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Final Report Blended Cement Proficiency Samples Number 59 and Number 60

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To: Participants in the CCRL Blended Cement Proficiency Sample Program

SUBJECT: Final Report on Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 59 and No. 60

Following is the final report for the current pair of CCRL **Blended Cement** Proficiency Samples which were distributed in February 2007. Both cements were an ASTM C595 Blended Hydraulic Cement. Sample No 59 and No. 60 were a Type IS. Blended Cement No. 50 contained approximately 40% slag and Blended Cement No. 60 contained approximately 50% slag.

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** - The sulfur trioxide determinations for this pair of samples exhibit two distinct groups of data. The "SO₃ high" group of data may contain total sulfur test results and not just SO₃ results. This pair of cements contains slag which contain SO₃ and sulfide sulfur. ASTM C595 has chemical requirements for both SO₃ and sulfide sulfur for cements containing slag, therefore both of these components should have been determined. As described in section 4.1.2 of C114 most instrumental methods determine total sulfur which includes SO₃ and sulfide sulfur. It is recommended that you review your analysis of sulfur to ensure that the SO₃ reported value does not include and sulfide sulfur. 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 purpose.

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 2008.

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. 59 and No. 60

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 2007. 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.

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 59 and No. 60 Final Report - Chemical Results May 18, 2007

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

			Sample	e No. 59		Sample	e No. 60	
Test	#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Silicon Dioxide	prcnt	82	24.89	1.1	4.47	28.78	1.8	6.31
Silicon Dioxide	prcnt *	78	24.96	0.64	2.58	29.12	0.90	3.09
Aluminum Oxide	prcnt	78	7.26	0.37	5.14	8.48	0.45	5.36
Aluminum Oxide	prcnt *	74	7.27	0.27	3.73	8.55	0.34	3.97
Ferric Oxide	prent	81	2.31	0.26	11.3	$\begin{array}{c} 1.84\\ 1.80\end{array}$	0.25	13.4
Ferric Oxide	prent *	78	2.28	0.10	4.51		0.12	6.82
Calcium Oxide	prent	79	53.75	1.8	3.36	50.44	2.8	5.65
Calcium Oxide	prent *	75	53.73	0.78	1.45	50.27	1.03	2.06
Magnesium Oxide	prent	80	5.03	0.49	9.77	5.89	0.65	10.98
Magnesium Oxide	prent *	73	5.05	0.22	4.29	5.93	0.24	3.99
Sulfur Trioxide	prent	80	3.11	0.47	15.3	1.64	0.62	37.9
SO3 Low	prent	32	2.65	0.26	9.68	1.00	0.22	22.27
SO3 High	prent	48	3.41	0.31	9.18	2.07	0.39	19.12
Loss on Ignition	prcnt	78	1.73	0.42	24.6	0.90	0.49	54.6
Sodium Oxide	prcnt	73	0.247	0.10	40.9	0.398	0.11	28.2
Sodium Oxide	prcnt *	66	0.240	0.038	15.9	0.390	0.057	14.6
Potassium Oxide	prent	75	0.67	0.050	7.48	0.37	$0.065 \\ 0.049$	17.73
Potassium Oxide	prent *	73	0.67	0.034	5.03	0.37		13.25

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

Silicon Dioxide	38 47 176 375
Aluminum Oxide	176 2 38 246
Ferric Oxide	30 176 2116
Calcium Oxide	2 176 205 375
Magnesium Oxide	2 918 2116 2466 20 176 2476
Sodium Oxide	2 181 1373 1799 30 176 2463
Potassium Oxide	28 176

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 59 and No. 60 Final Report - Chemical Results May 18, 2007

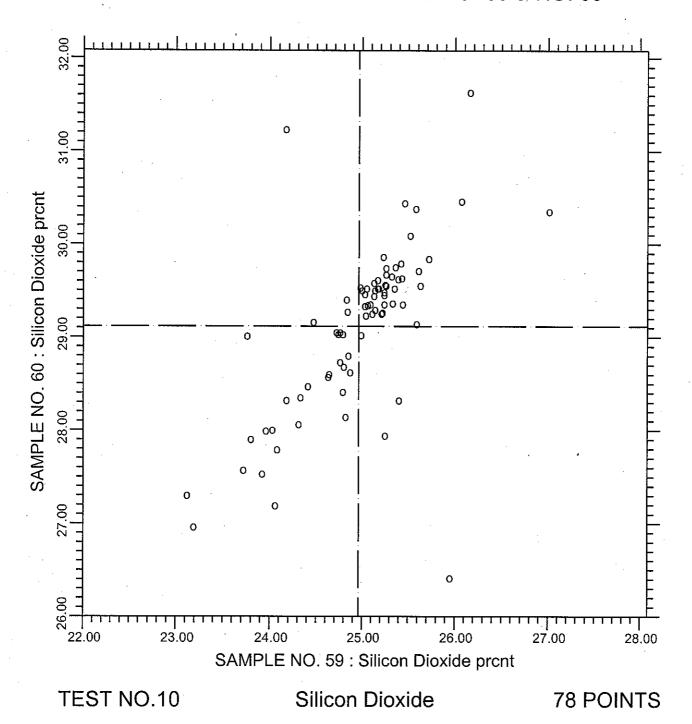
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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Test	#Labs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Titanium Dioxide	prent 57	0.47	0.024	5.15	0.51	0.029	5.69
Titanium Dioxide	prent * 55	0.46	0.018	4.02	0.51	0.027	5.22
Phosphorus Pent Phosphorus Pent	prcnt 53 prcnt * 51	0.081 0.081	0.012 0.0099	15.3 12.1	0.057 0.056	0.015 0.0095	26.8 16.9
r nosphorus r ent	prent 51	0.081	0.0099	12.1	0.050	0.0095	10.9
Zinc Oxide	prcnt 22	0.045	0.0082	18.3	0.013	0.0033	25.6
Zinc Oxide	prent * 20	0.047	0.0037	7.79	0.013	0.0026	20.12
Manganic Oxide	prent 40	0.229	0.019	8.30	0.209	0.018	8.43
Manganic Oxide	prent * 39	0.230	0.017	7.21	0.209	0.018	8.54
Sulfide Sulfur	prcnt 27	0.893	1.00	112.2	0.741	0.51	69.2
Sulfide Sulfur	prent * 19	0.396	0.080	20.2	0.503	0.075	14.9
Chloride	prent 27	0.021	0.018	85.8	0.139	0.084	61.0
Chloride	prent * 25	0.021	0.0066	40.6	0.126	0.0454	36.1
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Insoluble Residue	prent 72	0.32	0.19	59.2	0.31	0.17	55.8
Insoluble Residue	prent * 63	0.28	0.073	26.4	0.26	0.065	24.8
Chromium Oxide	prent 23	0.028	0.033	119	0.017	0.034	203
Chromium Oxide	prent * 20	0.019	0.0046	23.8	0.007	0.0064	88.8

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

Titanium Dioxide	176 1940
Phosphorous Pentoxide	1379 2463
Zinc Oxide	30 92
Manganic Oxide	2463
Sulfide Sulfur	80 246 698 2462 25 11 690 2463
Chloride	92 413
Insoluble Residue	870 2116 918 1379 1799 2466 605 695 2476
Chromium Oxide	19 40 2465

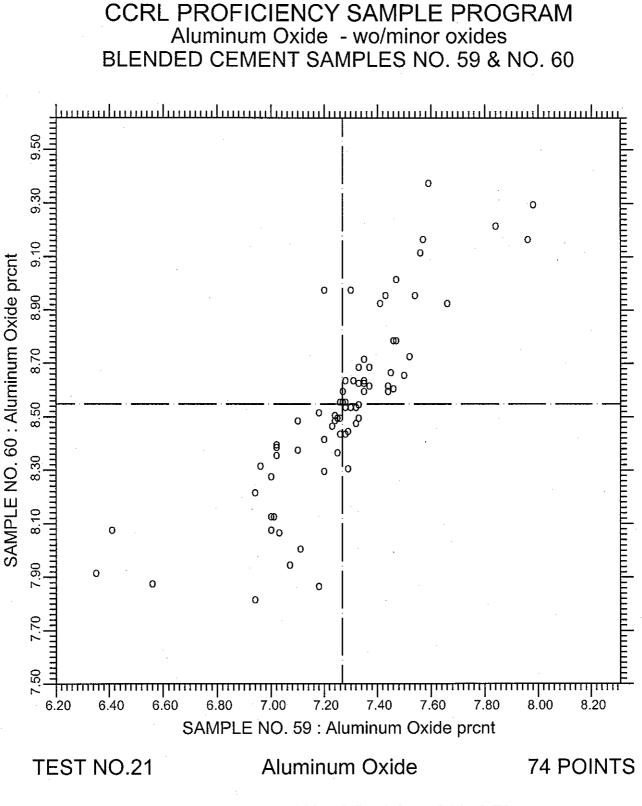




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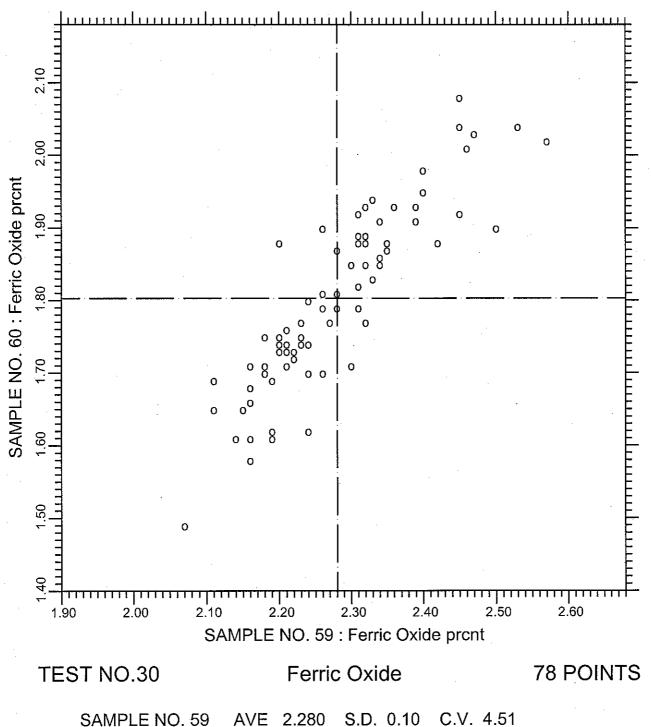


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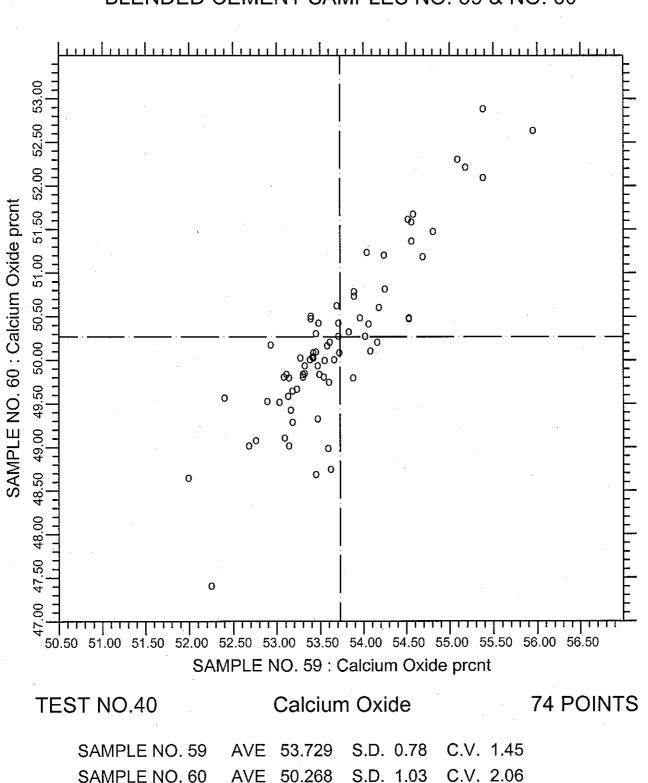
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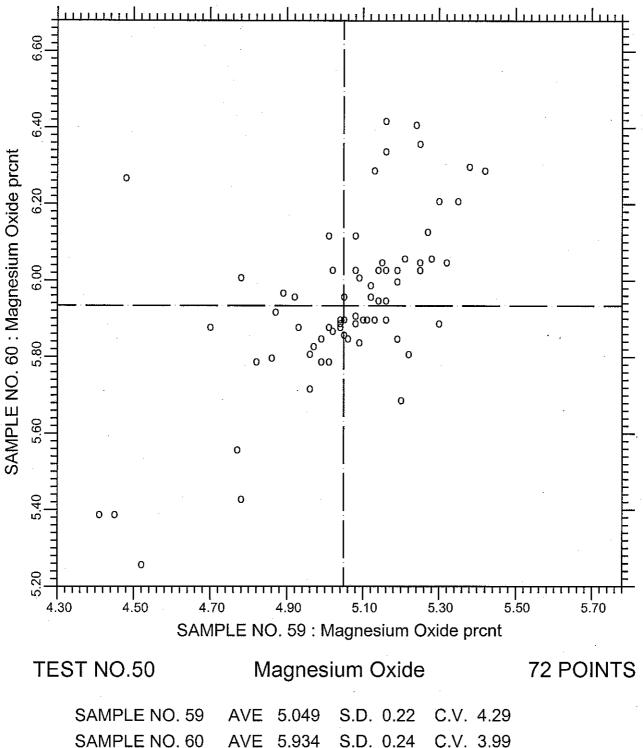


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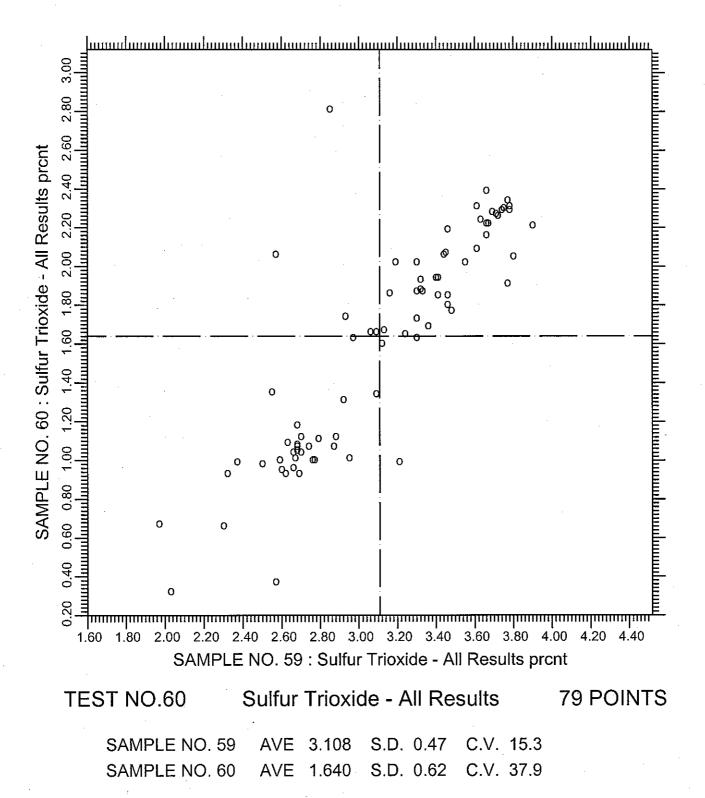
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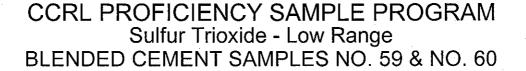


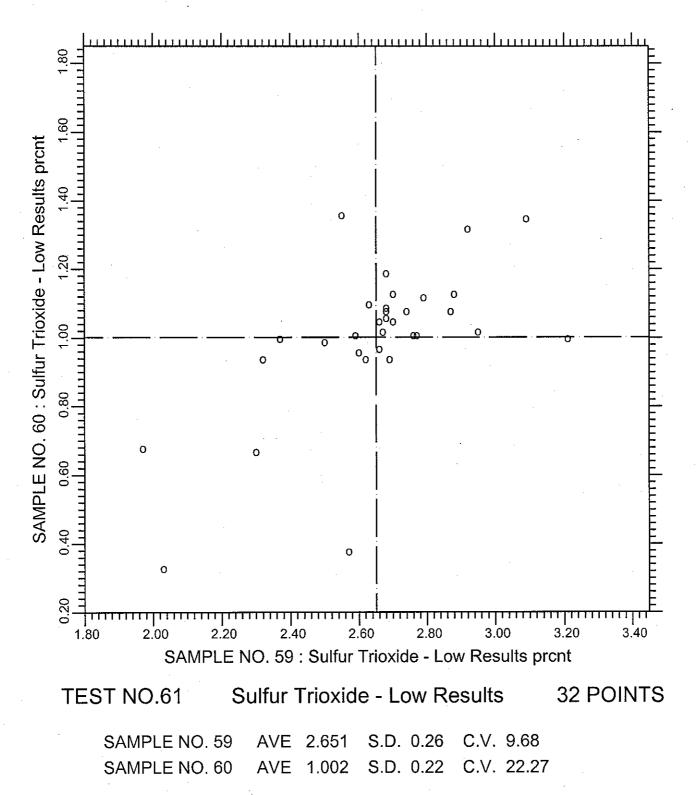


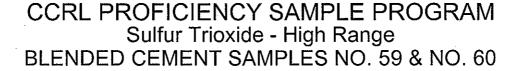
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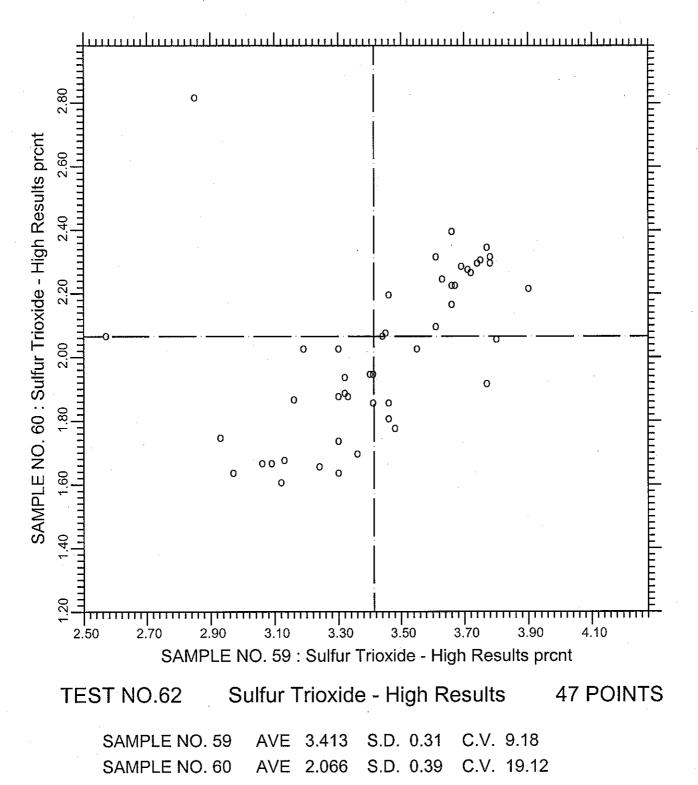
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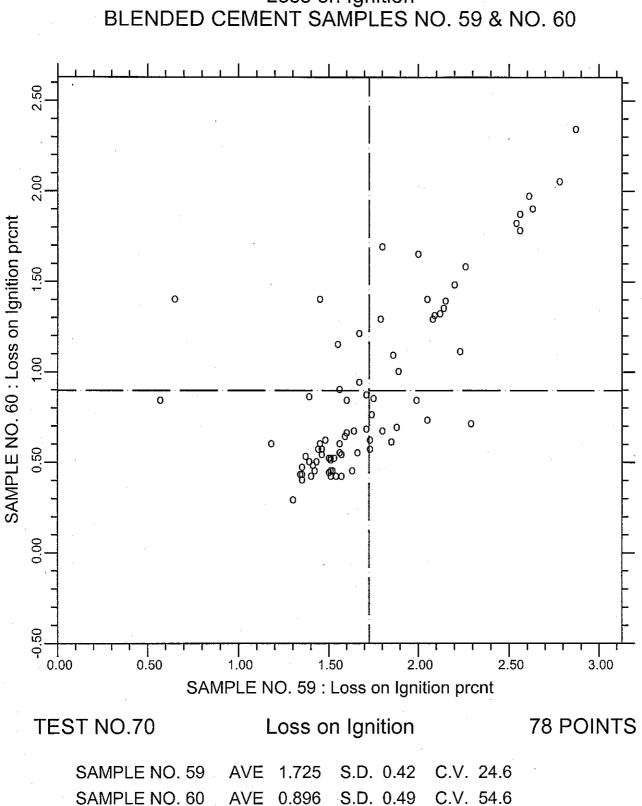




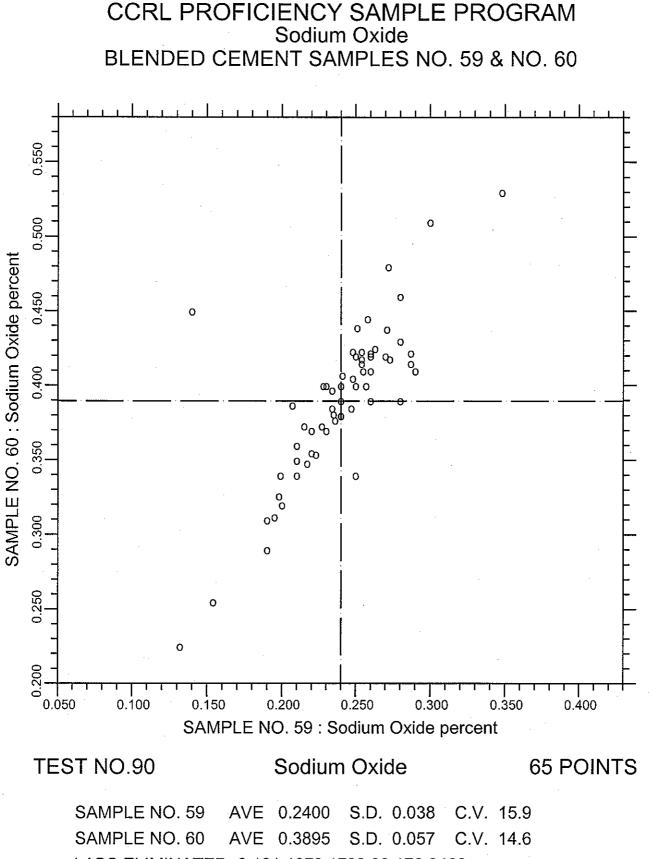




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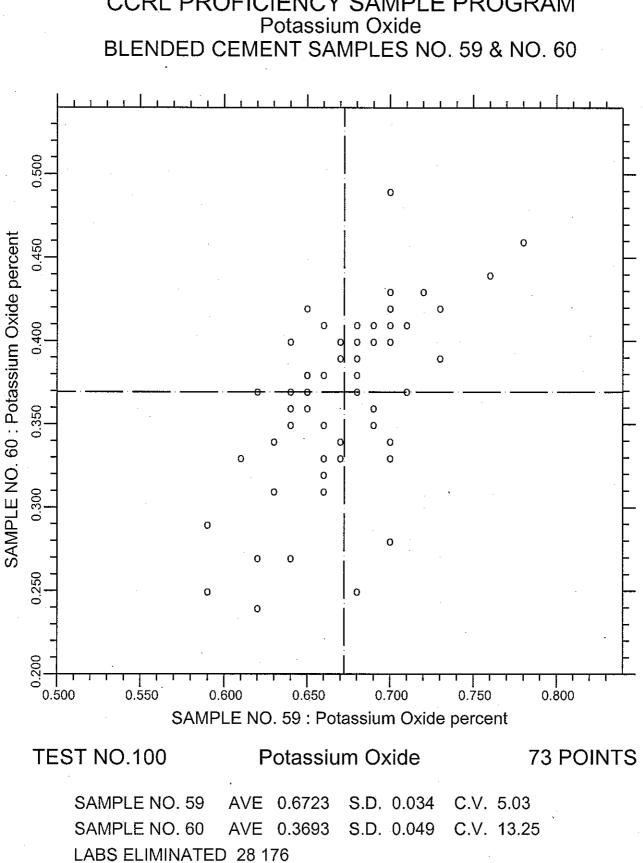


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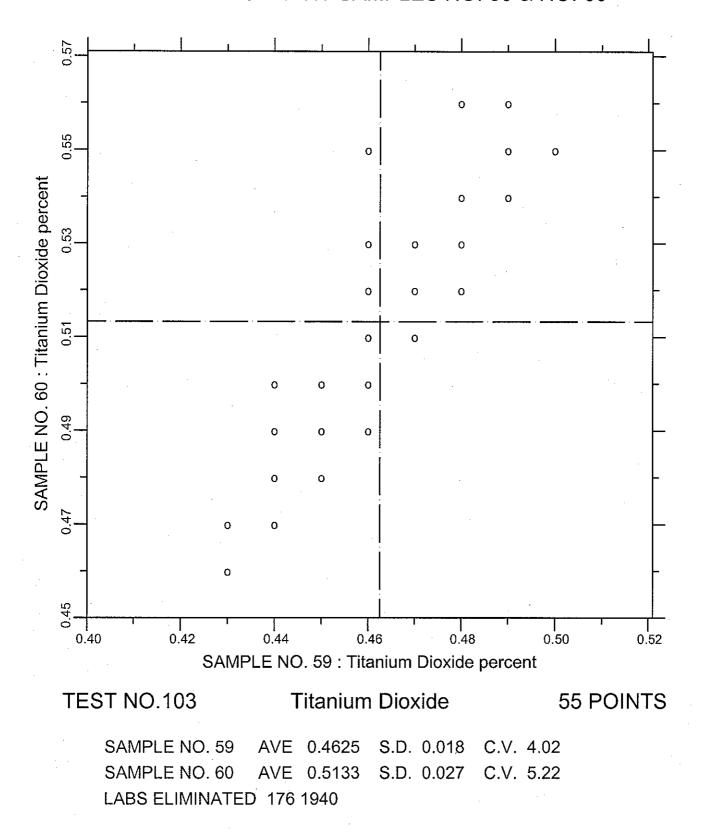
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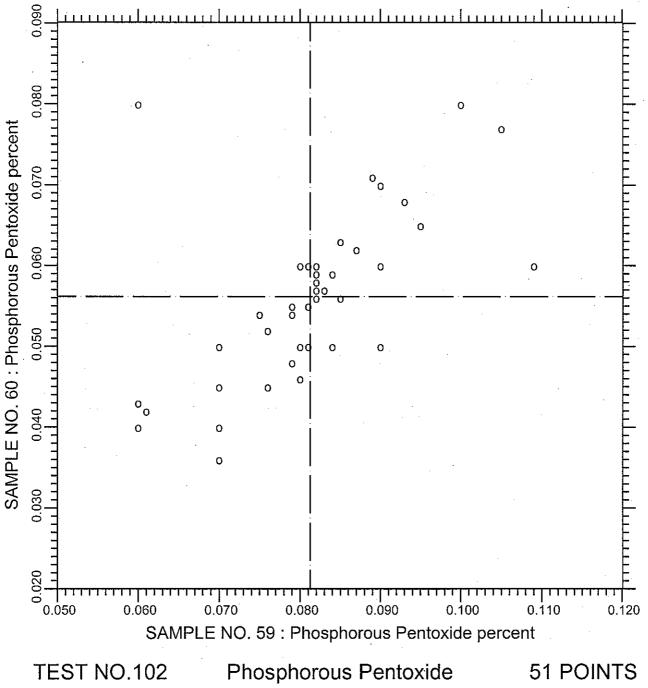


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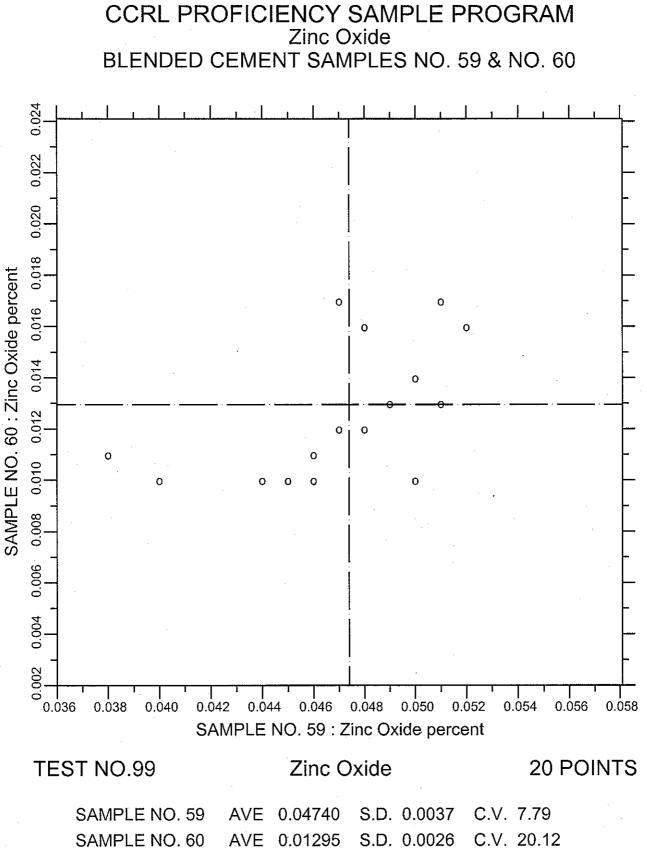
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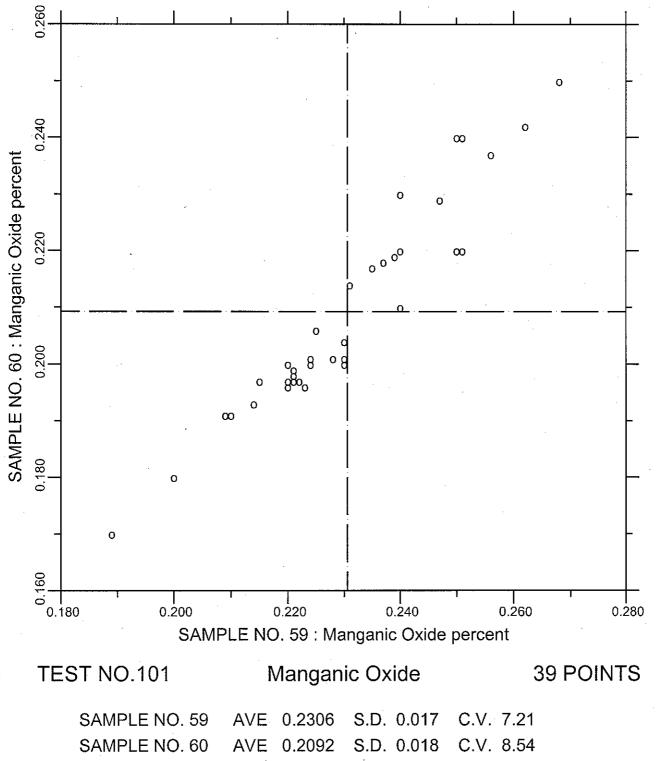


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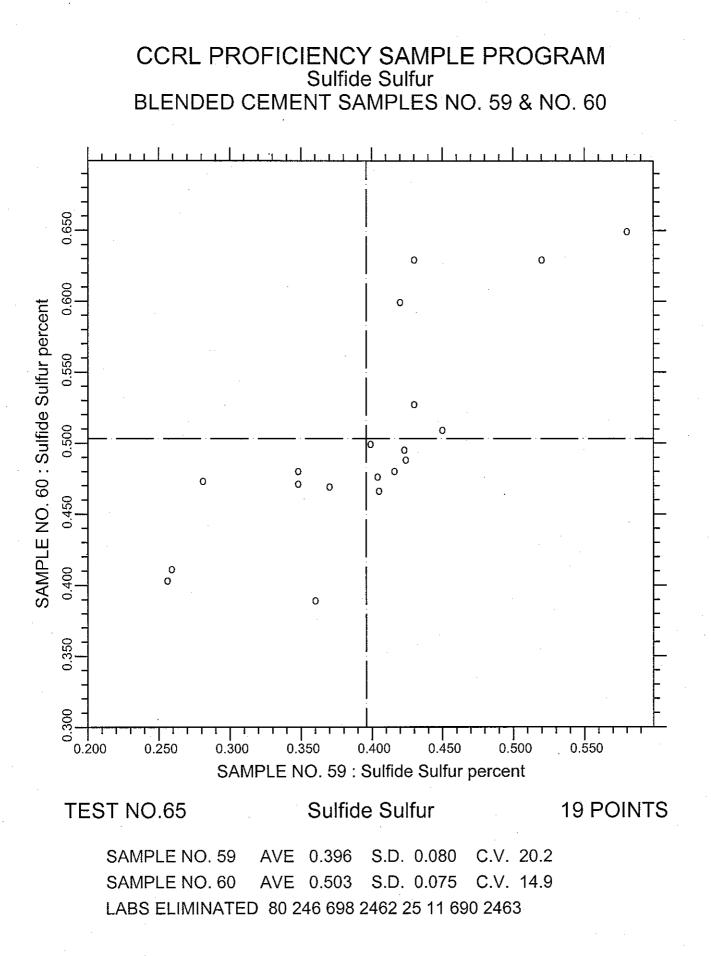
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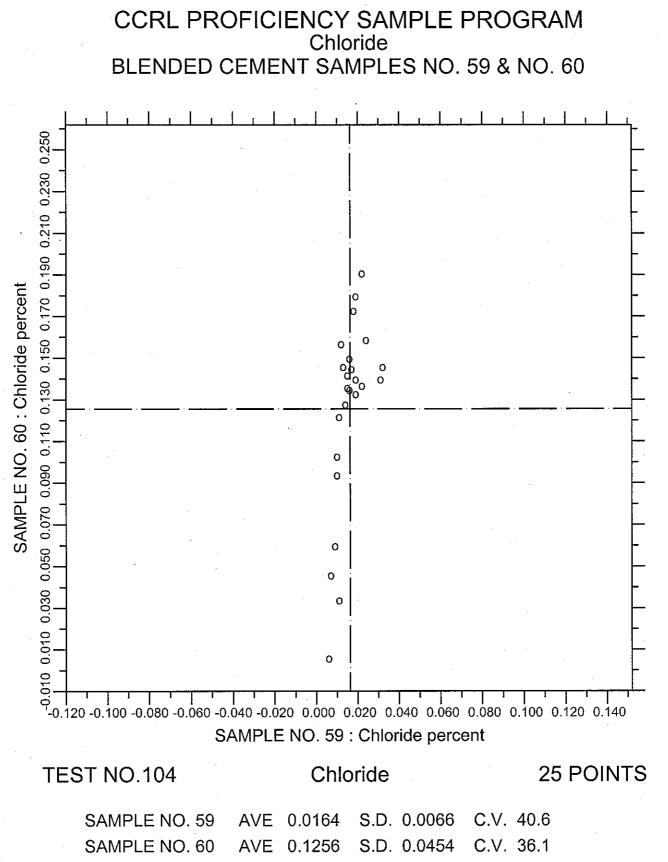




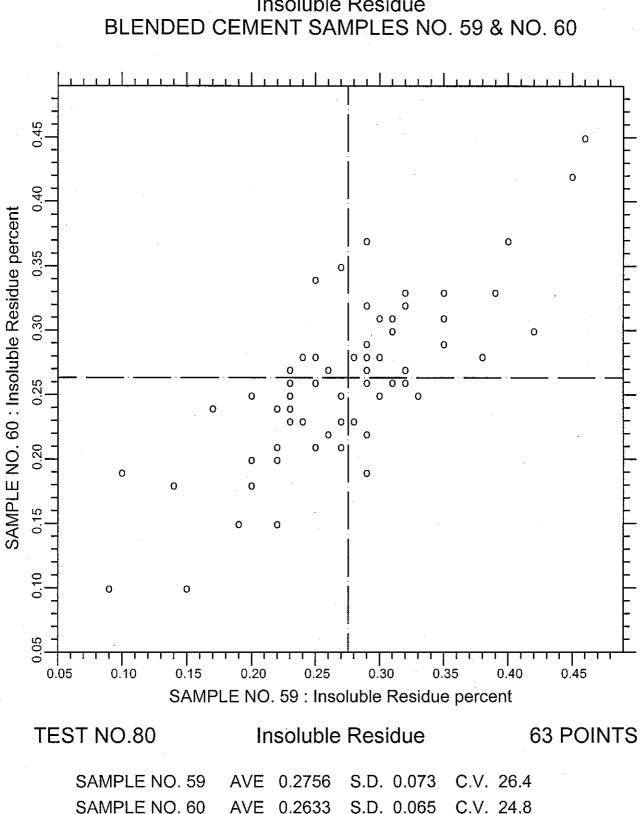
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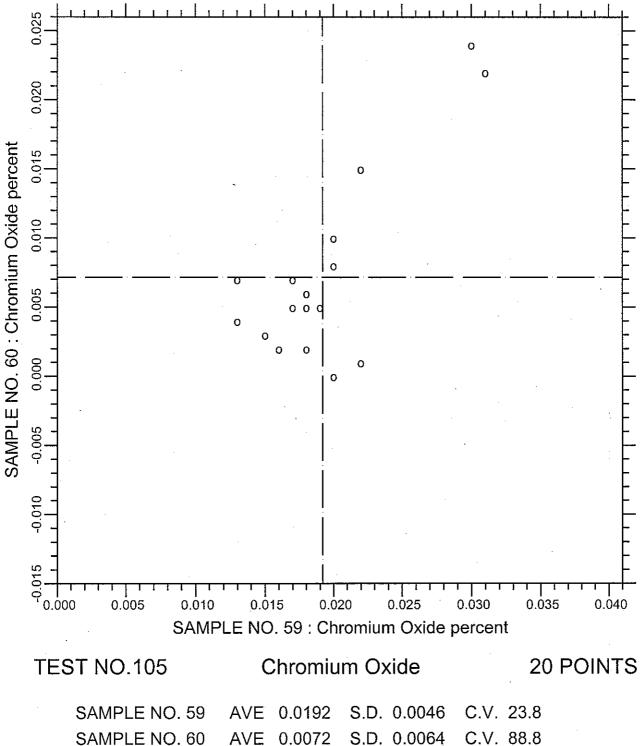
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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Insoluble Residue





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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Blended Cement Proficiency Samples No. 59 and No. 60 Final Report - Physical Results May 18, 2007

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

				Sample	No. 59		Sampl	e No. 60	
Test		#L	abs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
N.C. Water N.C. Water	prent prent	*	90 89	27.06 26.829	2.3 0.44	8.40 1.66	29.43 29.208	2.2 0.63	7.51 2.17
Vicat TS Initial Vicat TS Initial	min min	*	88 86	137.3 136.4	17.4 16.3	12.6 11.9	159.5 157.6	23.0 16.3	14.4 10.3
Vicat TS Final Vicat TS Final	min min	*	83 80	251.0 244.8	48.5 35.6	19.3 14.5	285.7 280.8	48.8 42.2	17.1 15.0
Autoclave Expan Autoclave Expan	prent prent	*	82 79	0.0368 0.0308	$0.070 \\ 0.019$	189 61.3	0.0482 0.0426	$0.080 \\ 0.024$	165 56.9
Air Content	prcnt		74	9.33	1.4	15.2	7.77	1.3	17.1
AC Mix Water AC Mix Water	prent prent	*	74 70	67.93 67.73	2.6 2.0	3.91 2.98	68.42 68.23	2.8 2.2	4.09 3.16
AC Flow	prcnt		74	88.72	3.2	3.61	87.82	3.1	3.57
Specific Gravity Specific Gravity		*	68 62	3.005 3.0147	0.11 0.036	3.71 1.20	2.964 2.9729	0.10 0.031	3.40 1.05
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* ELIMINATED LABS: Data over three S.D. from the mean

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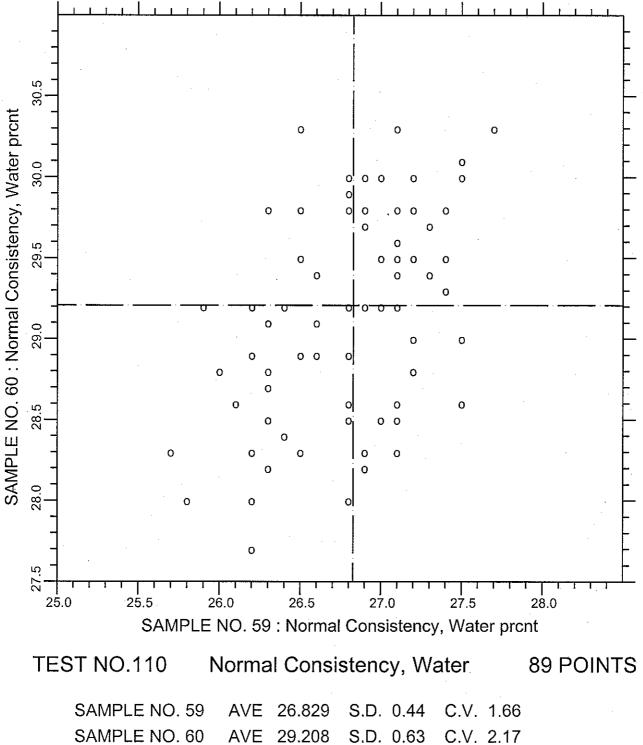
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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Comp Str, 3 day	psi	*	90	2641.0	196.0	7.42	2316.0	260.9	11.26
Comp Str, 3 day	psi		86	2634.8	173.1	6.57	2294.4	191.3	8.34
Comp Str, 7 day	psi	*	91	3794.9	295.7	7.79	4108.5	398.3	9.69
Comp Str, 7 day	psi		86	3799.1	235.5	6.20	4124.2	291.4	7.07
Comp Str, 28 day	psi		83	5716.3	391.9	6.86	6640.2	581.3	8.75
CS Mix Water	prent	*	84	47.91	2.9	6.09	48.13	2.9	6.11
CS Mix Water	prent		82	48.12	1.1	2.35	48.35	1.1	2.27
Com Str Flow	prent	*	88	110.25	3.3	3.00	109.82	3.4	3.13
Com Str Flow	prent		82	110.39	2.8	2.58	110.13	2.8	2.54
Fineness AP	cm ² /g		82	4637.8	332.2	7.16	4755.7	435.7	9.16
45µm Sieve	prent	*	81	96.744	0.69	0.712	98.068	1.13	1.149
45µm Sieve	prent		75	96.771	0.47	0.484	98.228	0.34	0.342

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

Comp Strength, 3 day	2 413 34 450
Comp Strength, 7 day	51 413 450 34 2295
Comp Strength, Water	10 148
Comp Strength, Flow	3 44 695 698 1323 2477
Fineness, 45µm Sieve	34 80 958 36 1323 2466

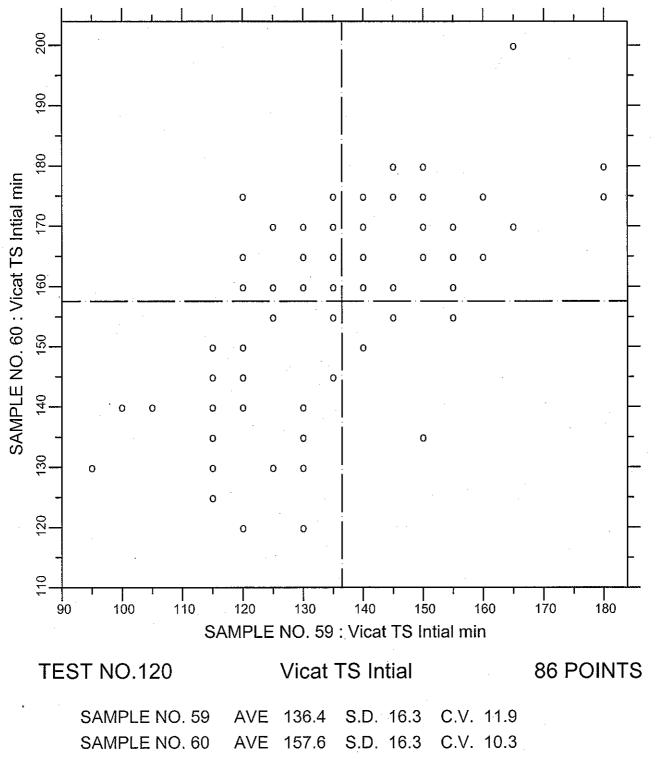
CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Normal Consistency - % Water BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 59 & NO. 60



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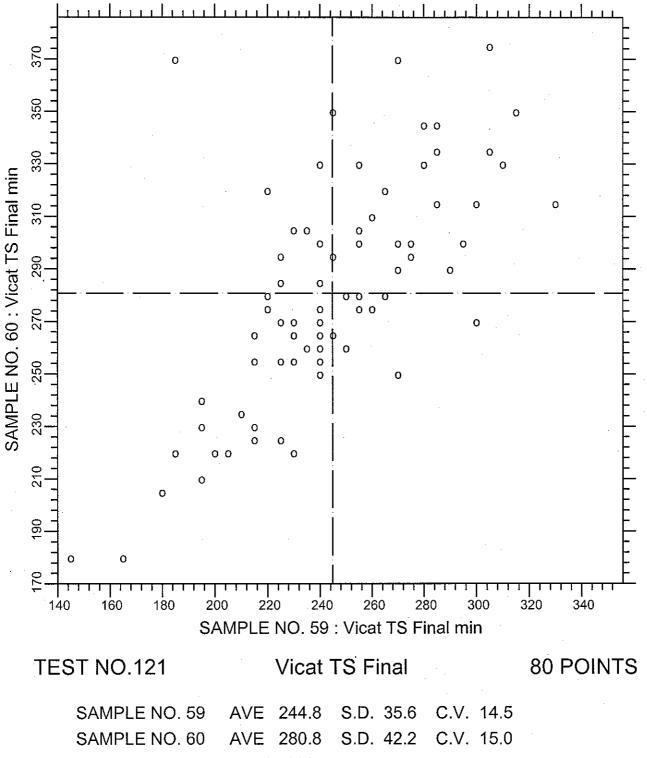




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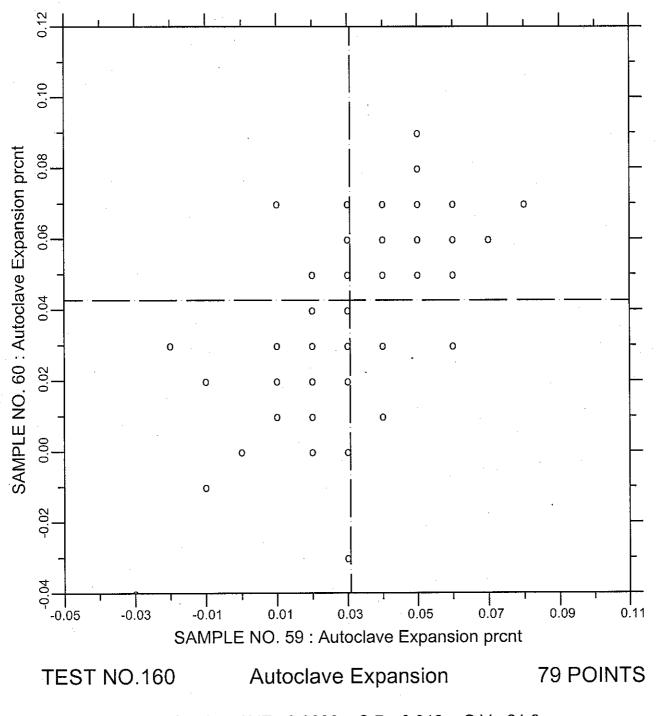
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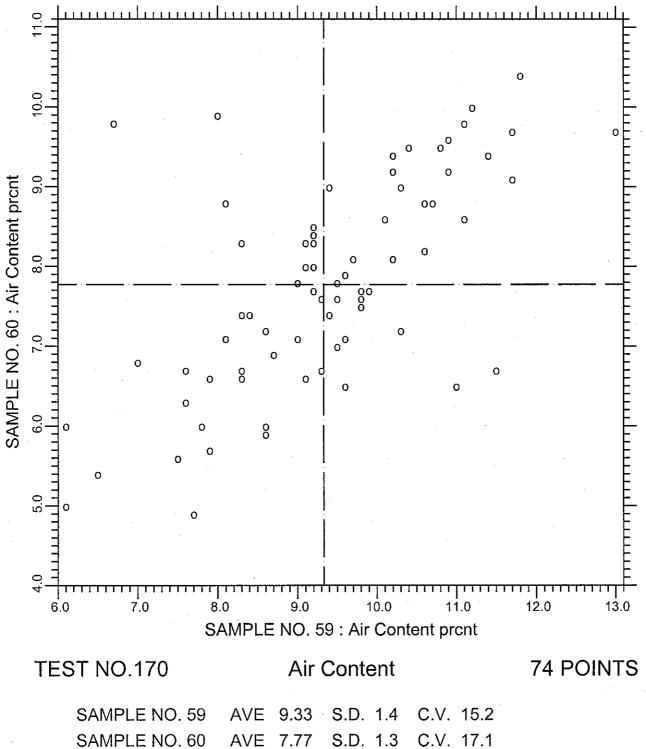
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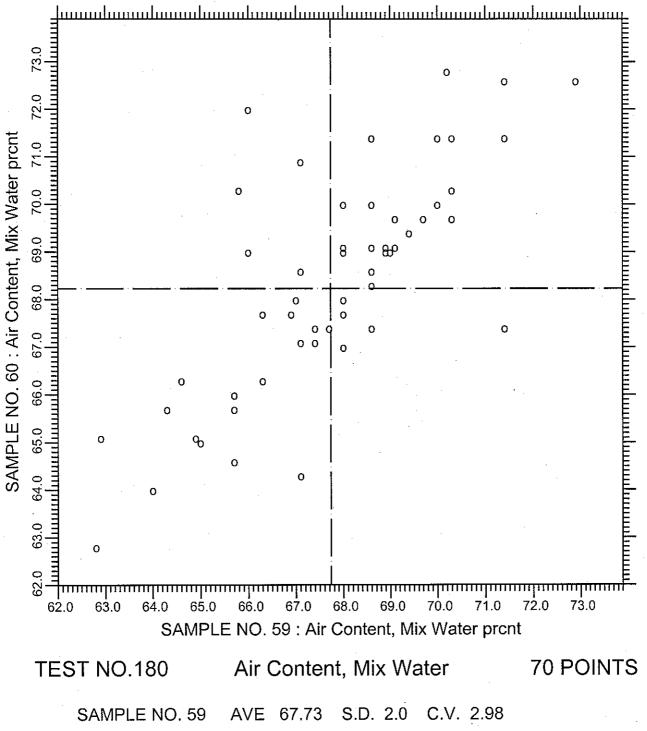


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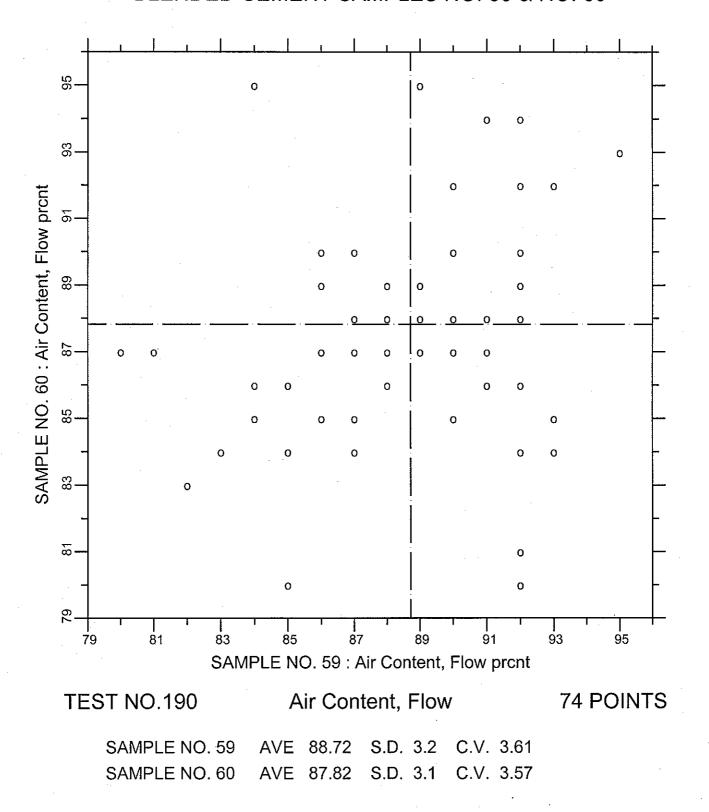


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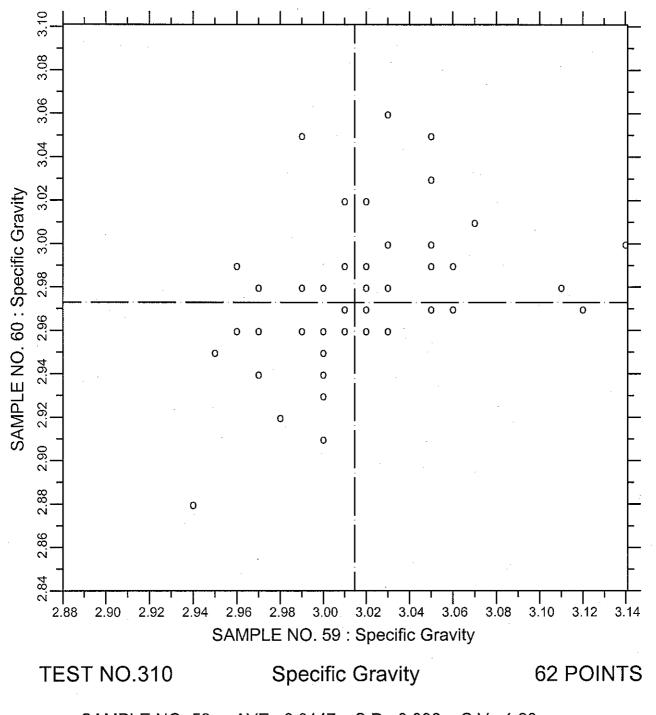


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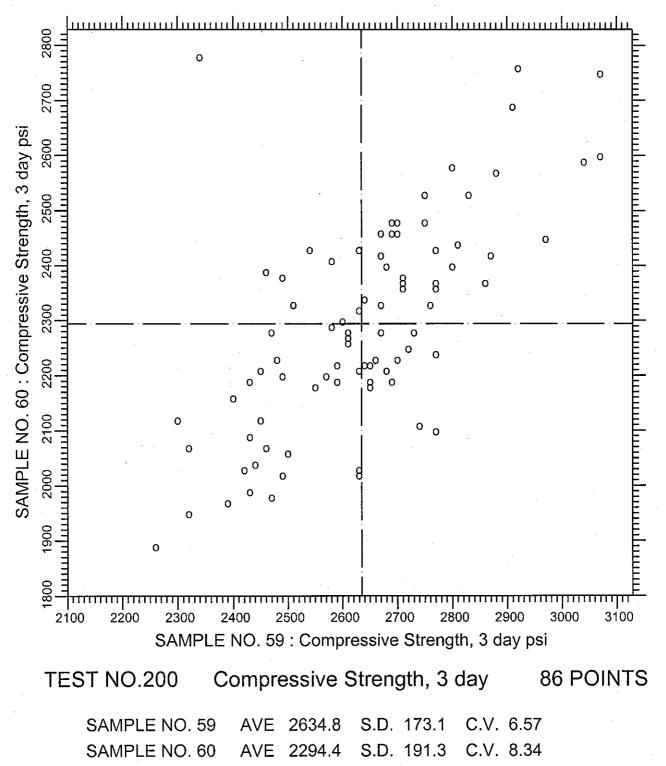




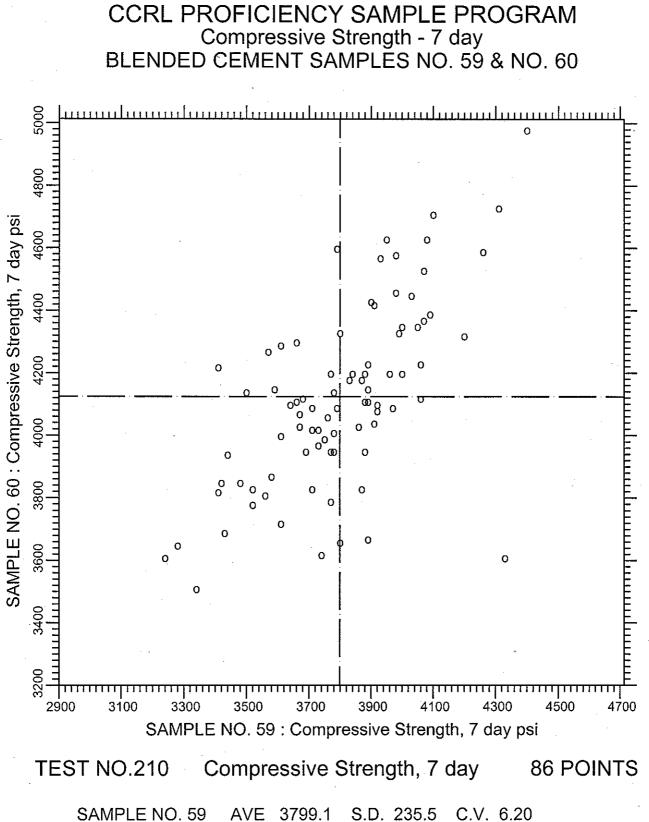


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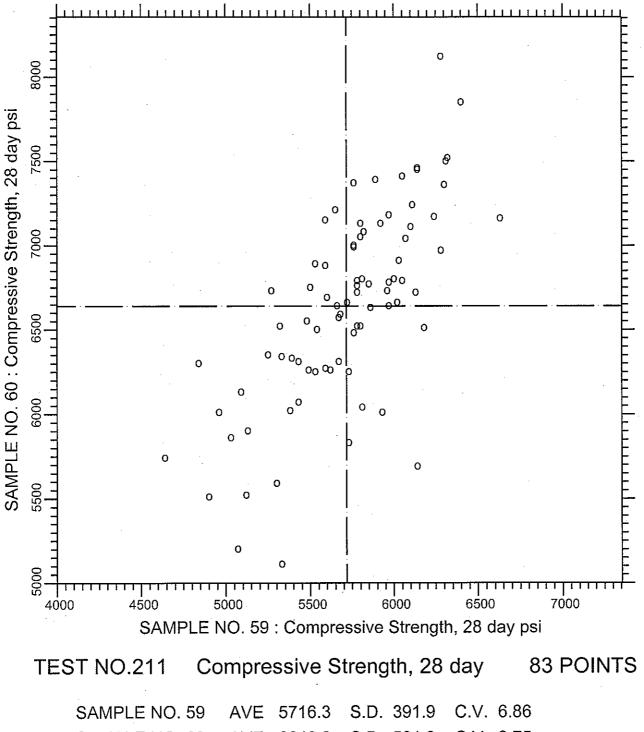


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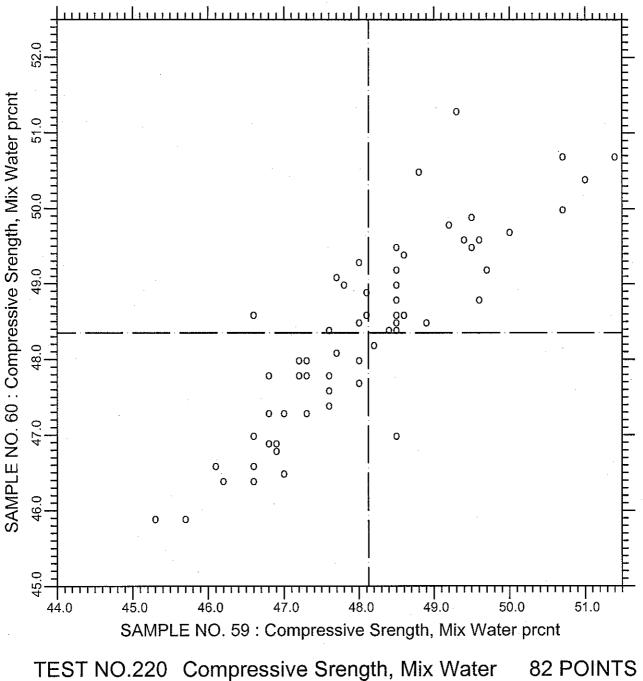
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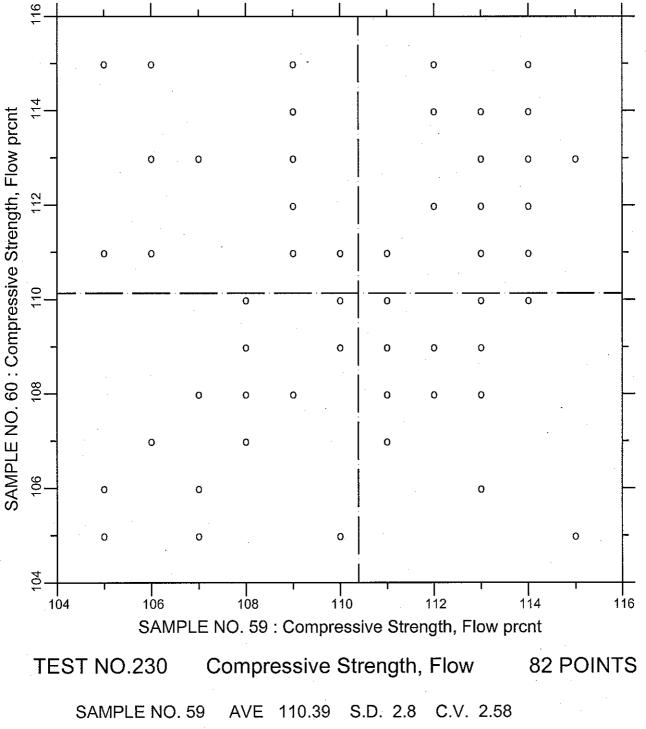


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 S.D.
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 C.V.
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 C.V.
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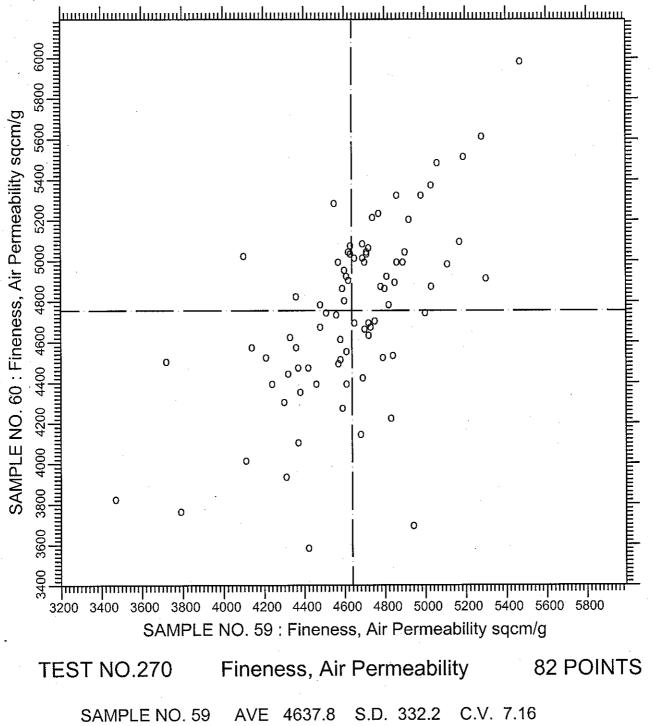
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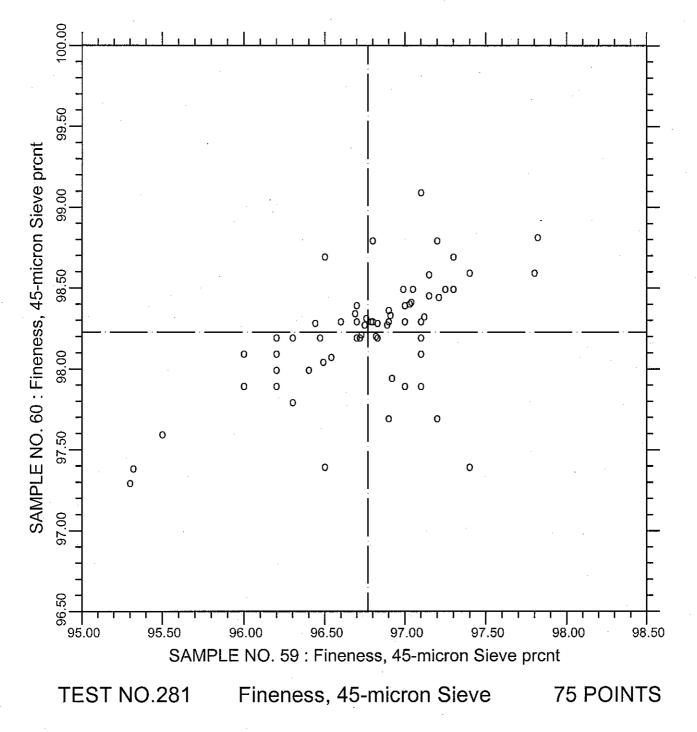
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CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Fineness - Air Permeability BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 59 & NO. 60



SAMPLE NO. 60 AVE 4755.7 S.D. 435.7 C.V. 9.16





 SAMPLE NO. 59
 AVE
 96.771
 S.D.
 0.47
 C.V.
 0.484

 SAMPLE NO. 60
 AVE
 98.228
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 0.34
 C.V.
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 LABS ELIMINATED
 34 80 958 36 1323 2466

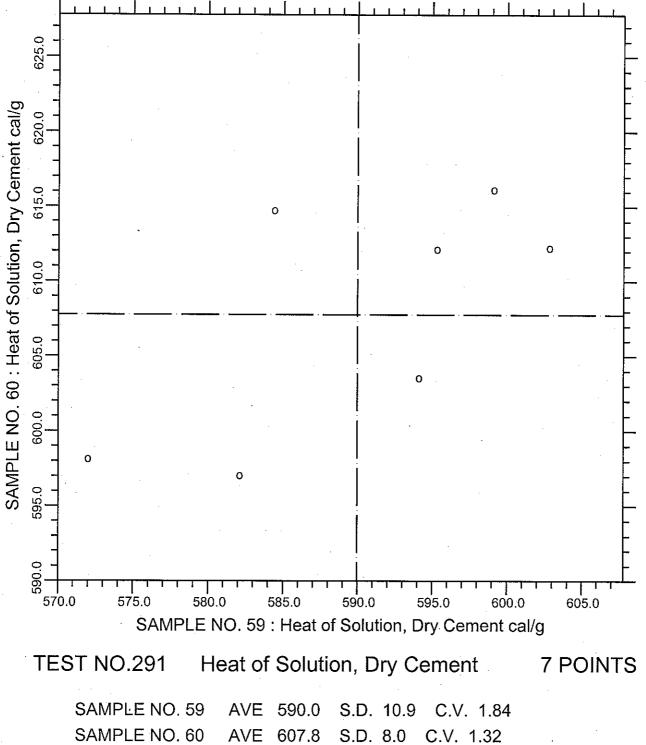
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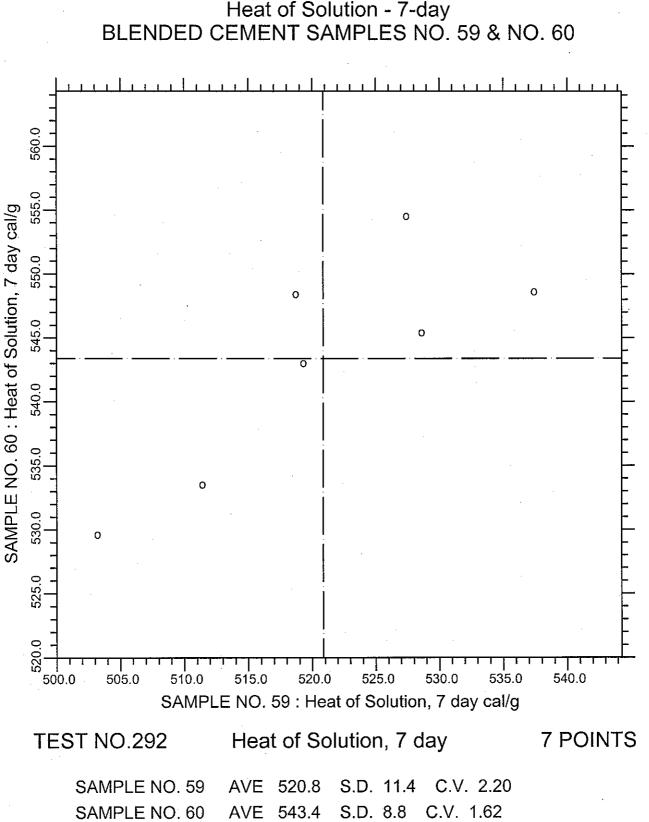
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

		Sample No. 59			Sample No. 60			
Test		#Labs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Heat Solution, Dry	v cal/g	7	590.0	10.9	1.84	607.8	8.0	1.32
Heat Sol, 7 day	cal/g	7	520.8	11.4	2.20	543.4	8.8	1.62
Heat Sol, 28 day	cal/g	6	512.4	8.4	1.63	535.0	8.6	1.61
Heat Hyd, 7 day	cal/g	7	69.2	3.4	4.88	64.4	4.6	7.07
Heat Hyd, 28 day	cal/g	6	78.7	6.2	7.82	73.3	4.4	6.00

CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Heat of Solution - Dry Cement BLENDED CEMENT SAMPLES NO. 59 & NO. 60

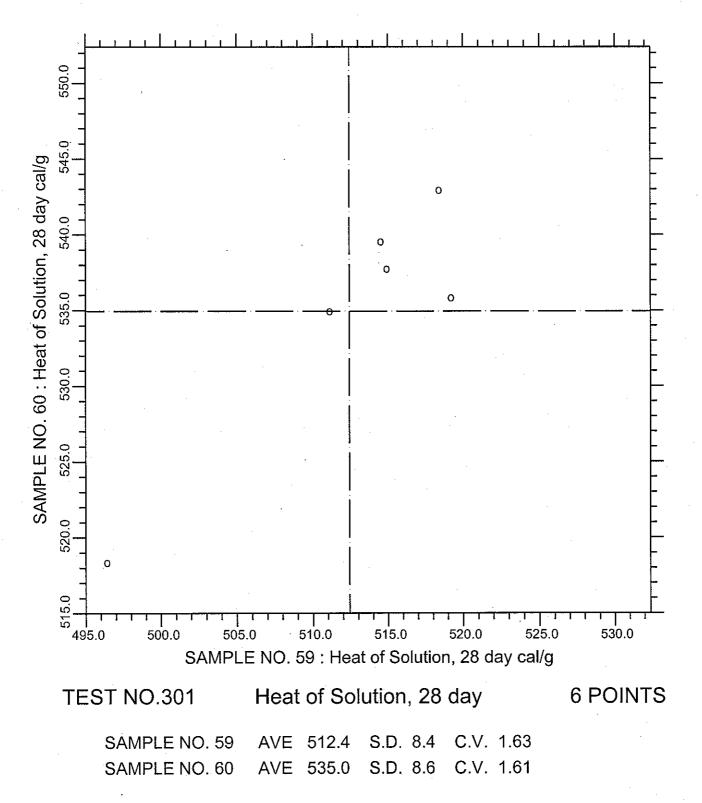


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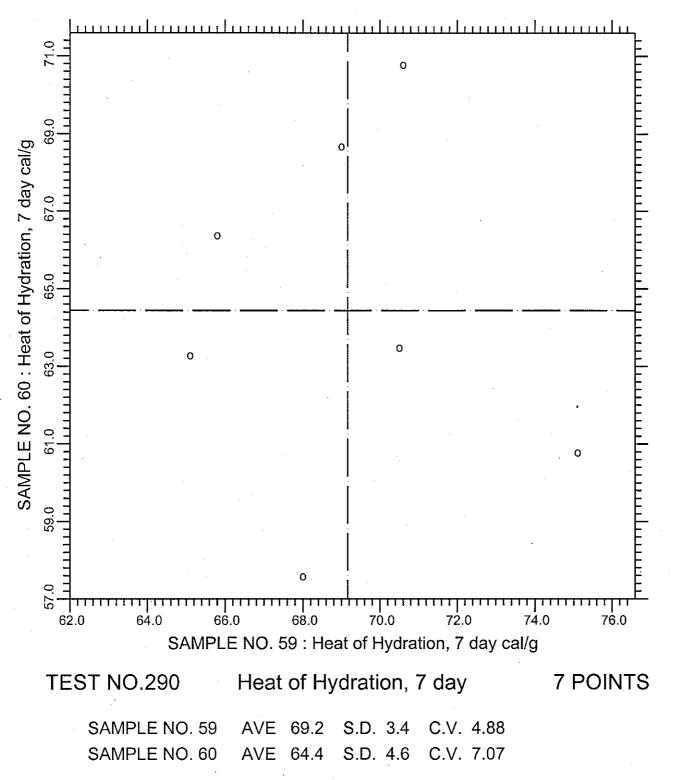


CCRL PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM Heat of Solution - 7-day



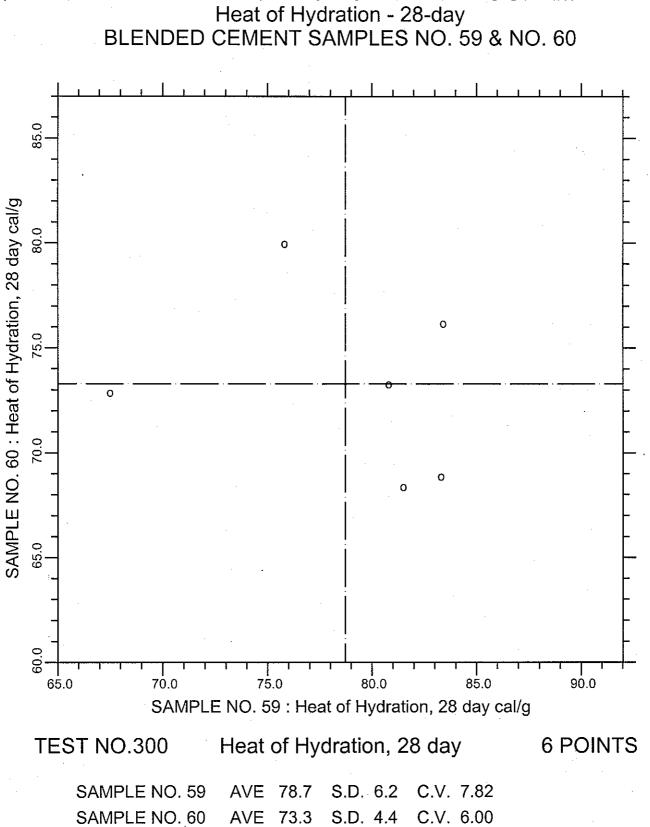


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