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Final Report Blended Cement Proficiency Samples Number 55 and Number 56

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May 13, 2005

To: Participants in the CCRL Blended Cement Proficiency Sample Program

SUBJECT: Final Report on Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 55 and No. 56

Following is the final report for the current pair of CCRL **Blended Cement** Proficiency Samples which were distributed in February 2005. Both cements were an ASTM C595 Blended Hydraulic Cement. Sample No 55 was a Type ISM and No. 56 was a Type IS.

This report consists of a statistical Summary of Results, a set of general Scatter Diagrams, and associated detailed information. The Table of Results with individualized information for participating laboratories can be downloaded at our website located at: <u>http://ccrl.us/</u>.

Sulfur Trioxide (**SO**₃) **determination** - Results from sulfur trioxide determination for Sample No. 56 exhibited two distinct groups of data when plotted (see scatter diagram "Sulfur Trioxide - All Results"). Sixty-five percent (65%) of the results in the "low range" group was determined using the C114 Reference method. Eighty percent (80%) of the results in the "high range" group was determined using various instrumental test methods. As described in section 4.1.2 of C114 most instrumental methods determine total sulfur which includes SO₃ and sulfide sulfur. Sample No. 56 with a 50% slag content may have a significant amount of sulfide and might be reflected in the "high" group of data. Statistics for "low range", "high range", and all results have been included. Individual laboratory ratings for sulfur trioxide have been suppressed for this pair of samples.

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.

Additional samples of these two cements and other CCRL samples are available for purchase. These samples may be useful for equipment verification, technician training, and research. Contact CCRL for availability and price.

It is presently anticipated that the next Blended Cement Proficiency Samples will be distributed in February 2006.

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. 55 and No. 56

This letter, and the material included with it, constitute a portion of the final report for the current pair of Blended Cement Proficiency Samples distributed in February 2005. This material includes a statistical Summary of Results, and a set of general Scatter Diagrams. If your laboratory was a participate in this program a Table of Laboratory Results (lab ratings) for your laboratory data can be viewed and printed on the CCRL website

An explanation of the program is contained in the paper: "Statistical Evaluation of Interlaboratory Cement Tests" by J. R. Crandall and R. L. Blaine <u>View document</u>, and "Statistical Aspects of the Cement Testing Program" by W.J. Youden <u>View document</u>, 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.

Table of Laboratory Results

Each laboratory receives an individualized Table of Laboratory Results. Your unique laboratory number is displayed at the top of the Table of Laboratory Results. This table 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.

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.

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.*

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.

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

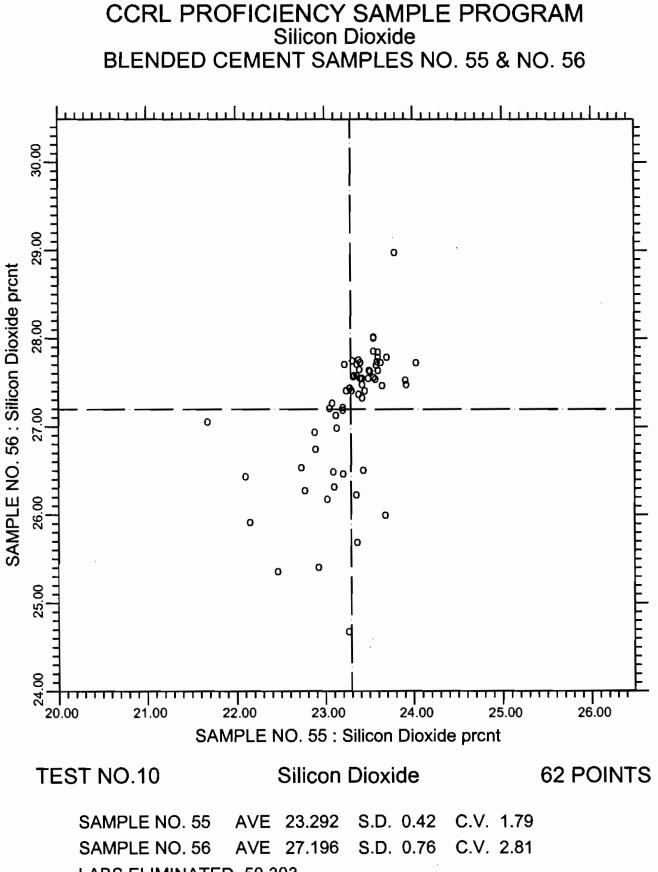
Sample No. 55

Sample No. 56

Test		#L:	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Silicon Dioxide pro	cnt		64	23.41	0.78	3.33	27.33	1.06	3.88
Silicon Dioxide pro	cnt	*	62	23.29	0.42	1.79	27.20	0.76	2.81
Aluminum Oxide pro	cnt		61	6.50	0.21	3.22	7.93	0.44	5.61
	cnt	*	59	6.49	0.18	2.79	7.93	0.30	3.74
Ferric Oxide pro	cnt		63	2.58	0.085	3.31	2.15	0.147	6.82
-	cnt	*	60	2.58	0.068	2.64	2.14	0.115	5.38
Calcium Oxide pro	cnt		63	60.44	0.81	1.34	52.91	1.00	1.90
	cnt	*	62	60.50	0.65	1.08	52.97	0.88	1.67
Magnesium Oxide pro	cnt		63	1.83	0.12	6.71	5.40	0.39	7.30
Magnesium Oxide pro		*	60	1.81	0.086	4.77	5.36	0.294	5.49
Sulfur Trioxide pro	cnt		65	2.99	0.21	6.95	2.04	0.52	25.29
	cnt		22	2.81	0.12	4.34	1.40	0.16	11.33
SO_3 High Range pro	cnt		43	3.09	0.18	5.74	2.37	0.27	11.24
Loss on Ignition pro	cnt		64	1.08	0.17	15.5	0.73	0.30	41.0
	cnt	*	62	1.08	0.15	13.9	0.72	0.28	38.8
Phosphorus Pent pro	cnt		44	0.068	0.033	49.4	0.048	0.031	66.0
1 I	cnt	*	43	0.064	0.020	32.3	0.044	0.017	38.5
Titanium Dioxide pro	cnt		45	0.34	0.023	6.89	0.36	0.027	7.34
Titanium Dioxide pro		*	42	0.34	0.015	4.30	0.37	0.017	4.55

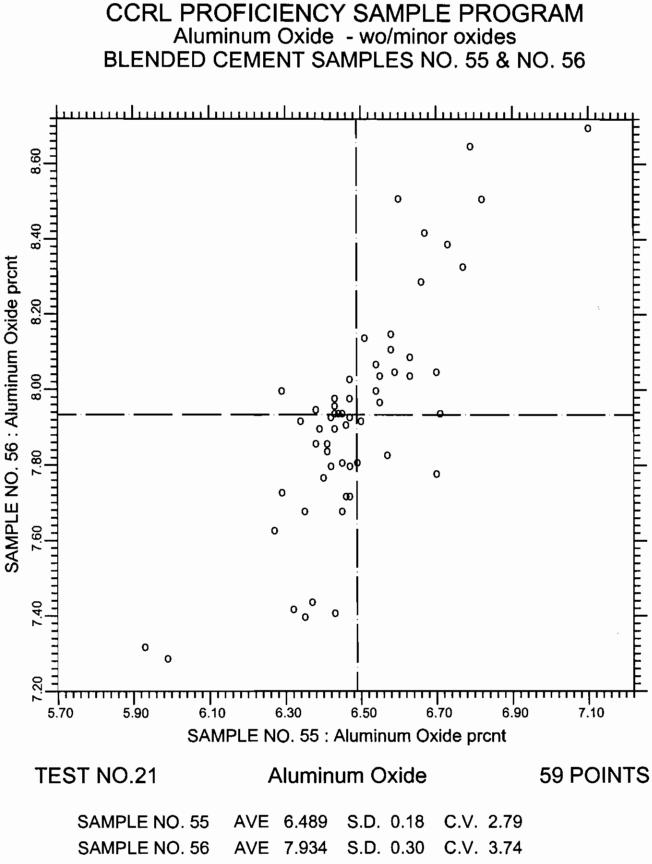
* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

Silicon Dioxide	50 303
Aluminum Oxide	303 309
Ferric Oxide	51 1715 2116
Calcium Oxide	50
Magnesium Oxide	1 42 2295
Loss on Ignition	92 2465
Phosphorus Pentoxide	1940
Titanium Dioxide	50 207 975
Phosphorus Pentoxide	1940



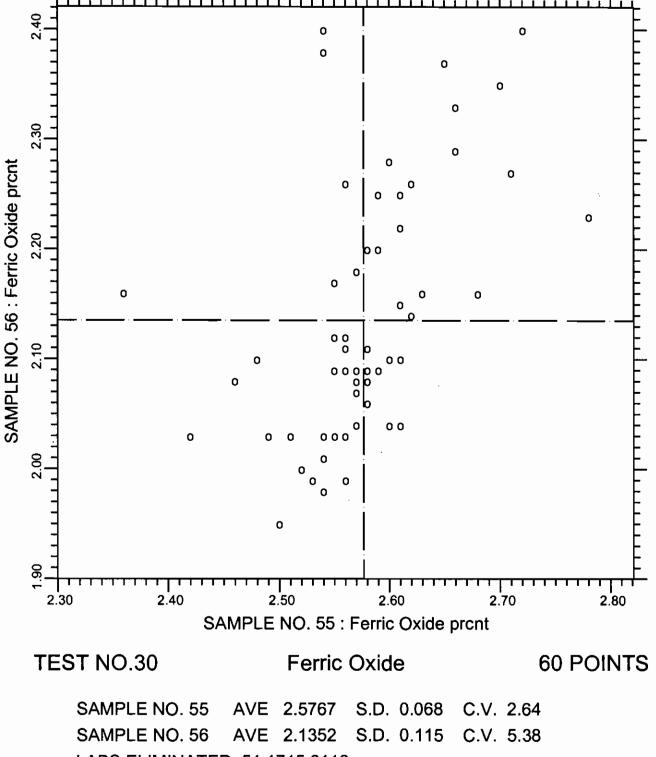
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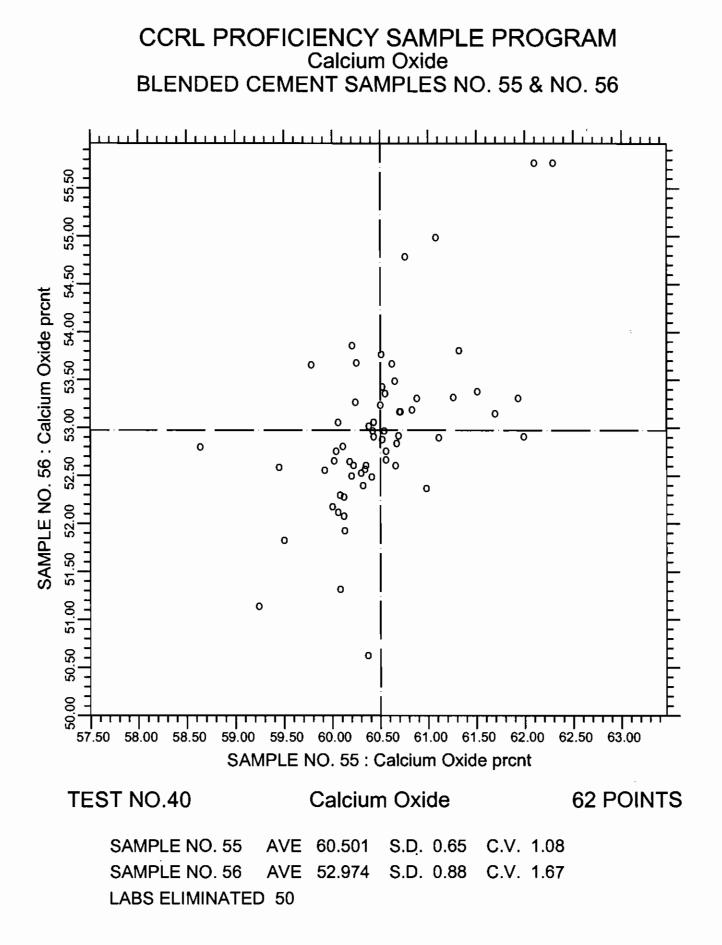


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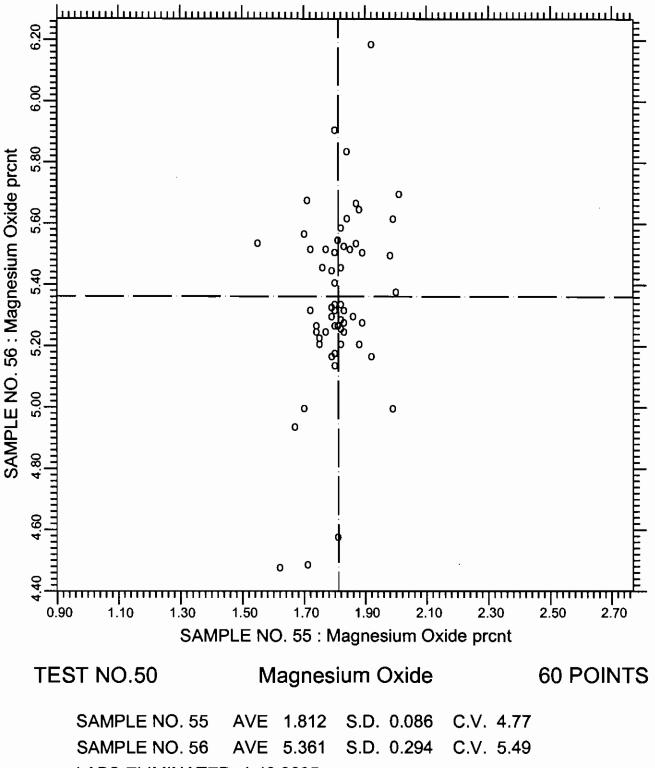
CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Ferric Oxide BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 55 & NO. 56



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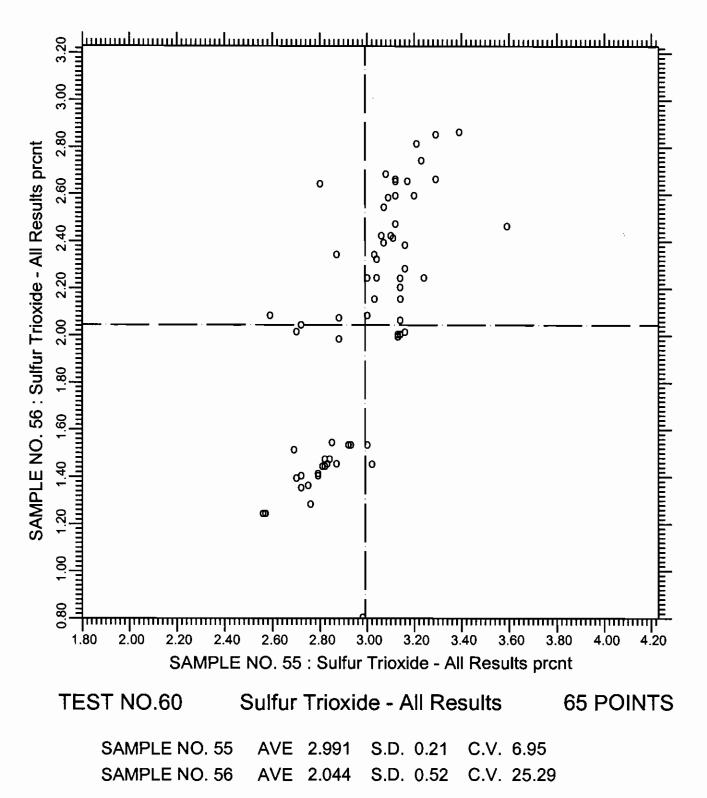


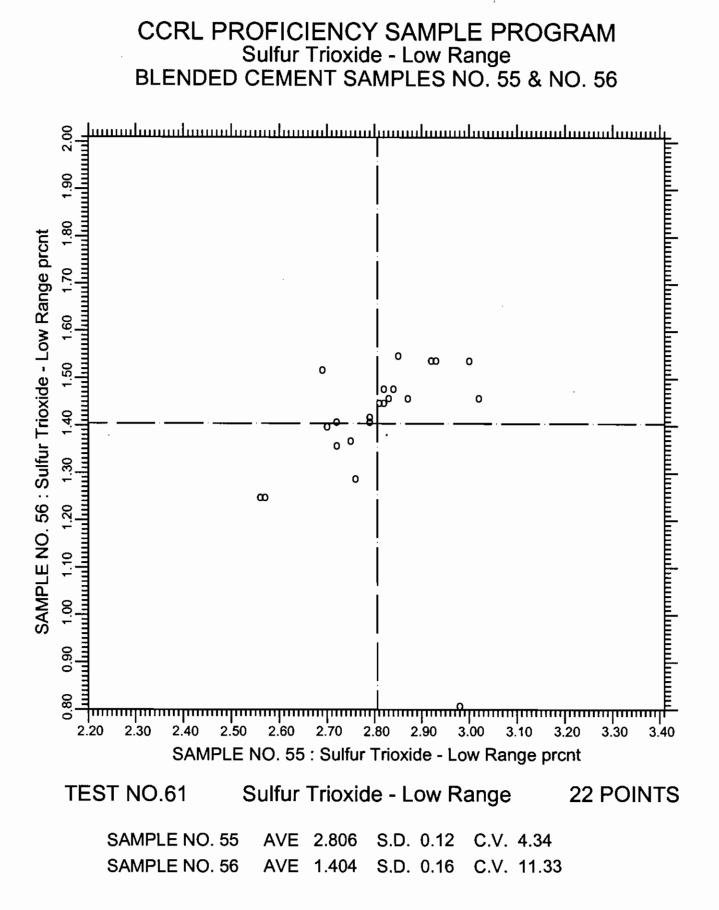




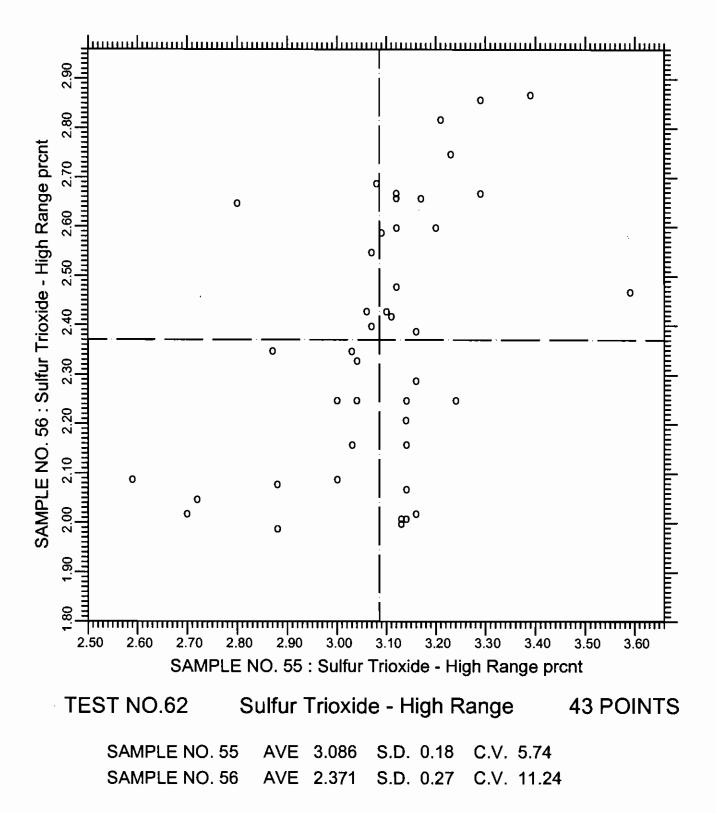
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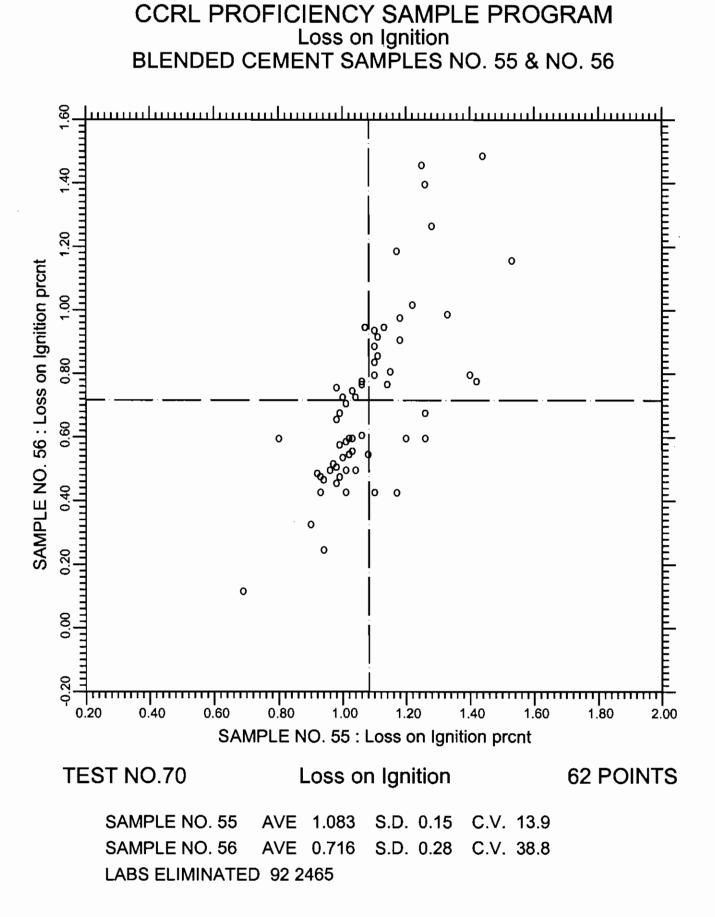




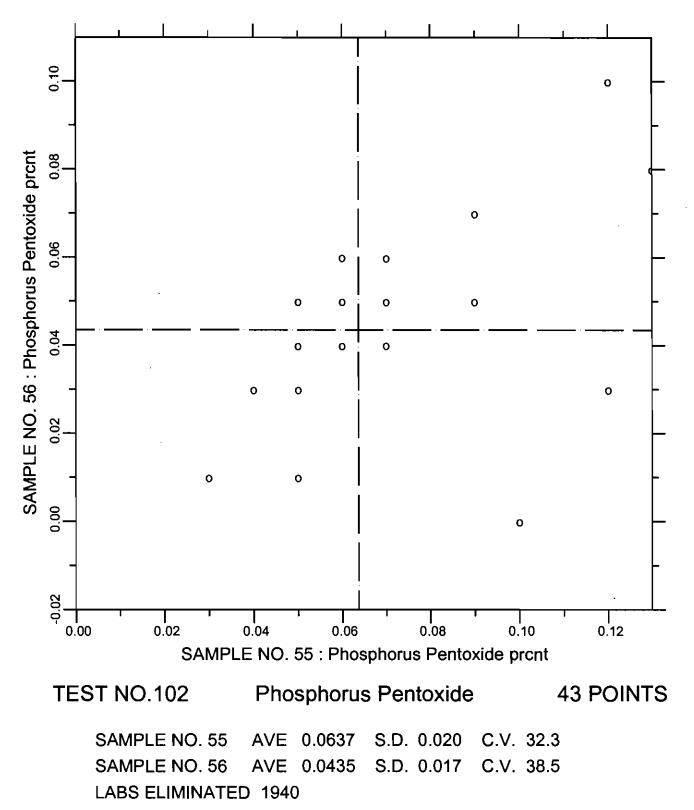


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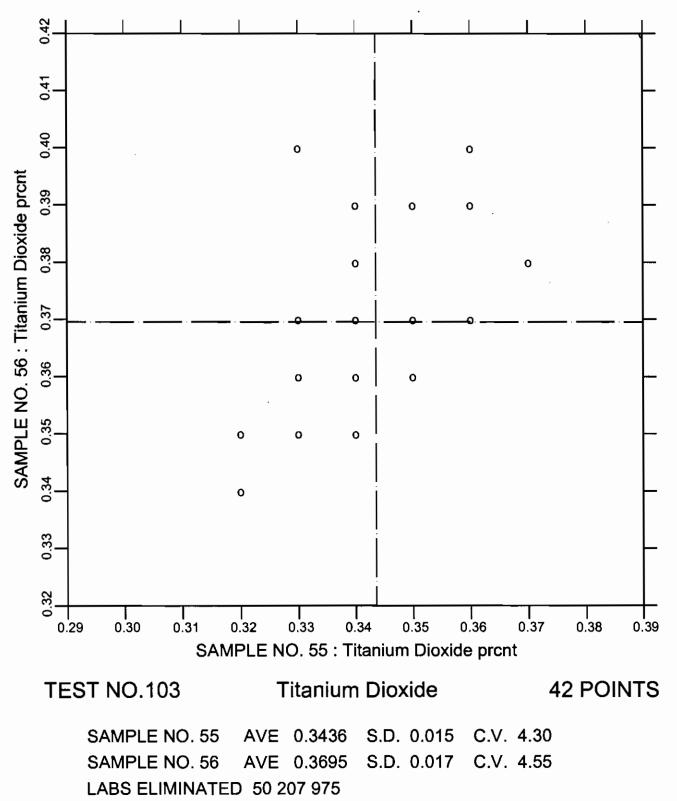








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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

				Sample	Sample No. 55			Sample No. 56			
Test		#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.		
N.C. Water	prcnt		72	27.3	0.54	1.99	28.4	0.66	2.32		
N.C. Water	prent	*	69	27.2	0.48	1.78	28.3	0.56	1.97		
Vicat TS Initial	min		71	156	18.6	11.9	142	20.7	14.6		
Vicat TS Initial	min	*	68	157	15.0	9.57	140	12.2	8.71		
Vicat TS Final	min		69	268	40.0	14.9	258	39.3	15.2		
Vicat TS Final	min	*	66	267	30.2	11.3	254	34.5	13.6		
Autoclave Expan	prent		68	-0.011	0.047	-411.6	-0.009	0.030	-344.3		
Autoclave Expan	prent	*	64	-0.008	0.013	-169.6	-0.008	0.015	-204.4		
Air Content	prent		59	8.4	1.11	13.2	8.3	0.91	11.0		
AC Mix Water	prent		59	69.2	2.4	3.47	68.3	2.5	3.62		
AC Mix Water	prent	*	57	68.9	1.9	2.71	68.1	2.2	3.20		
AC Flow	prcnt		59	89	3.8	4.24	90	4.0	4.45		
AC Flow	prent	*	58	88	2.8	3.16	90	3.2	3.55		
Specific Gravity			54	3.07	0.055	1.78	3.01	0.049	1.62		
Specific Gravity		*	52	3.06	0.042	1.37	3.00	0.038	1.26		
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* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

N.C. Water	24 25 205
Vicat TS Intial	36 207 497
Vicat TS Final	207 497 1251
Autoclave Expansion	2 25 181 309
Air Content Mix Water	918 2462
Air Content Flow	30
Specific Gravity	24 51

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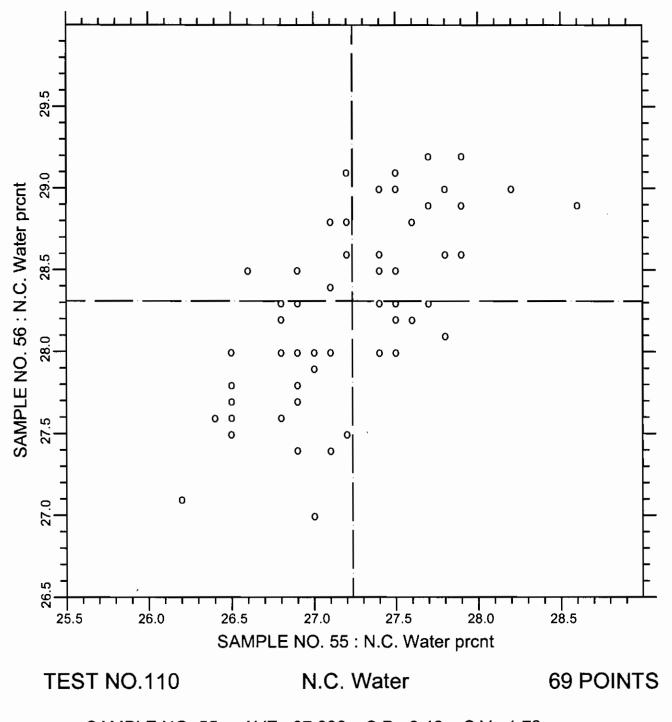
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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Test		#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Comp Str, 3 day	psi		74	3038	276.3	9.10	2157	243.0	11.27
Comp Str, 3 day	psi	*	69	3070	206.4	6.72	2152	159.4	7.41
Comp Str, 7 day	psi		73	4354	357.6	8.21	3221	285.3	8.86
Comp Str, 7 day	psi	*	70	4370	299.1	6.85	3213	241.2	7.51
Comp Str, 28 day	psi		66	6040	551.1	9.12	6207	617.6	9.95
Comp Str, 28 day	psi	*	65	6075	479.1	7.89	6248	524.8	8.40
CS Mix Water	prcnt		74	48.1	4.0	8.36	47.5	3.9	8.17
CS Mix Water	prent	*	72	48.7	1.3	2.71	48.1	1.4	2.84
Comp Str Flow	prcnt		74	110	4.2	3.79	111	3.7	3.33
Comp Str Flow	prent	*	68	110	2.9	2.62	111	2.5	2.27
Fineness AP	cm ² /g		67	4286	467.1	10.9	4287	498.1	11.6
	cm^2/g	*	63	4252	243.3	5.72	4251	293.9	6.91
45µm Sieve	prcnt		67	95.44	0.89	0.935	97.85	0.47	0.484
45µm Sieve	prent	*	64	95.39	0.60	0.624	97.87	0.27	0.274

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

Comp Strength, 3 day	2 50 51 20 1940			
Comp Strength, 7 day	2 9 2465			
Comp Strength, 28 day	36			
Comp Strength, Water	10 207			
Comp Strength, Flow	416 35 1196 22 31 33			
Fineness, Air Permeability	36 25 51 70			
45-micron Sieve	51 176 207			

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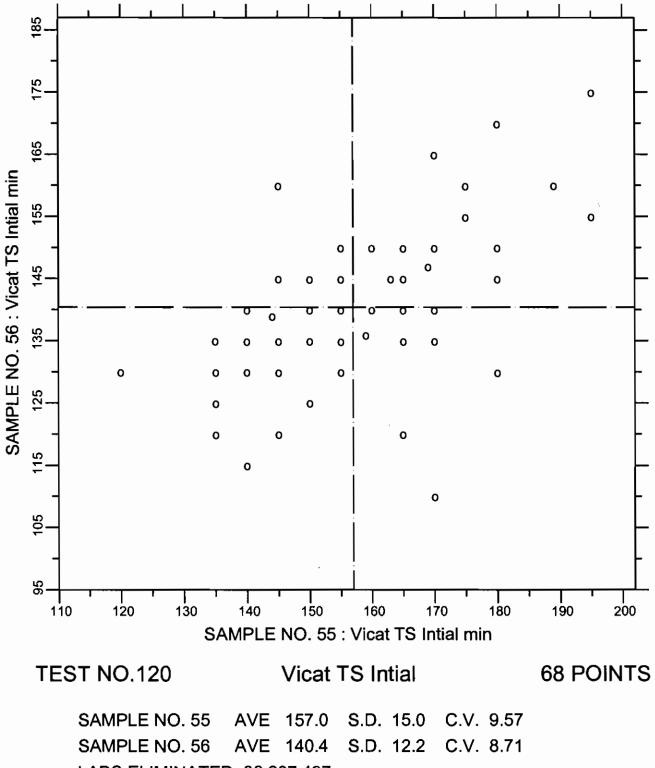


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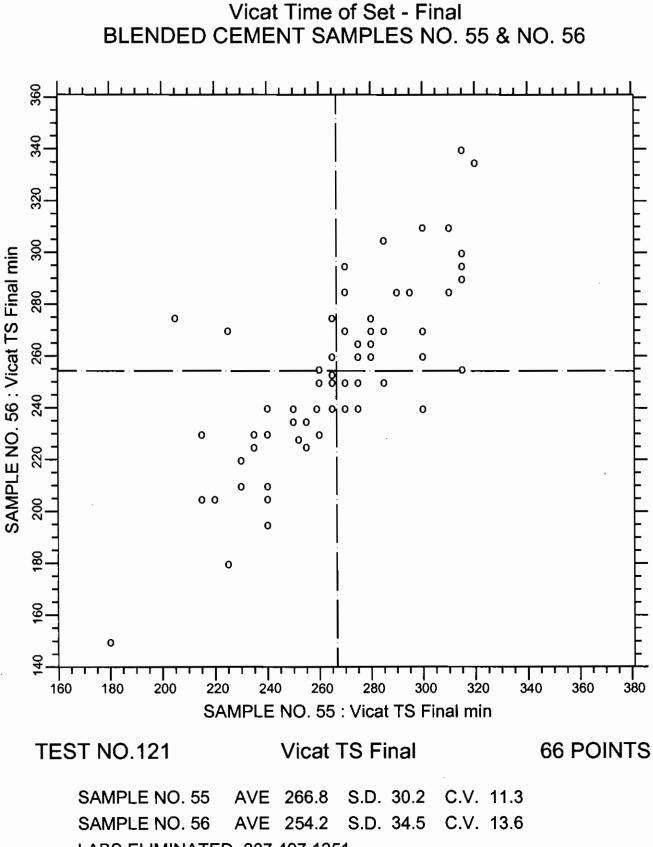
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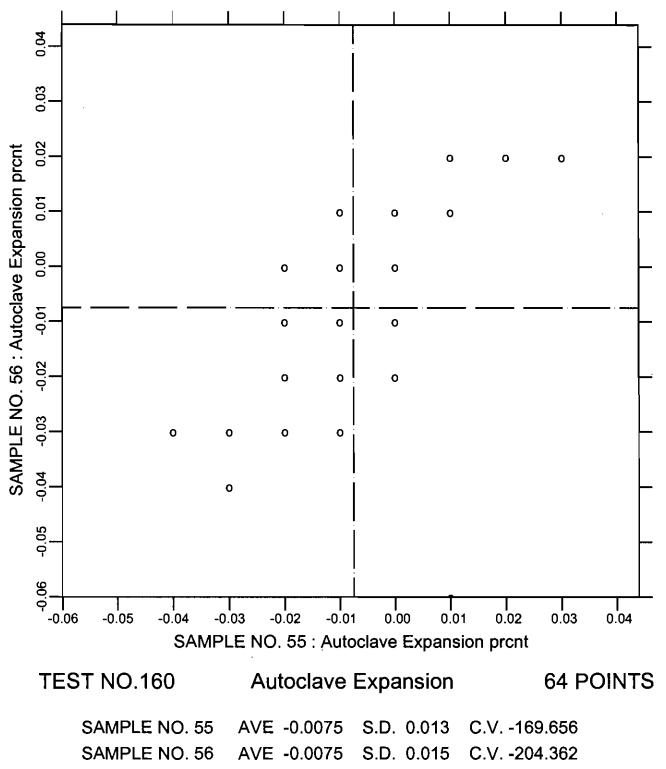
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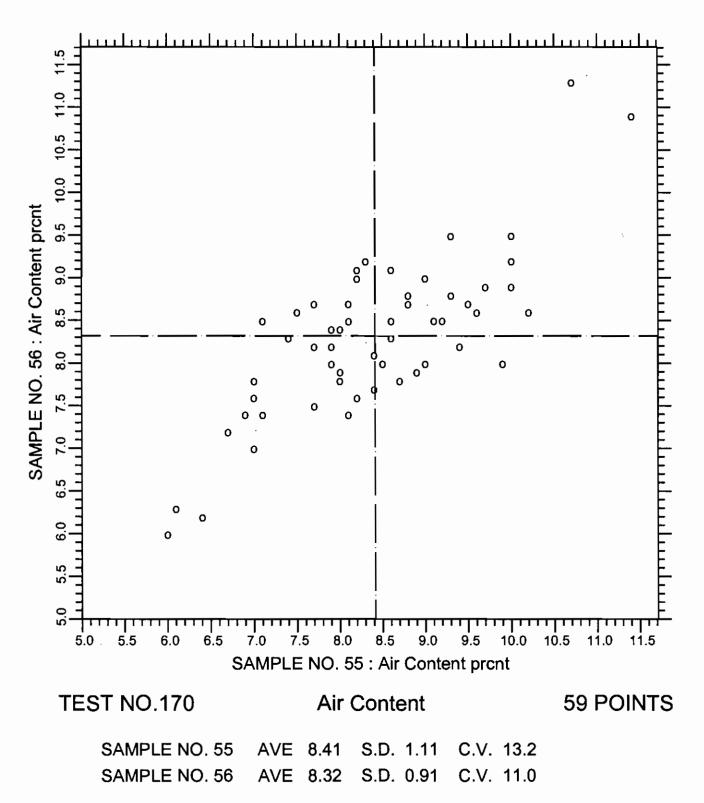
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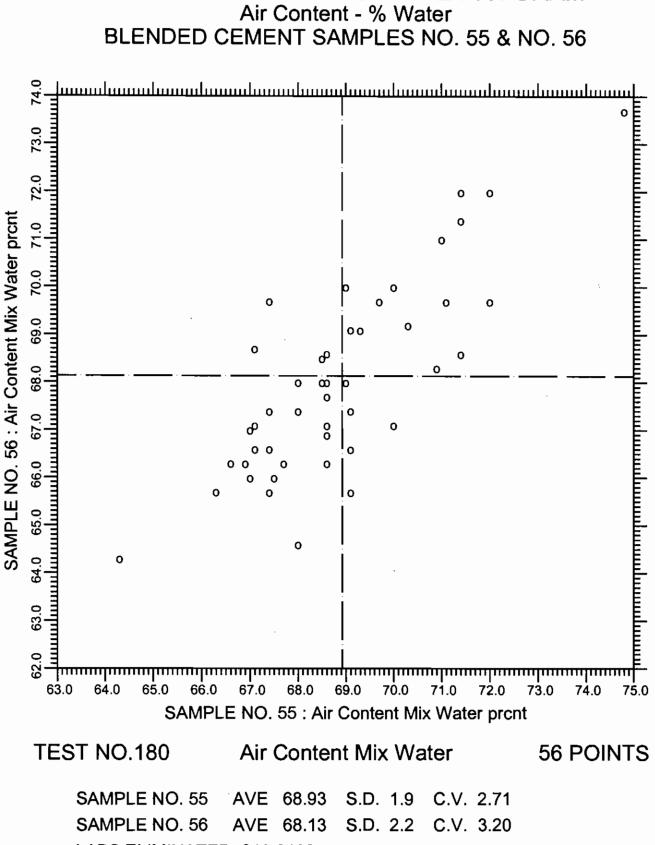
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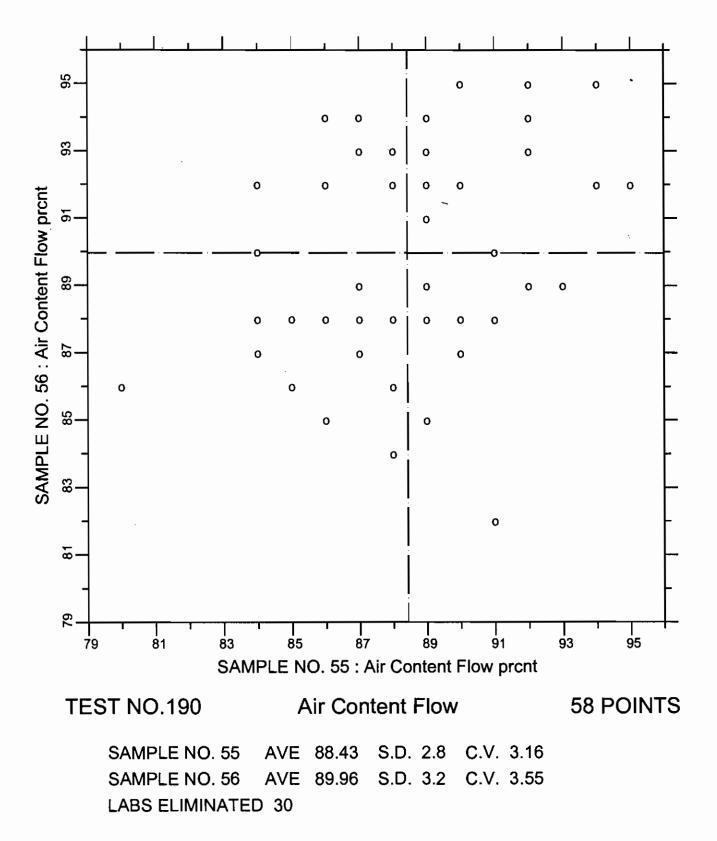


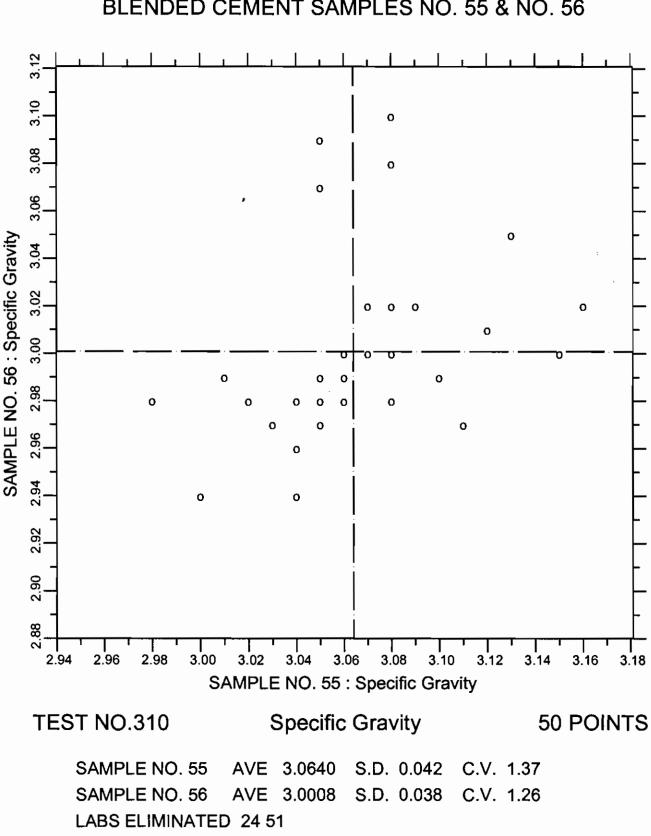
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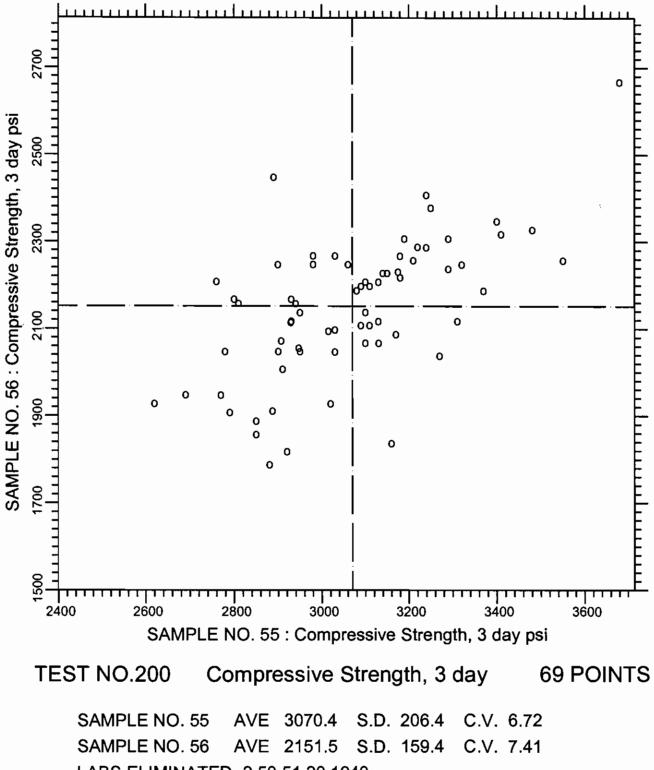




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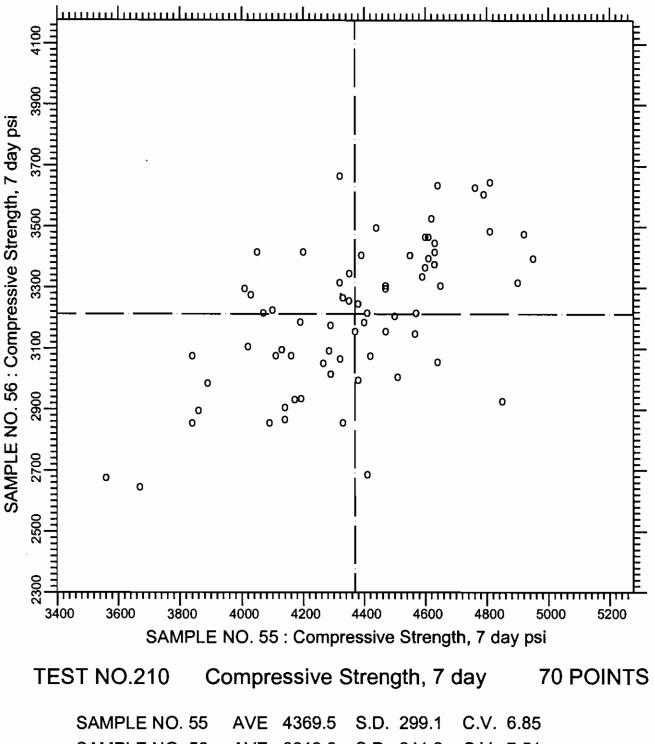
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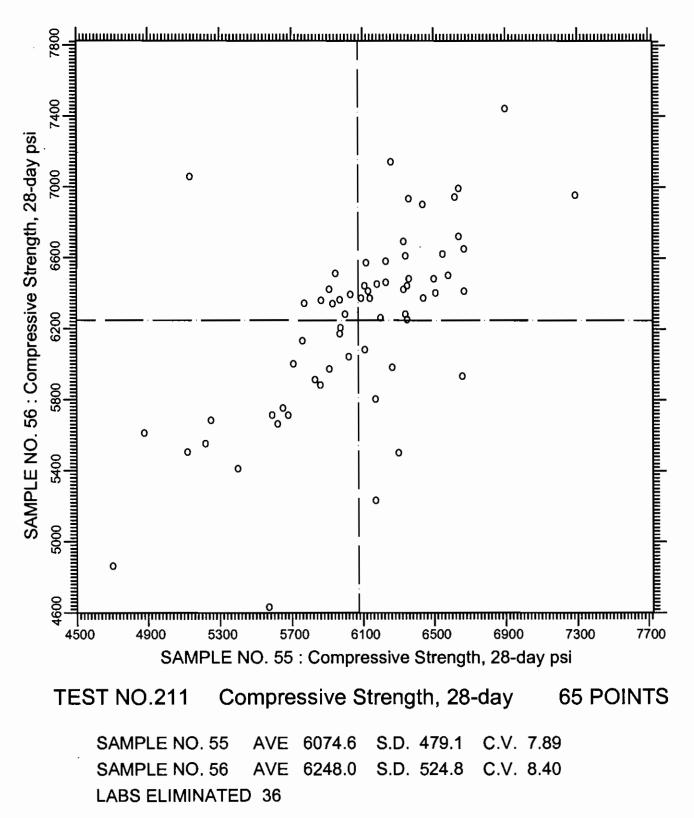
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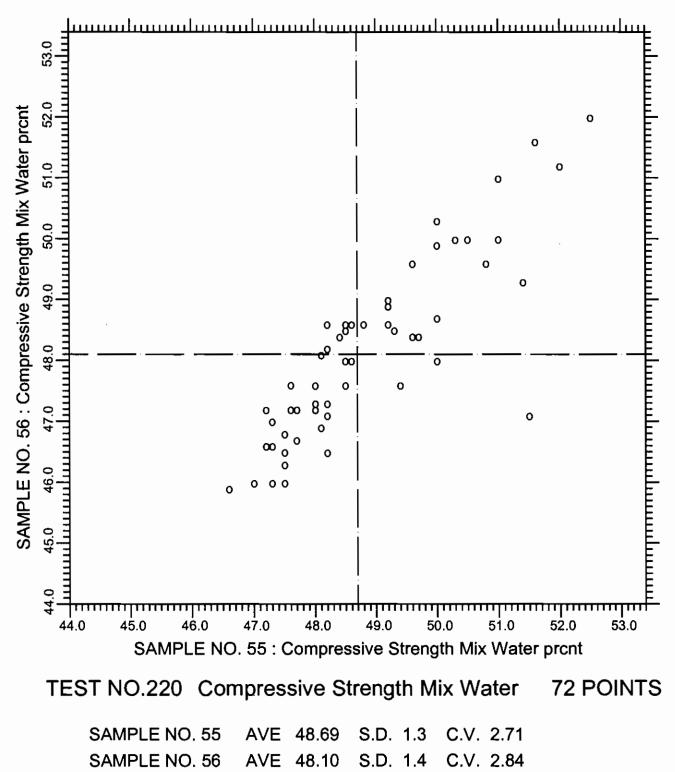


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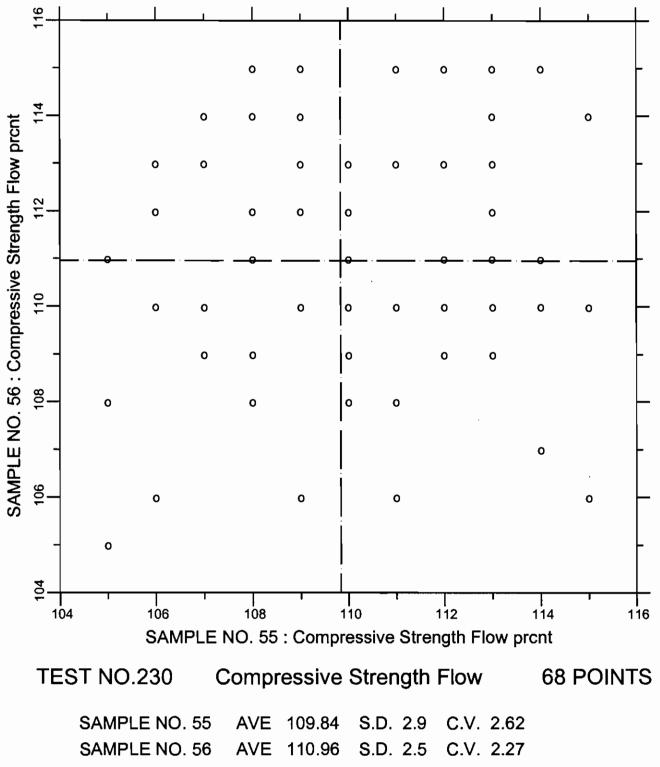


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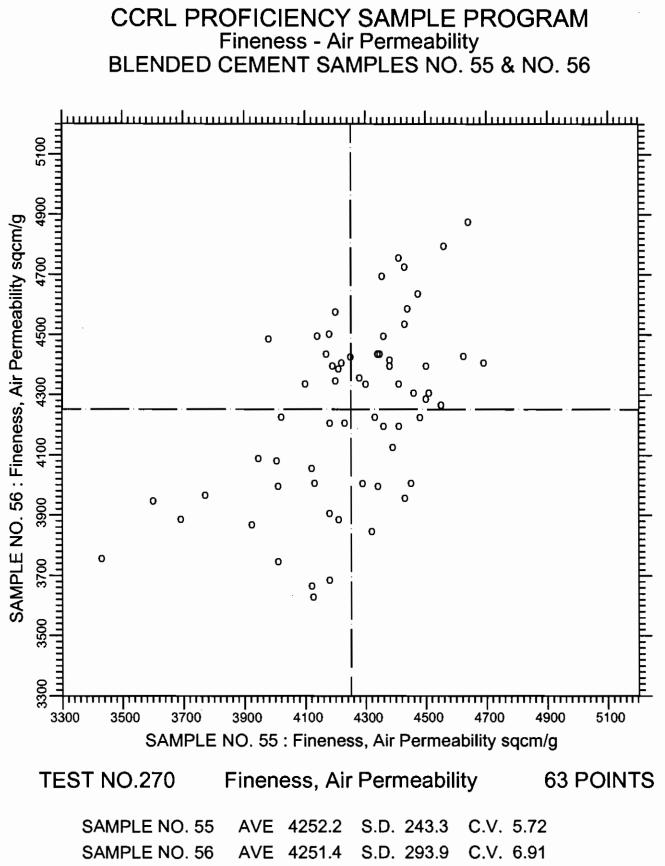


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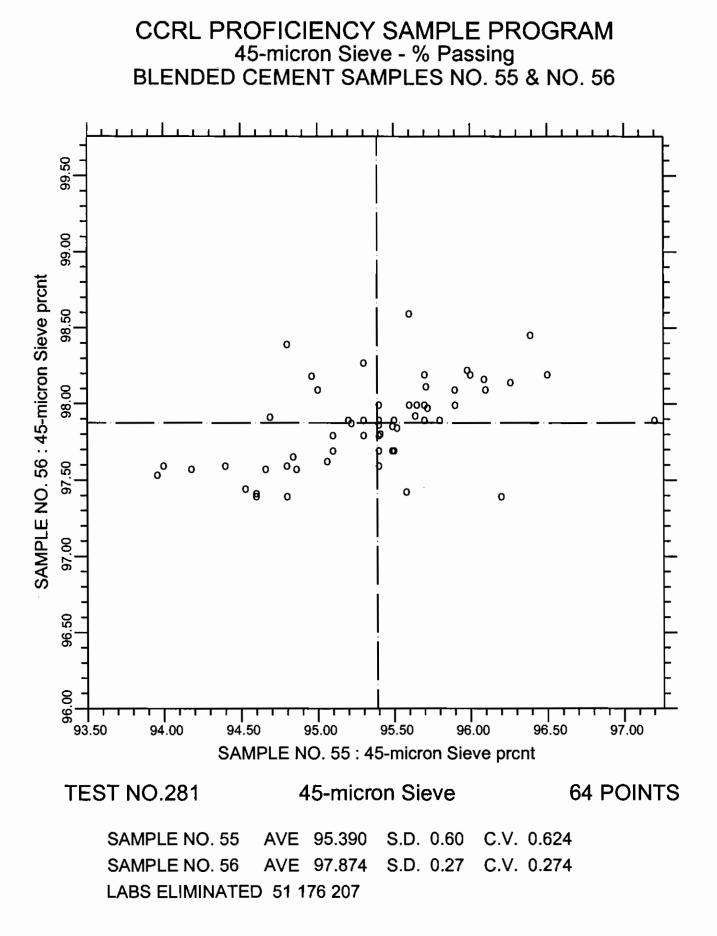
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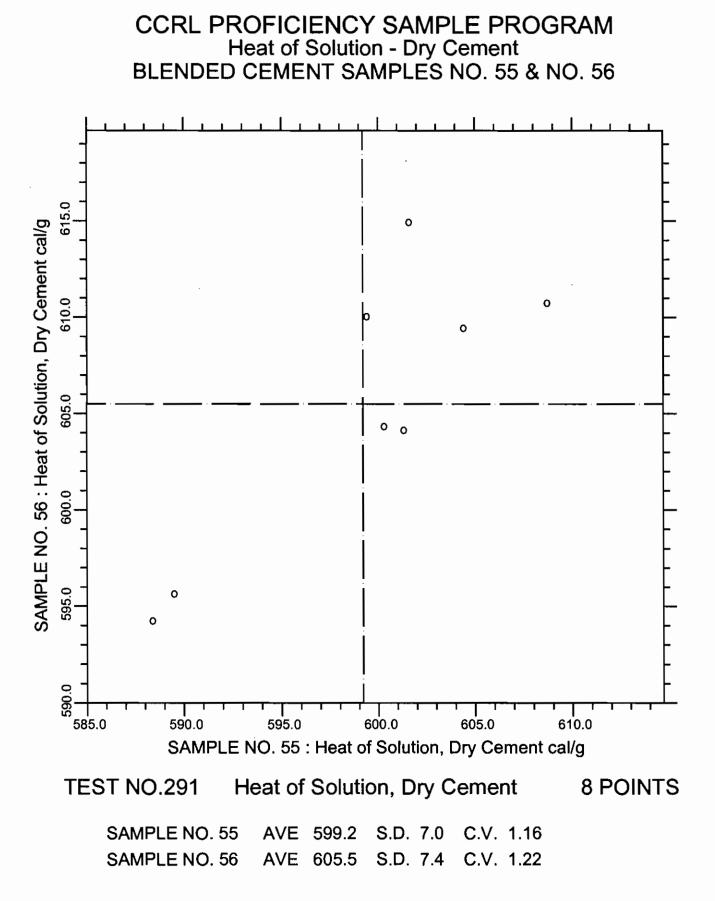
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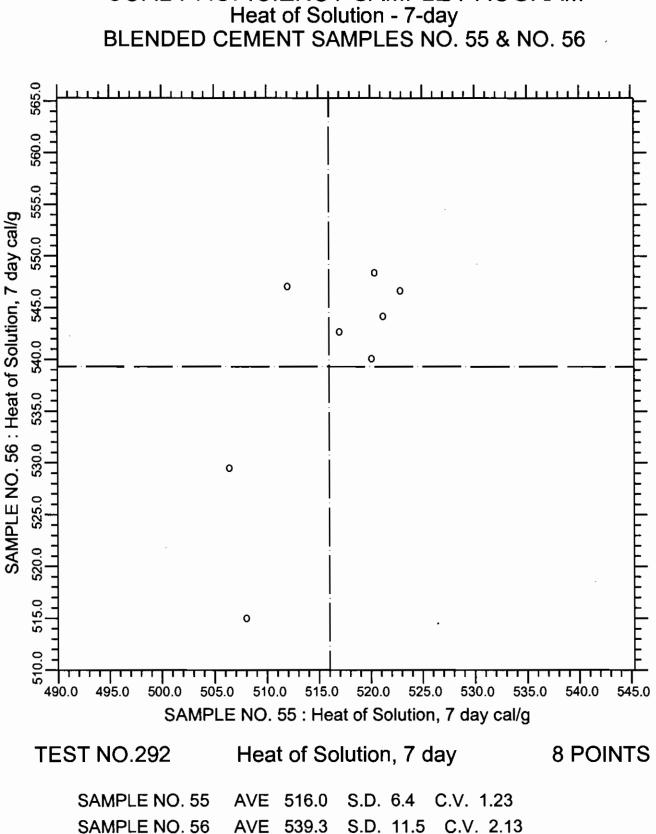


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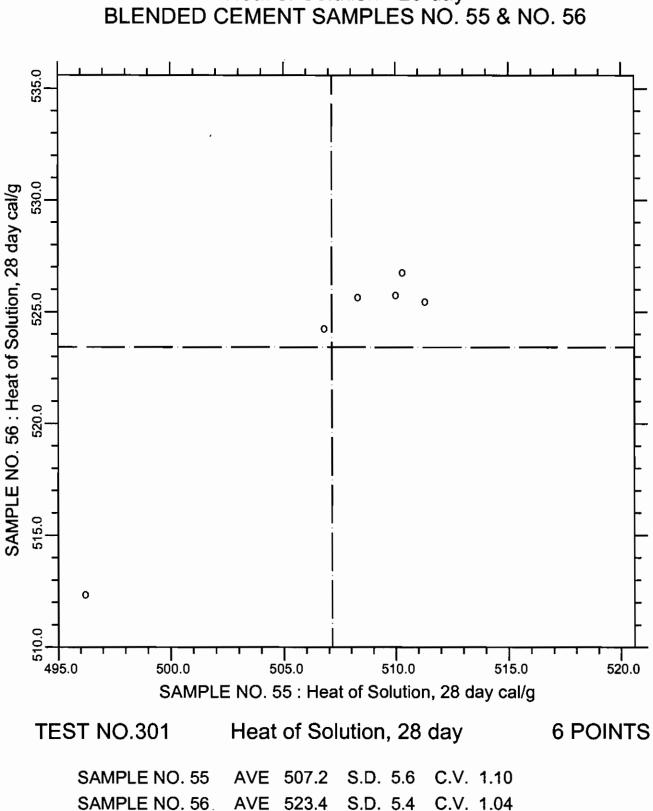
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

		Sample	No. 55	Sample No. 56			
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cal/g	8	599.2	7.0	1.16	605.5	7.4	1.22
cal/g	8	516.0	6.4	1.23	539.3	11.5	2.13
cal/g	6	507.2	5.6	1.10	523.4	5.4	1.04
cal/g	7	84.5	5.7	6.70	67.0	6.5	9.74
cal/g	6	94.7	3.1	3.25	84.8	2.7	3.16
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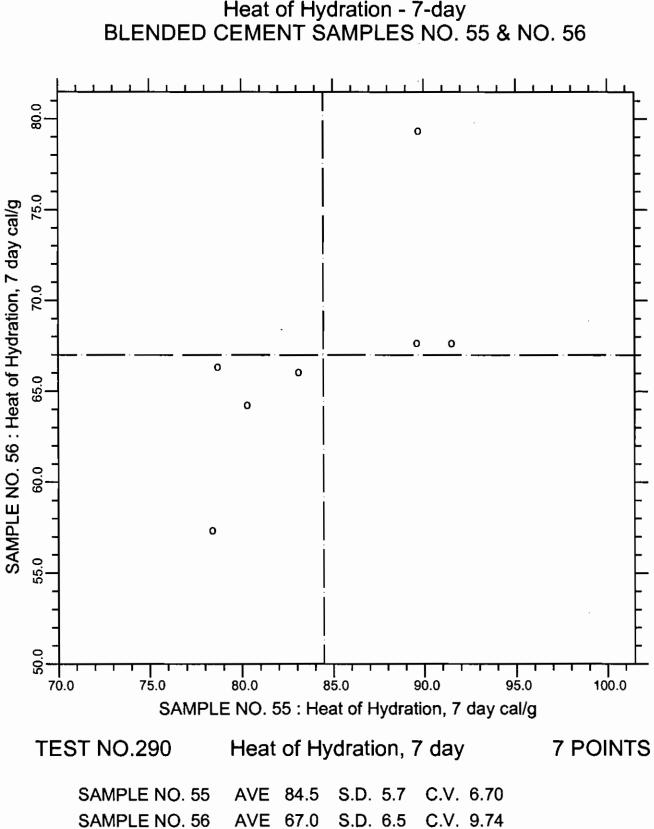




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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Heat of Hydration - 7-day BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 55 & NO. 56

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Heat of Hydration - 28-day BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 55 & NO. 56

