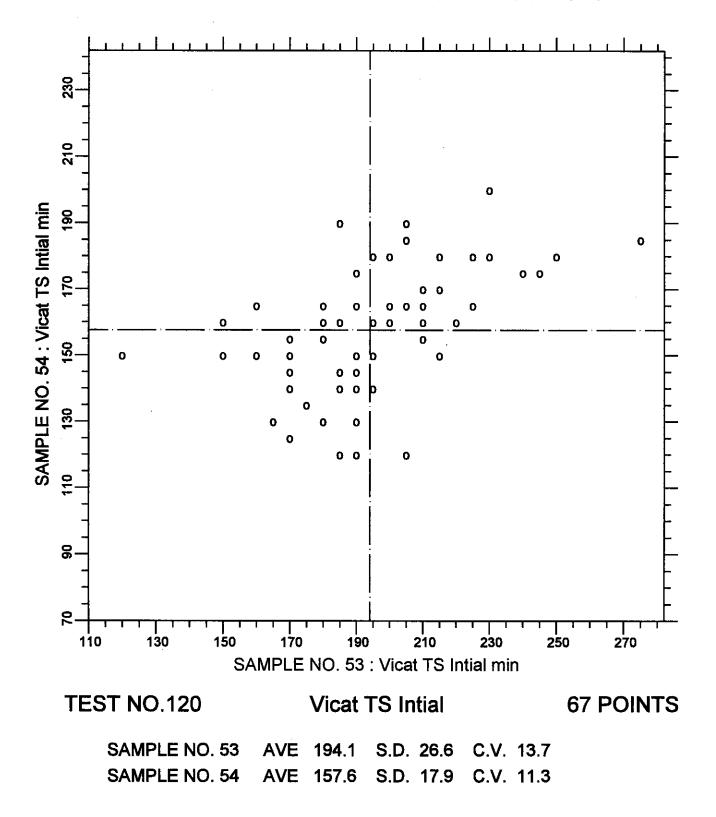
Comp Strength, 7 day	2 413
Comp Strength, 28 day	20
Comp Strength Mix Water	2 19
Comp Strength Flow	159 43 218 289 22 169 416
Fineness Air Permeability	52
45µm Sieve	34 176 413

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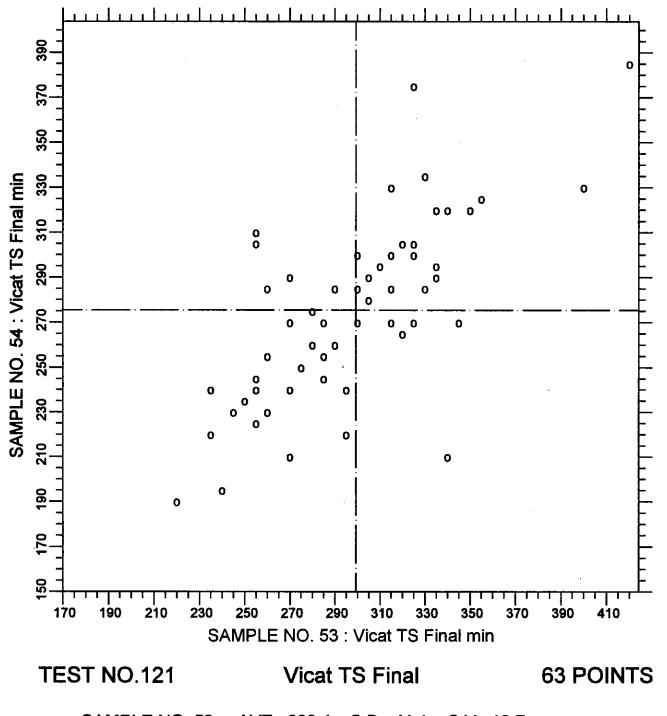


SAMPLE NO. 54 AVE 26.895 S.D. 0.45 C.V. 1.66 LABS ELIMINATED 37 74 289

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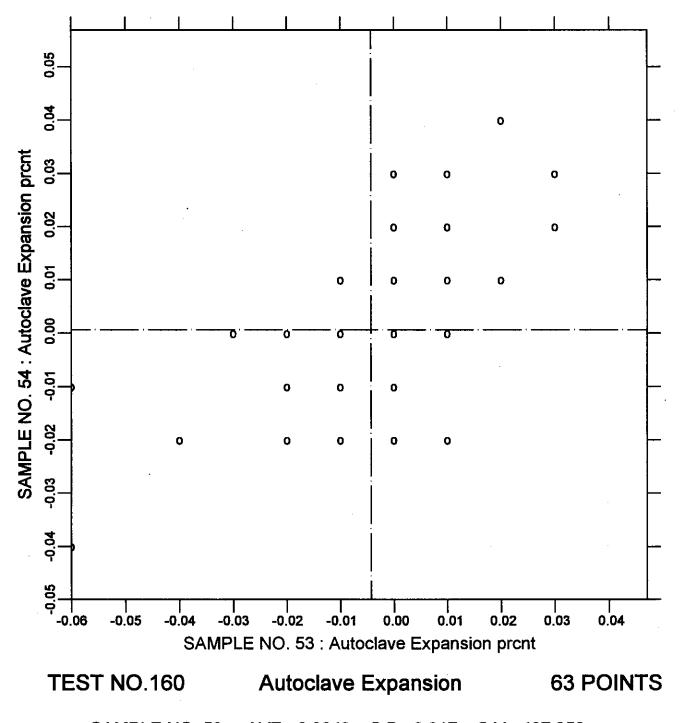




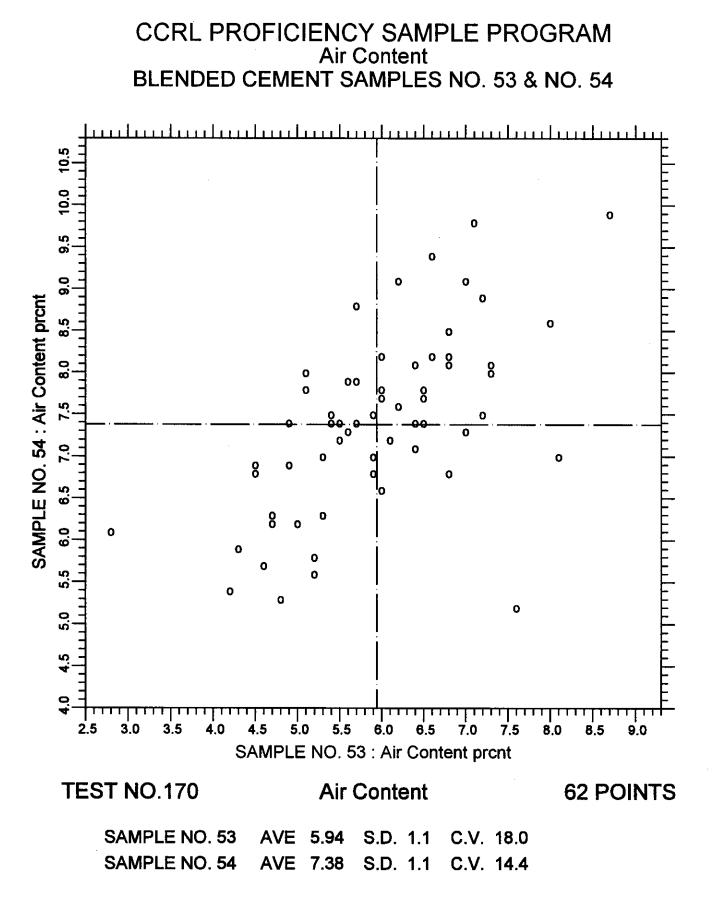
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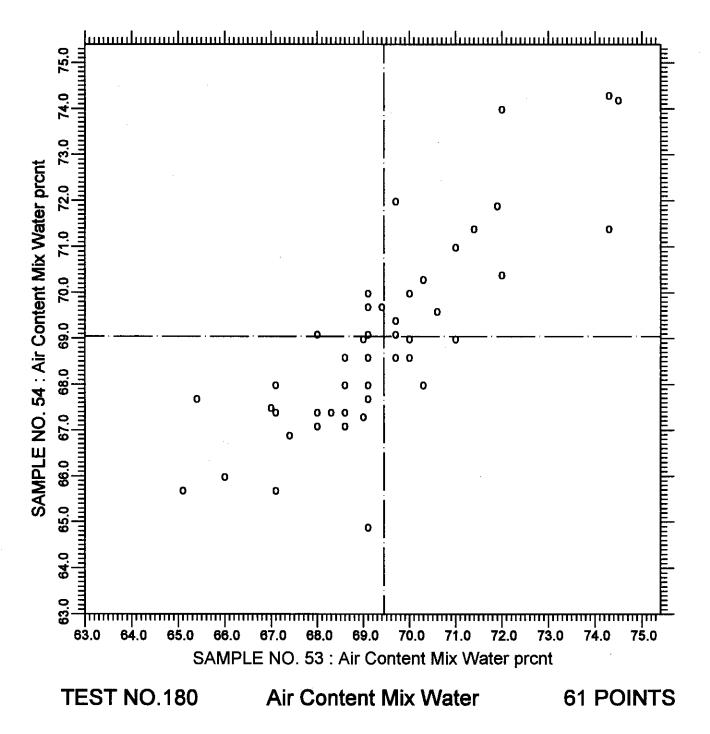
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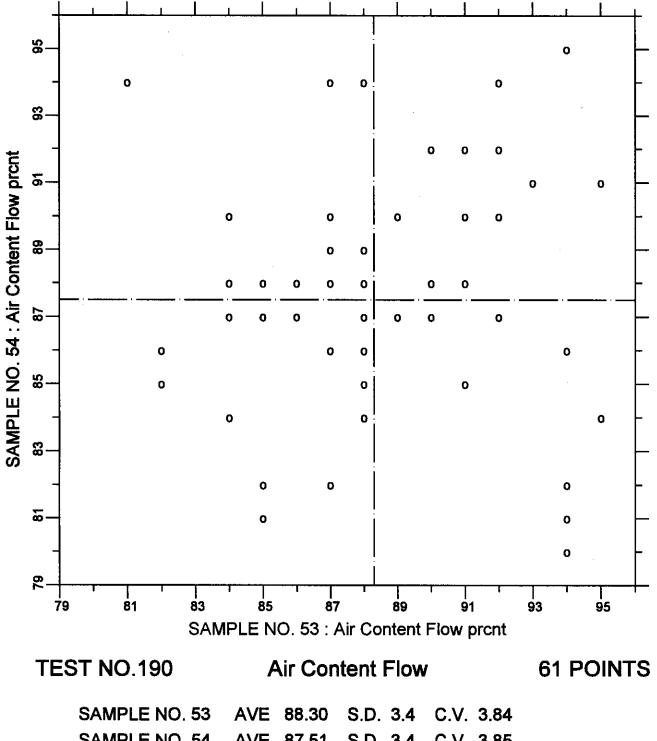


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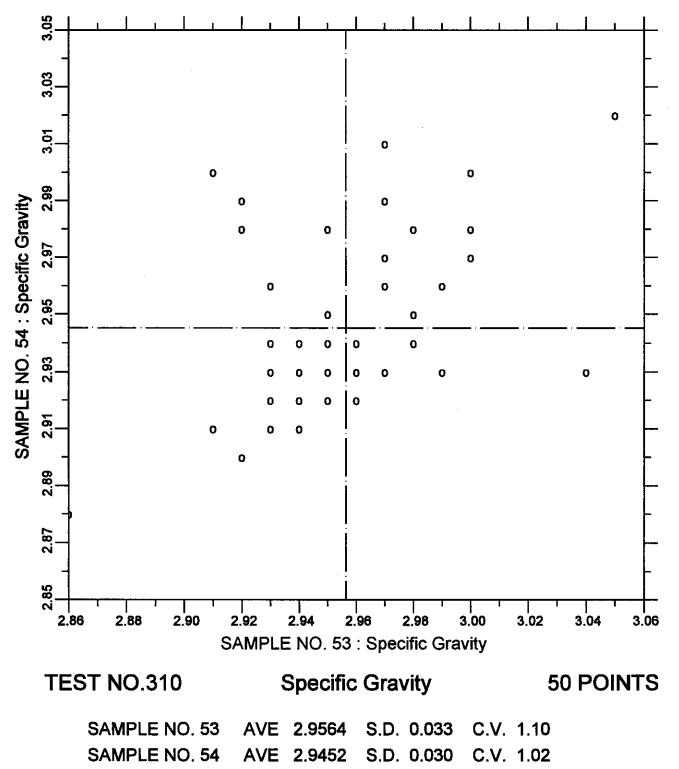
SAMPLE NO. 53 AVE 69.44 S.D. 1.8 C.V. 2.63 SAMPLE NO. 54 AVE 69.04 S.D. 1.9 C.V. 2.78 LABS ELIMINATED 1038

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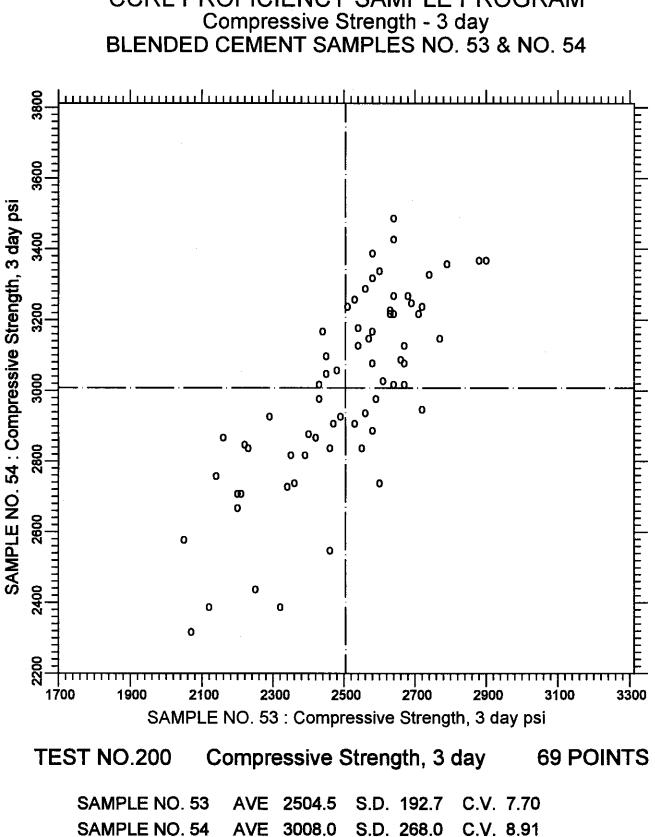


SAMPLE NO. 54 AVE 87.51 S.D. 3.4 C.V. 3.85 LABS ELIMINATED 169

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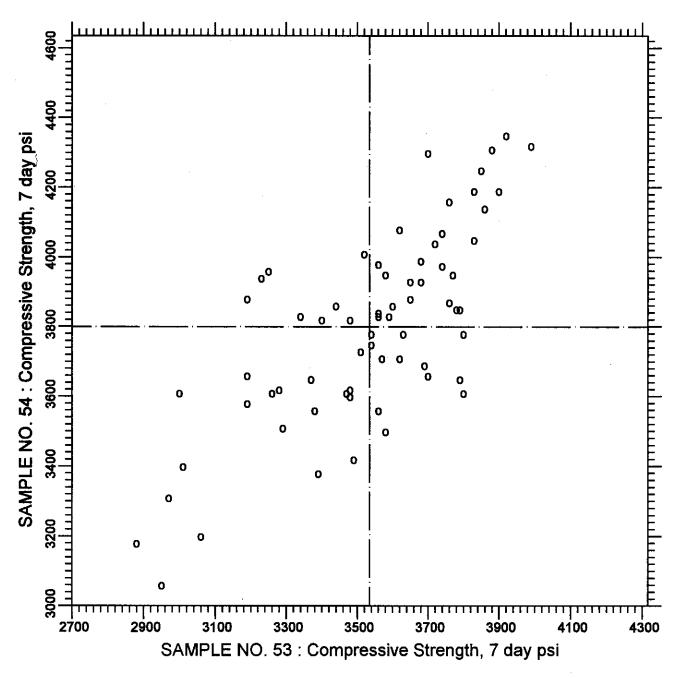


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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM

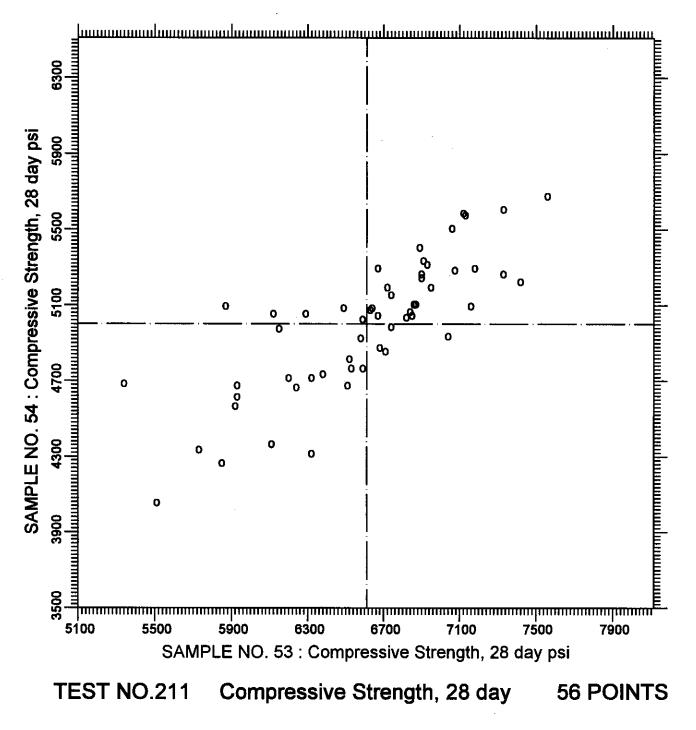




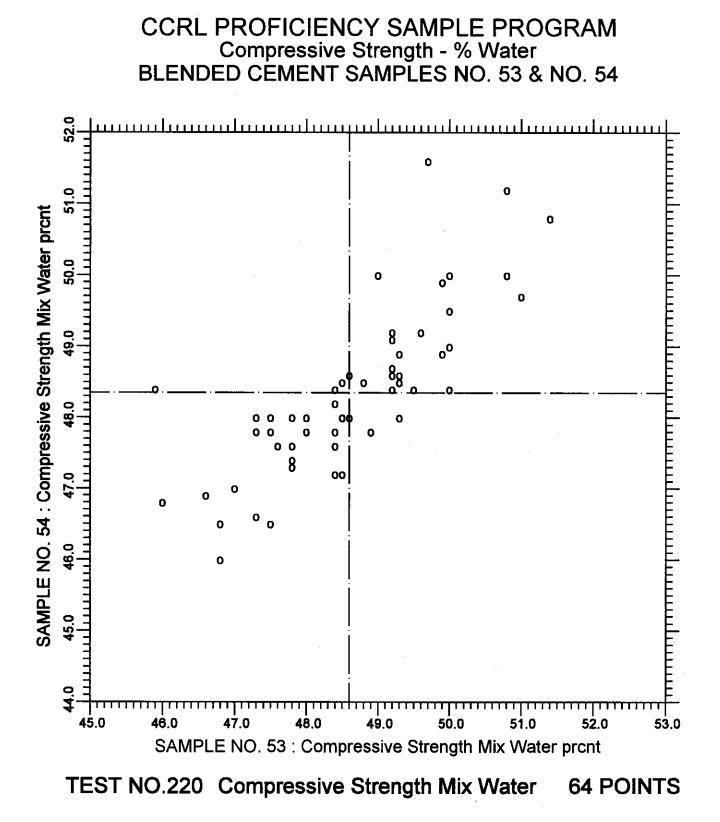
TEST NO.210 Compressive Strength, 7 day 67 POINTS

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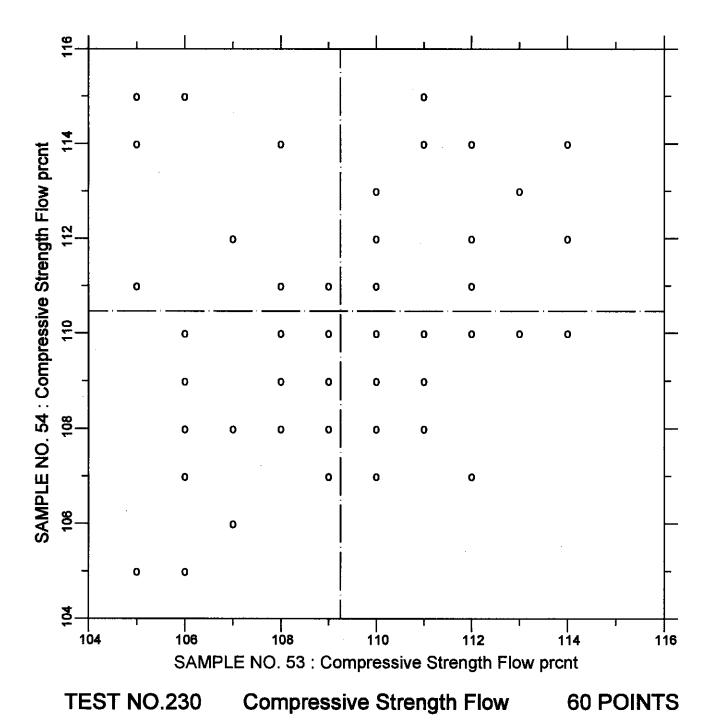


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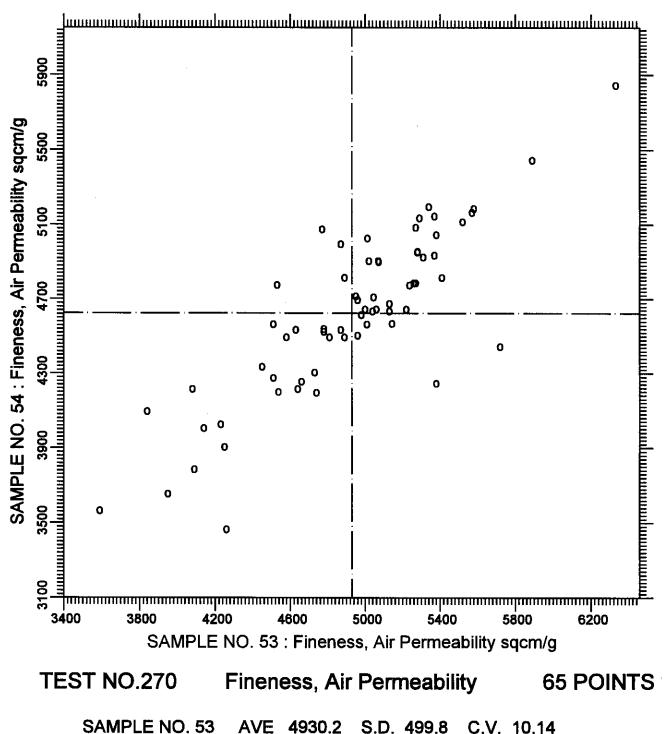
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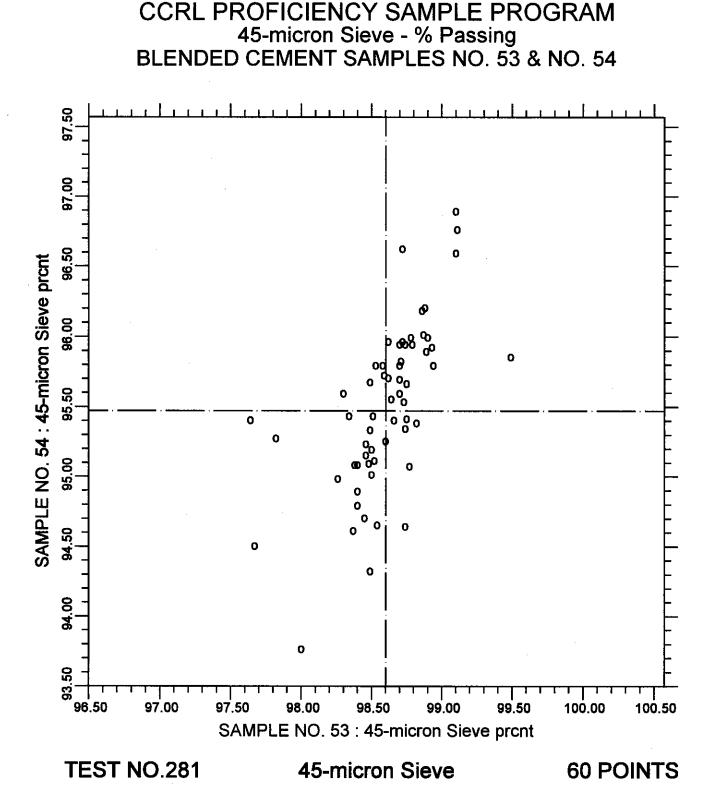


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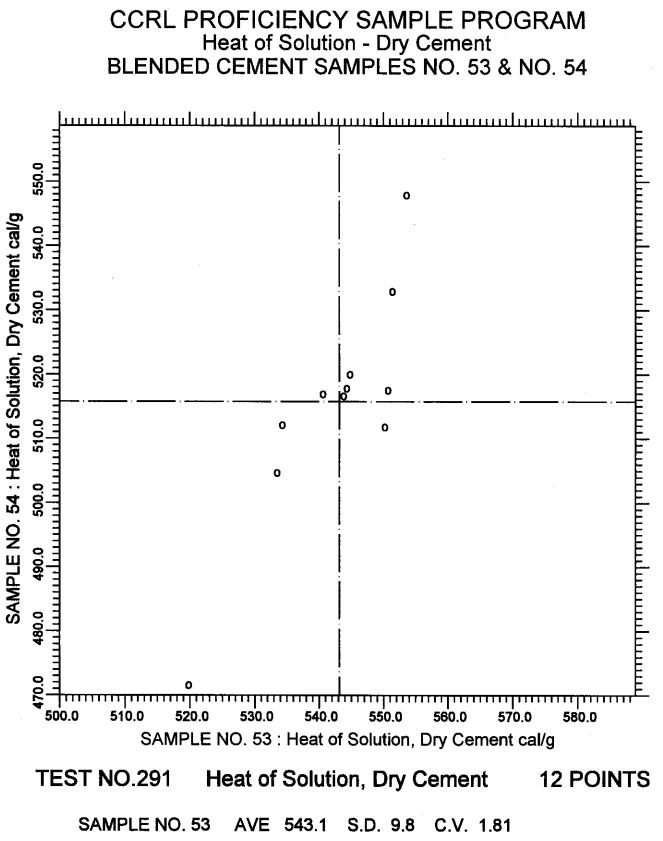


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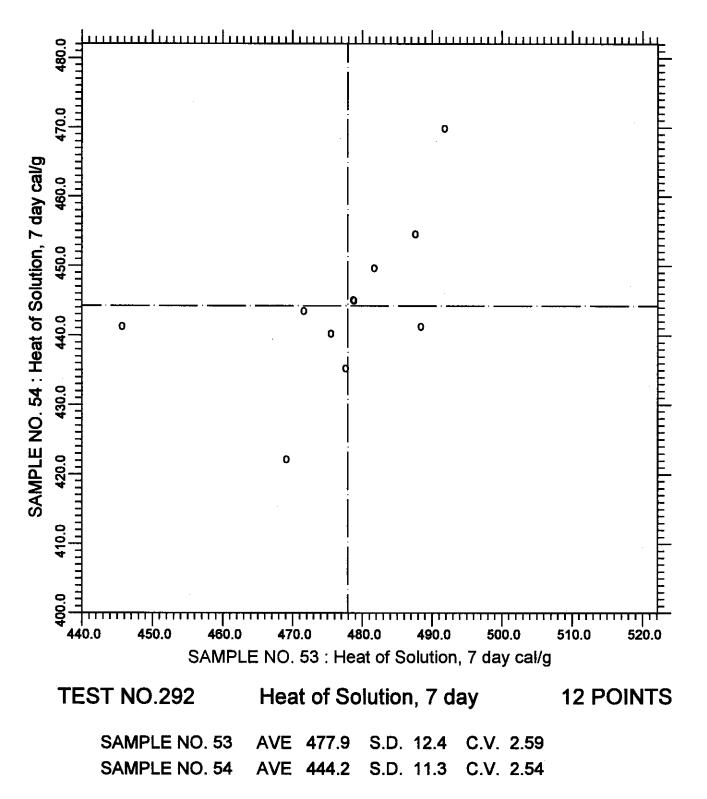
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

			Sample No. 53			Sample No. 54			
Test		#Labs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.	
Heat Solution Dry	cal/g	12	543.1	9.8	1.81	515.7	17.7	3.44	
Heat Sol, 7 day	cal/g	12	477.9	12.4	2.59	444.2	11.3	2.54	
Heat Sol, 28 day	cal/g	5	452.1	28.9	6.38	409.5	31.5	7.70	
Heat Hyd, 7 day	cal/g	12	65.7	15.2	23.1	71.6	13.6	18.9	
Heat Hyd, 28 day	cal/g	5	91.7	15.6	17.1	101.5	26.0	25.6	

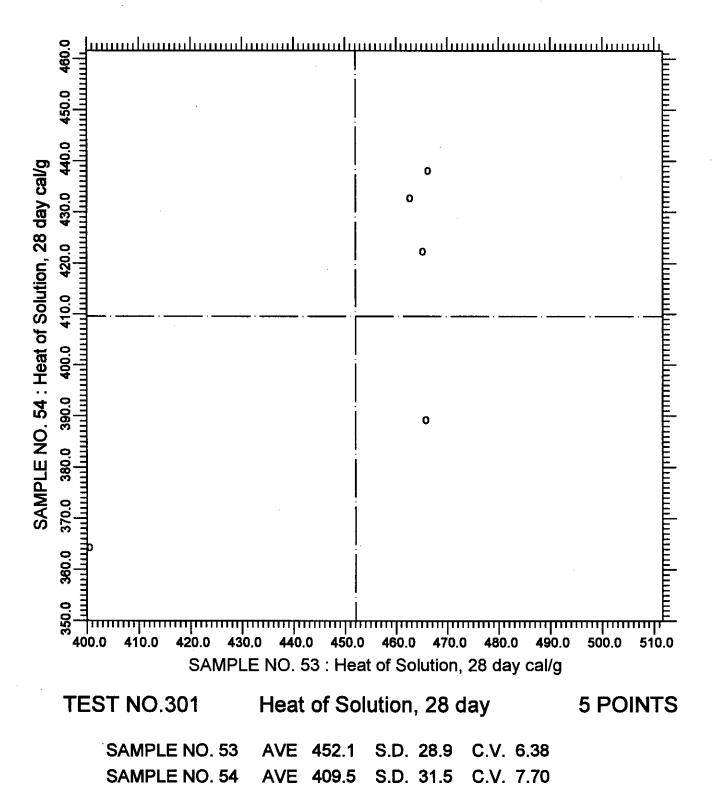


SAMPLE NO. 54 AVE 515.7 S.D. 17.7 C.V. 3.44





CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Heat of Solution - 28-day BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 53 & NO. 54



CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Heat of Hydration - 7-day BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 53 & NO. 54

