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PROFICIENCY SAMPLE PROGRAM

Final Report
Concrete Masonry Unit Proficiency Samples
Number 43 and Number 44

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TO: Participants in the CCRL Concrete Masonry Units Proficiency Sample Program

SUBJECT: Final Report for Concrete Masonry Units Proficiency Samples No. 43 and No. 44

Following is the report for the current pair of CCRL **Concrete Masonry Units** Proficiency Samples which were distributed in July 2017. These specimens were 4x8x8" hollow concrete masonry units made to ASTM Specification C90.

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 laboratory can be downloaded at our website located at: http://www.ccrl.us/.

Normalized Web Area – No ratings were reported for this test. Normalized web area is a physical requirement specified in Table 1 of ASTM Specification C90. The calculation for normalized web area is found in ASTM C140 Annex A.1.5.2. The normalized web area scatter diagram on the following pages shows a wide distribution of the reported test results. Some possible causes for this variation could be as follows:

- $A_{wt,}$ total web area – is the sum of the web areas. Since these specimens have two webs, the total web area would be the sum of the two web areas. For samples 43 & 44 the $A_{wt,}$ total web area is probably in the range of 15 to16 in.^{2}.
- L_n and H_n, nominal length and height – These are nominal dimensions, not actual measured dimensions. For samples 43 & 44 the nominal dimensions for both length and height would be 8 inch.
- These same variations were seen in last year's samples, samples 41 & 42.

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 concrete masonry units 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 Concrete Masonry Units Proficiency Samples will be distributed in July 2018.

Sincerely,

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TO: Participants in the CCRL Concrete Masonry Units Proficiency Sample Program

FROM: Robin K. Haupt, Supervisor, PSP

SUBJECT: Explanation of Final Report on Results of Tests on Concrete Masonry Units Proficiency Samples No. 43 and No. 44

This letter and the material included with it constitute the final report and summary of results for the current pair of Concrete Masonry Units Proficiency Samples, which were distributed in July 2017. 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 Individual 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 View Document, and "Statistical Aspects of the Cement Testing Program" by W.J. Youden View Document, 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.

Laboratory Ratings

Each laboratory receives an individualized Laboratory Ratings. Each line of the ratings 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. Please note that individual laboratory ratings were not given for some test results. These results were gathered for information at the request of consulting ASTM Committee member.

The ratings 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.

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

[1]Youden, W.J., "Statistical Aspects of the Cement Testing Program", *Proceedings of the American Society for testing and Materials Volume 59*, 1959.

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

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. Elimination of these outlying results may 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

Test (unit)	#Labs	Sample No.43 Average	S.D.	C.V.	Sample No. 44 Average	S.D.	C.V.
Received Weight - Compression Units (lb)							
	241	10.2	0.09	0.91	10.8	0.09	0.83
	*236	10.2	0.06	0.58	10.8	0.06	0.55
* Labs Eliminated - 1200, 1378, 2126, 2214, 3224							
Maximum Compressive Load (lbf)							
	242	48418	7989	16.5	40703	6306	15.5
	*239	48774	7362	15.1	40839	6069	14.9
* Labs Eliminated - 1019, 1446, 4192							
Net Area Compressive Strength (psi)							
	242	2489	416	16.7	2136	350	16.4
	*241	2495	407	16.3	2139	348	16.3
* Labs Eliminated - 1446							
Received Weight - Absorption Units (lb)							
	241	10.2	0.08	0.81	10.8	0.09	0.84
	*235	10.2	0.06	0.59	10.8	0.06	0.51
* Labs Eliminated - 1200, 1268, 1357, 1423, 2155, 2214							
Width (inch)							
	242	3.7	0.05	1.4	3.6	0.05	1.4
No Labs Eliminated for This Test							
Height (inch)							
	243	7.6	0.02	0.31	7.6	0.02	0.31
No Labs Eliminated for This Test							
Length (inch)							
	243	7.6	0.04	0.53	7.6	0.03	0.45
No Labs Eliminated for This Test							

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Test (unit)	#Labs	Sample No.43 Average	S.D.	C.V.	Sample No. 44 Average	S.D.	C.V.
Minimum Face Shell Thickness (**inch**)							
	243	1.08	0.05	4.9	1.09	0.05	5.0
	*234	1.08	0.04	3.5	1.08	0.04	3.8
* Labs Eliminated - 475, 1279, 1310, 1367, 1777, 2294, 3252, 4058, 4198							
Minimum Web Thickness (**inch**)							
	242	1.05	0.07	6.4	1.06	0.07	6.2
	*239	1.05	0.05	5.1	1.06	0.05	4.9
* Labs Eliminated - 2960, 3811, 4192							
Web Height (**inch**)							
	240	7.5	0.79	10.50	7.5	0.79	10.55
	*235	7.6	0.03	0.42	7.6	0.04	0.54
* Labs Eliminated - 1200, 2272, 3091, 4022, 4192							
Immersed Weight (**lb**)							
	243	5.6	0.15	2.7	6.4	0.15	2.4
	*233	5.7	0.05	1.0	6.4	0.05	0.8
* Labs Eliminated - 21, 210, 640, 1008, 1200, 1446, 1576, 1822, 2341, 4192							
Saturated Weight (**lb**)							
	243	11.0	0.08	0.73	11.6	0.10	0.85
	*240	11.0	0.06	0.57	11.6	0.07	0.64
* Labs Eliminated - 1200, 1495, 4058							
Oven-Dry Weight (**lb**)							
	243	10.0	0.08	0.81	10.7	0.10	0.92
	*239	10.0	0.06	0.65	10.7	0.05	0.47
* Labs Eliminated - 1200, 1955, 2003, 3252							
Net Area (**sq in**)							
	243	19.6	1.41	7.2	19.2	1.54	8.0
	*222	19.4	0.24	1.2	18.9	0.28	1.5
* Labs Eliminated - 41, 42, 475, 1189, 1284, 1287, 1403, 1446, 1576, 1577, 1670, 1796, 1822, 2341, 2438, 2518, 3197, 3252, 3811, 4058, 4192							

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

		Sample No.43			Sample No. 44		
Test (unit)	#Labs	Average	S.D.	C.V.	Average	S.D.	C.V.
Absorption (**lb/ft³**)							
	243	11.6	0.96	8.3	10.7	1.03	9.7
	*227	11.6	0.60	5.1	10.7	0.71	6.6
* Labs Eliminated - 51, 1306, 1378, 1534, 1553, 1577, 1591, 2109, 2115, 2155, 2177, 2341, 2442, 3811, 4058, 4192							
Density (**lb/ft³**)							
	243	117.1	1.8	1.5	128.4	3.2	2.5
	*228	117.0	1.3	1.1	128.7	1.8	1.4
* Labs Eliminated - 21, 41, 640, 1200, 1446, 1553, 1576, 1822, 2003, 2115, 2341, 3168, 3762, 3811, 4192							
Net Volume (**ft³**)							
	241	0.0853	0.0017	2.0	0.0833	0.0024	2.8
	*235	0.0852	0.0011	1.3	0.0832	0.0013	1.5
* Labs Eliminated - 1287, 1446, 1822, 2341, 3197, 4192							
Percent Solids (**percent**)							
	238	69.6	1.6	2.3	68.1	1.8	2.7
	*234	69.7	1.4	2.0	68.2	1.5	2.1
* Labs Eliminated - 1287, 1822, 2341, 3811							
Normalized Web (**in²/ft³**)							
	231	29.4	10.2	34.8	29.5	10.2	34.7
No Labs Eliminated for This Test							
Equivalent Thickness (**inch**)							
	241	2.6	0.29	11.6	2.5	0.30	11.8
	*227	2.5	0.05	2.1	2.5	0.05	2.0
* Labs Eliminated - 103, 537, 906, 1287, 1822, 2019, 2077, 2146, 2240, 2341, 3050, 3811, 3947, 4192							

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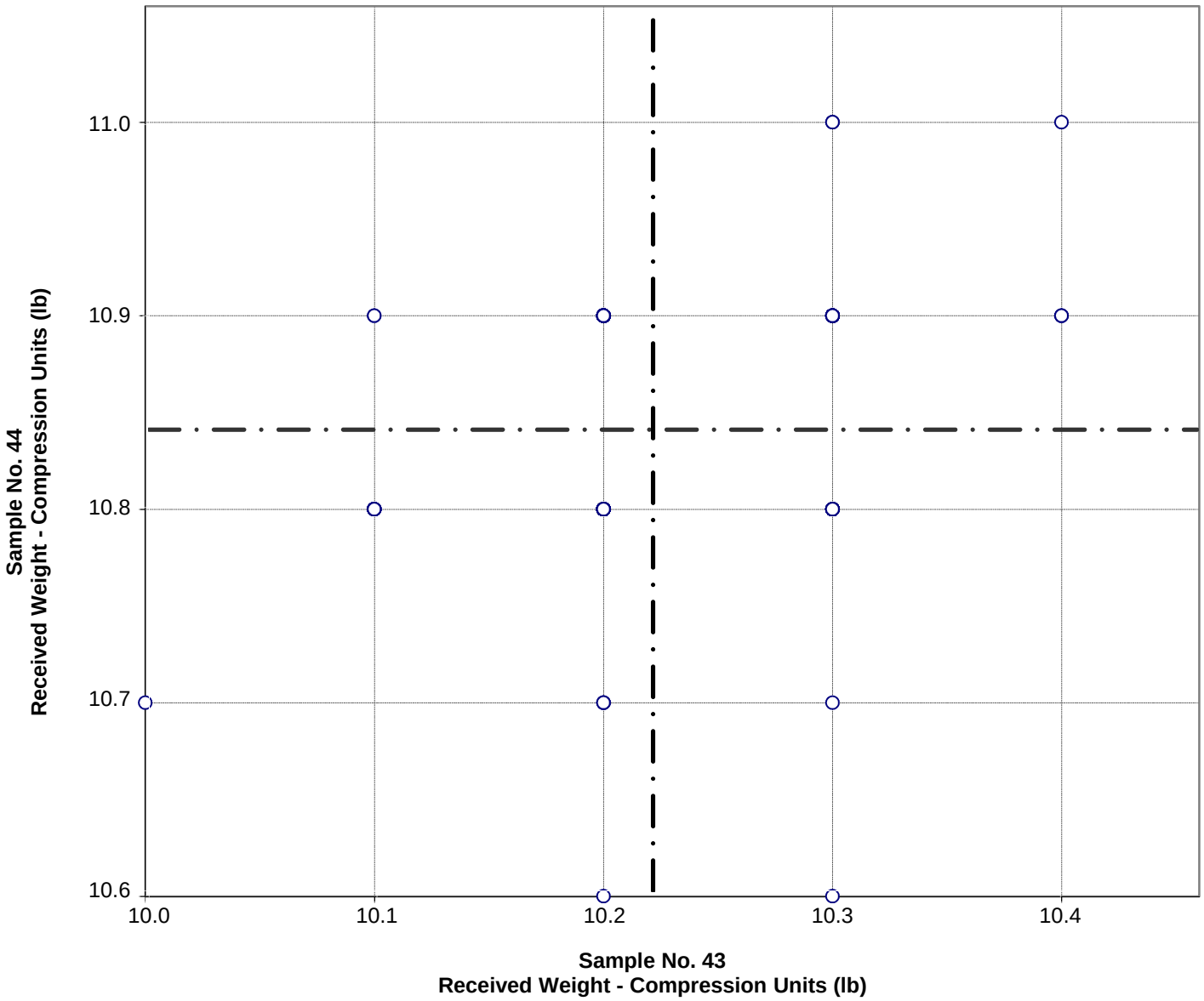
Received Weight - Compression Units
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44

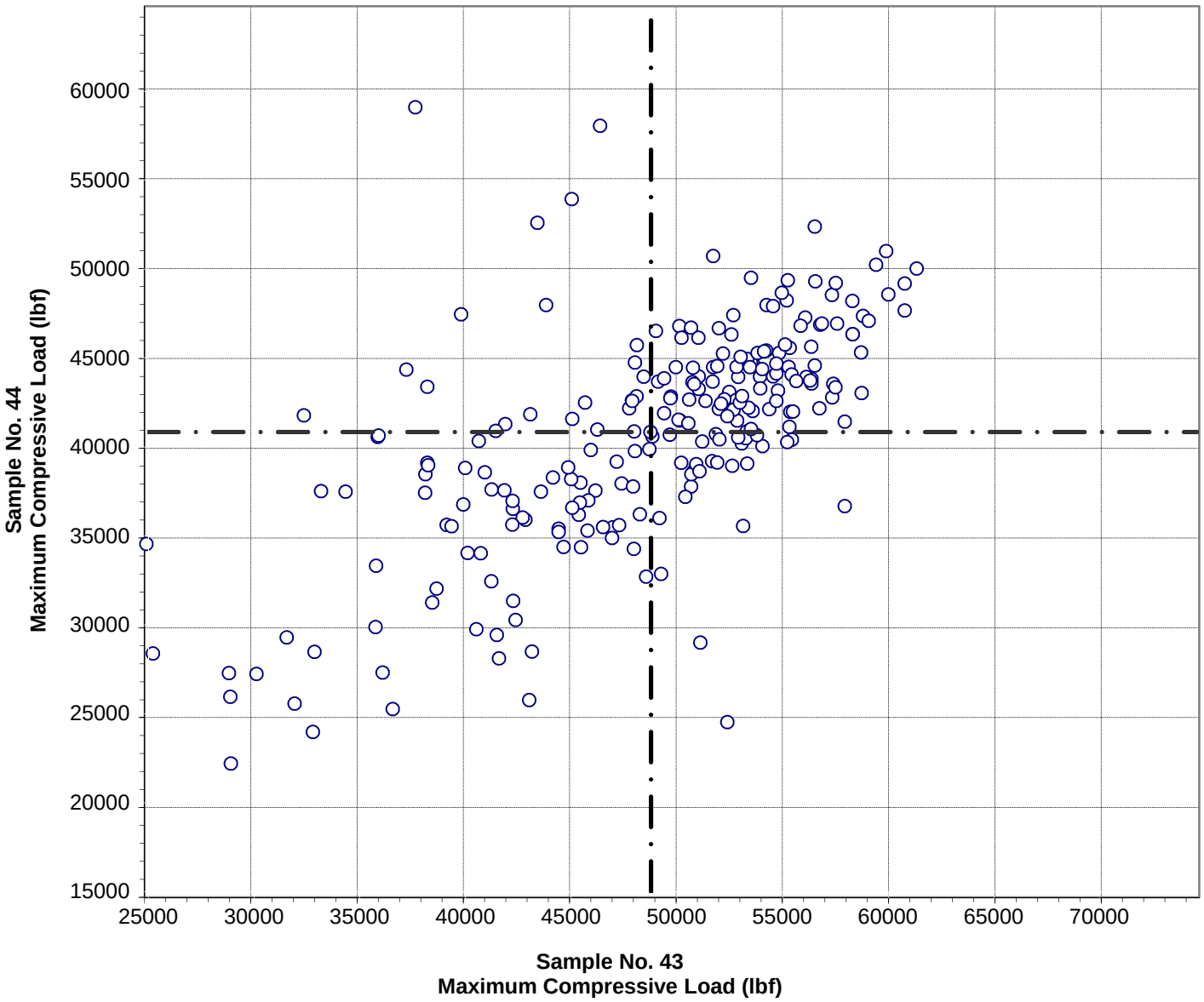


Test No. 500 Received Weight - Compression Units 236 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	10.2	S.D.	0.06	C.V.	0.58
Sample No. 44	Ave	10.8	S.D.	0.06	C.V.	0.55

Labs Eliminated: 1200, 1378, 2126, 2214, 3224

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Maximum Compressive Load
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 550 Maximum Compressive Load 239 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	48774	S.D.	7362	C.V. 15.1
Sample No. 44	Ave	40839	S.D.	6069	C.V. 14.9

Labs Eliminated: 1019, 1446, 4192

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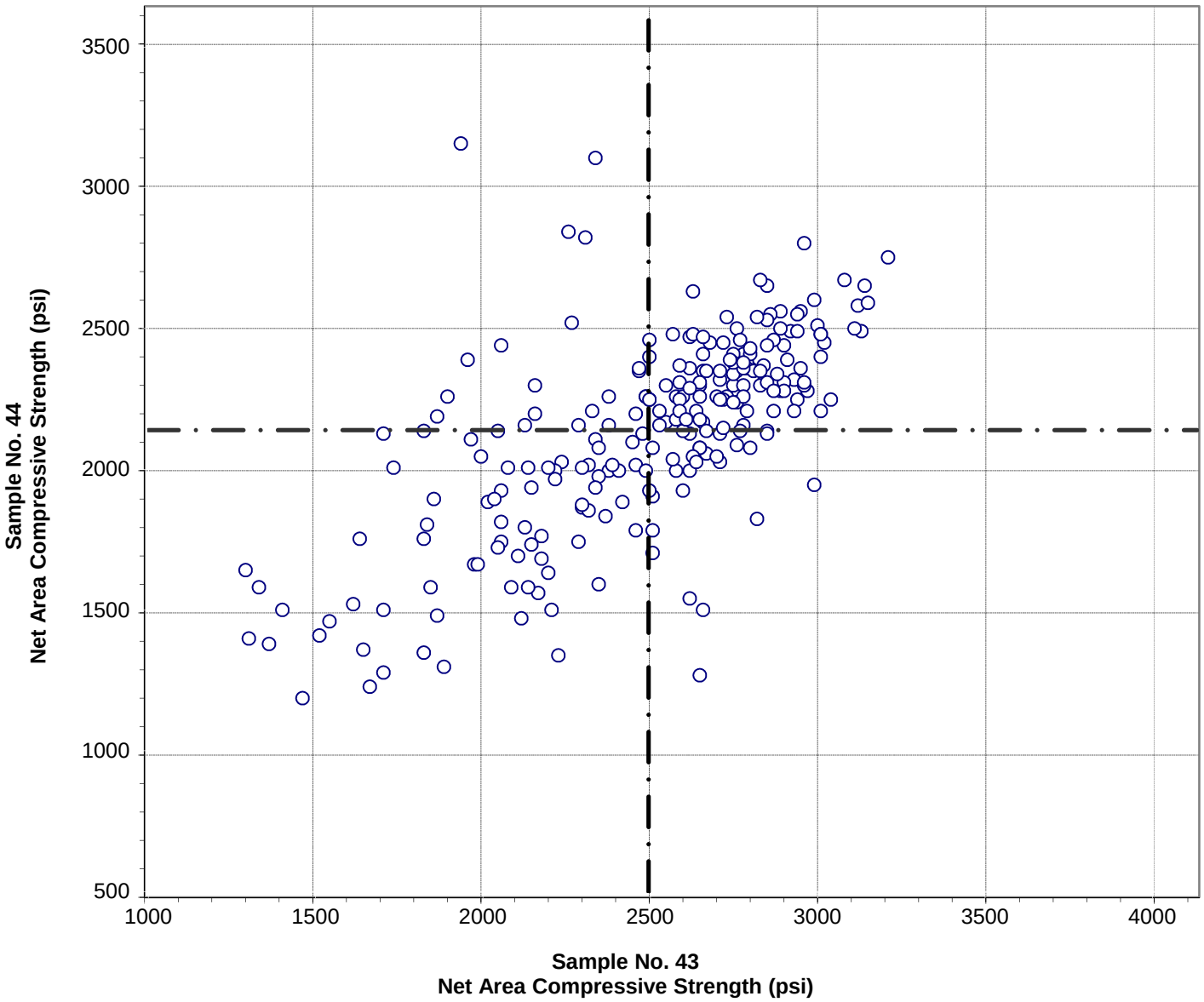
Net Area Compressive Strength
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 560 Net Area Compressive Strength 241 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	2495	S.D.	407	C.V. 16.3
Sample No. 44	Ave	2139	S.D.	348	C.V. 16.3

Labs Eliminated: 1446

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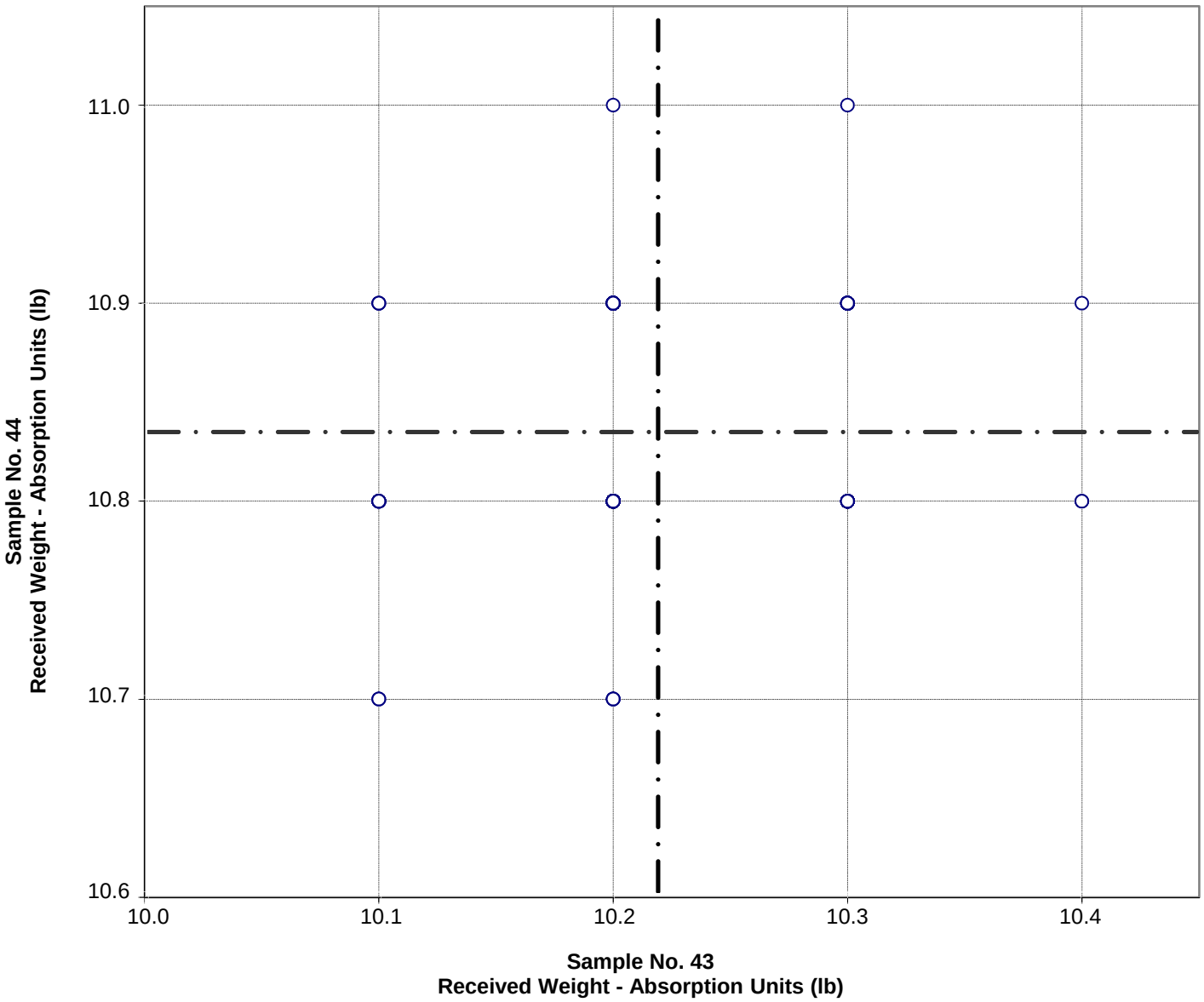
Received Weight - Absorption Units
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44

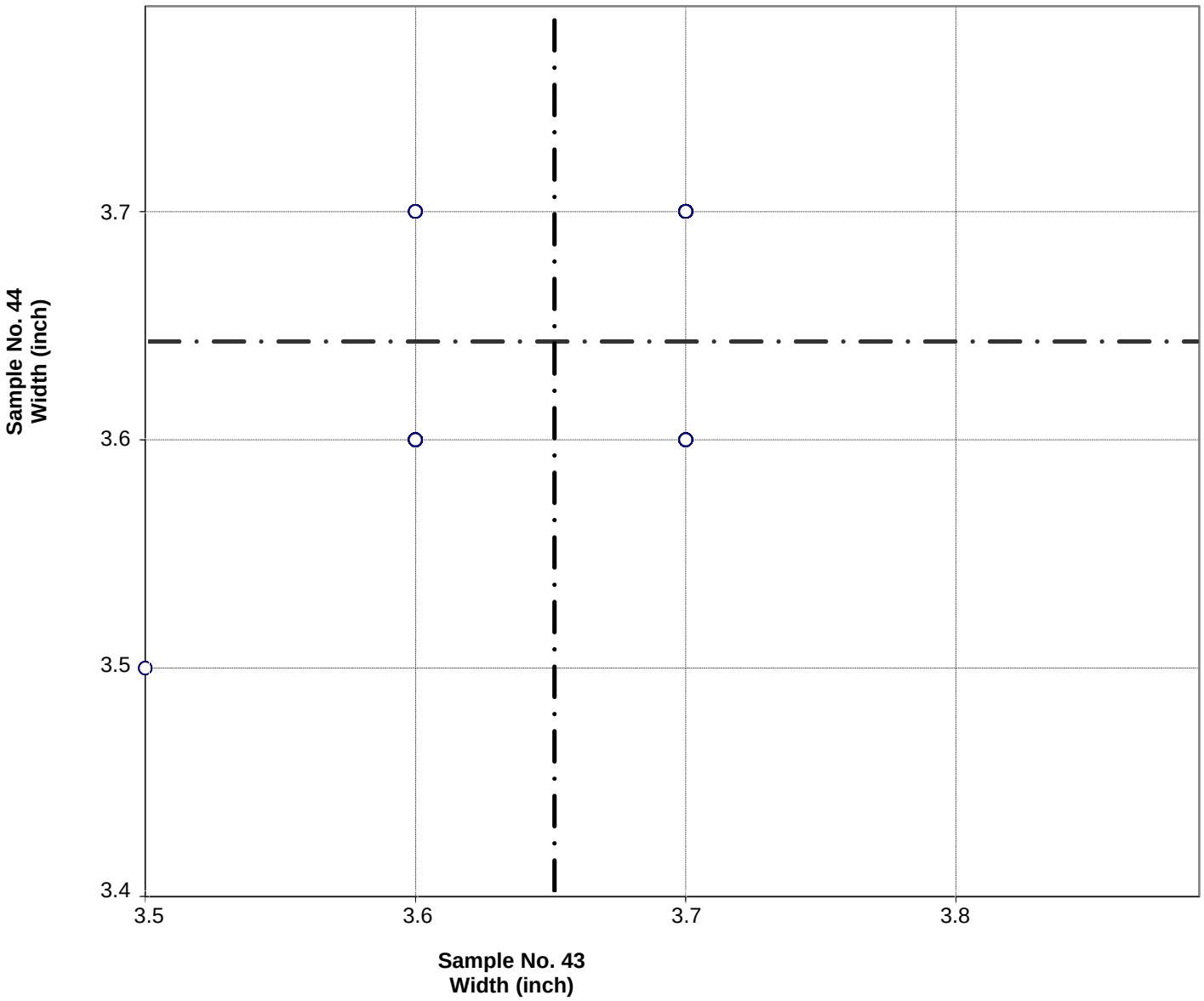


Test No. 600 Received Weight - Absorption Units 235 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	10.2	S.D.	0.06	C.V. 0.59
Sample No. 44	Ave	10.8	S.D.	0.06	C.V. 0.51

Labs Eliminated: 1200, 1268, 1357, 1423, 2155, 2214

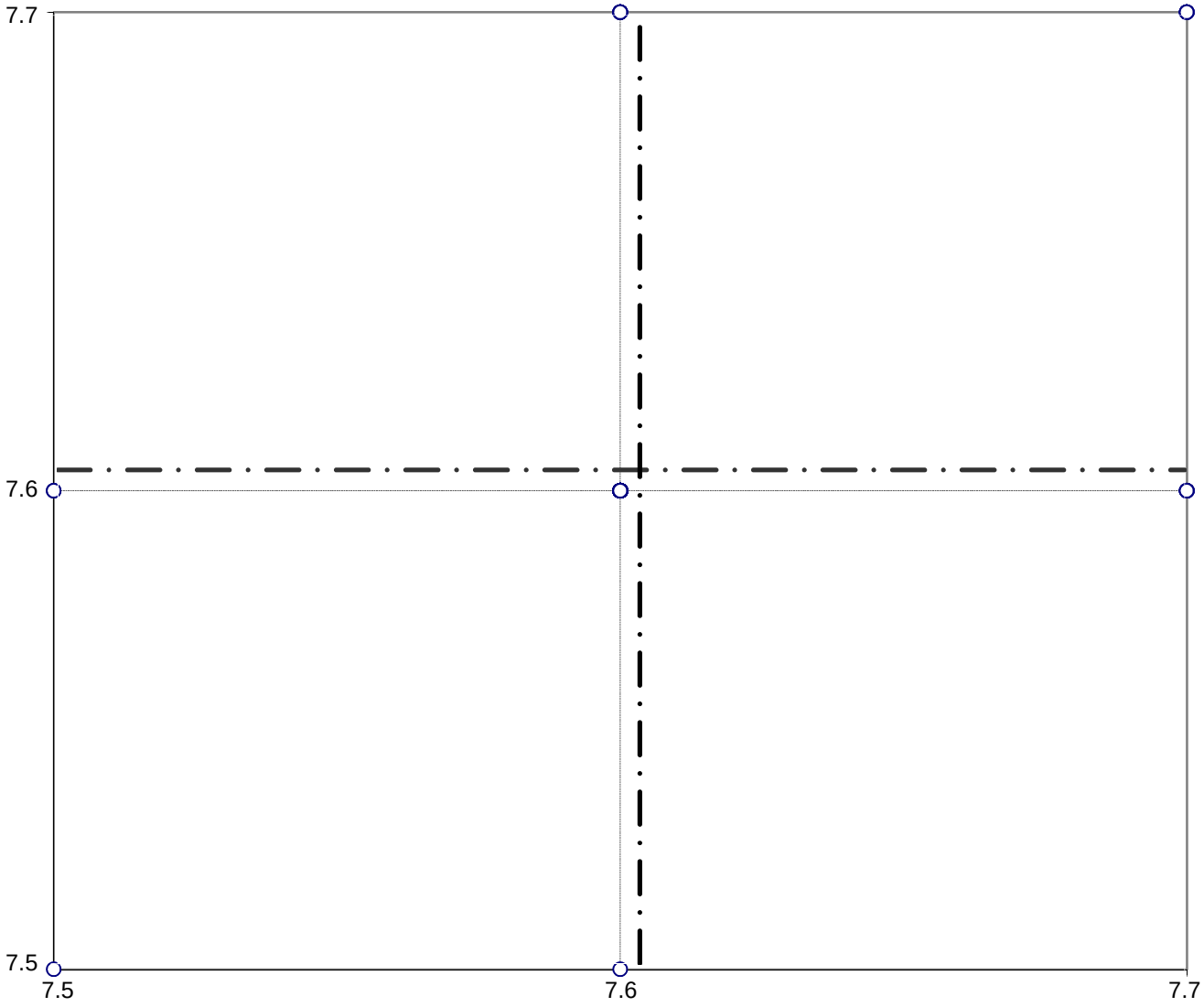
CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Width
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 510 Width 242 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	3.7	S.D.	0.05	C.V.	1.4
Sample No. 44	Ave	3.6	S.D.	0.05	C.V.	1.4

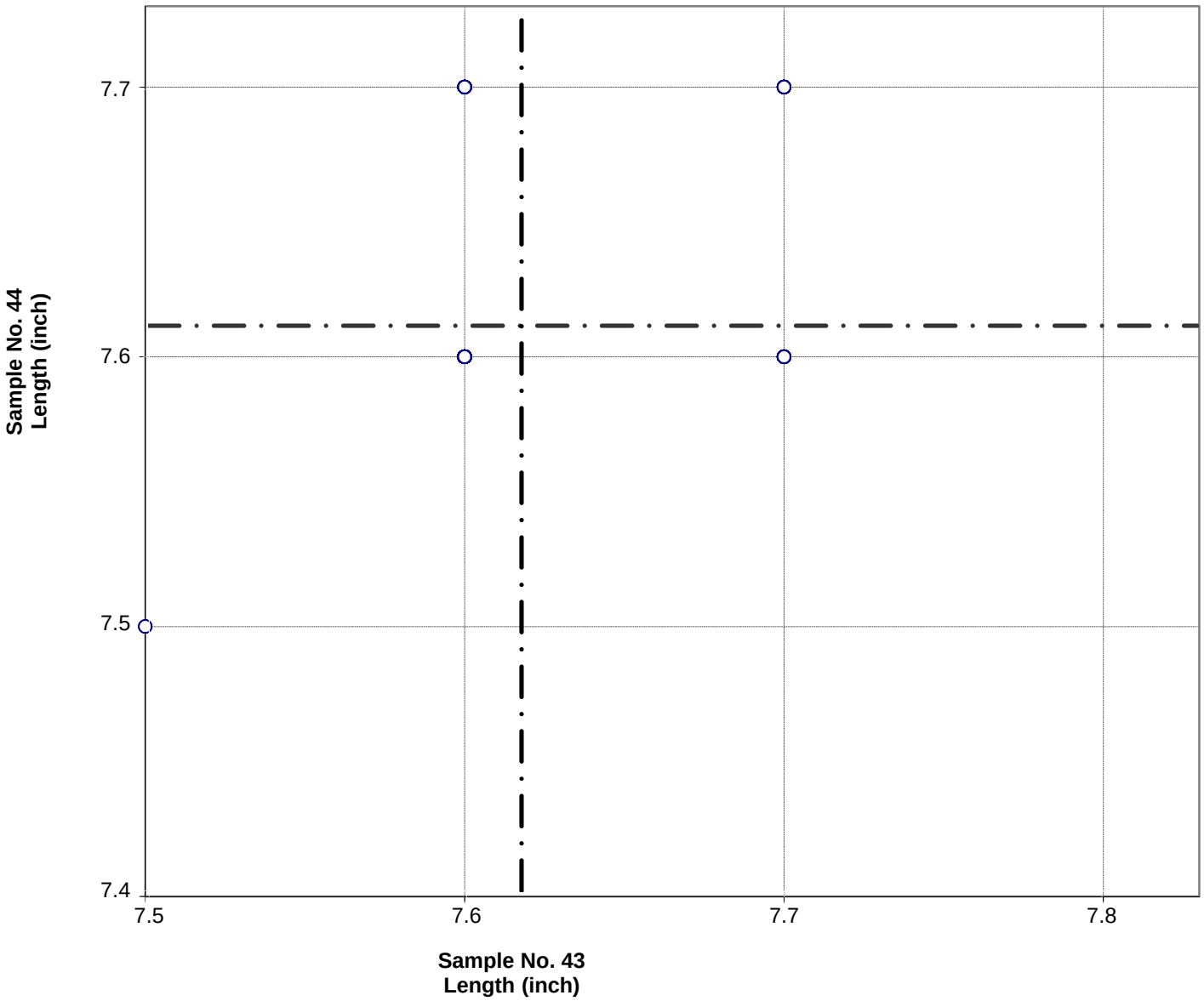
CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Height
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 520 Height 243 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	7.6	S.D.	0.02	C.V.	0.31
Sample No. 44	Ave	7.6	S.D.	0.02	C.V.	0.31

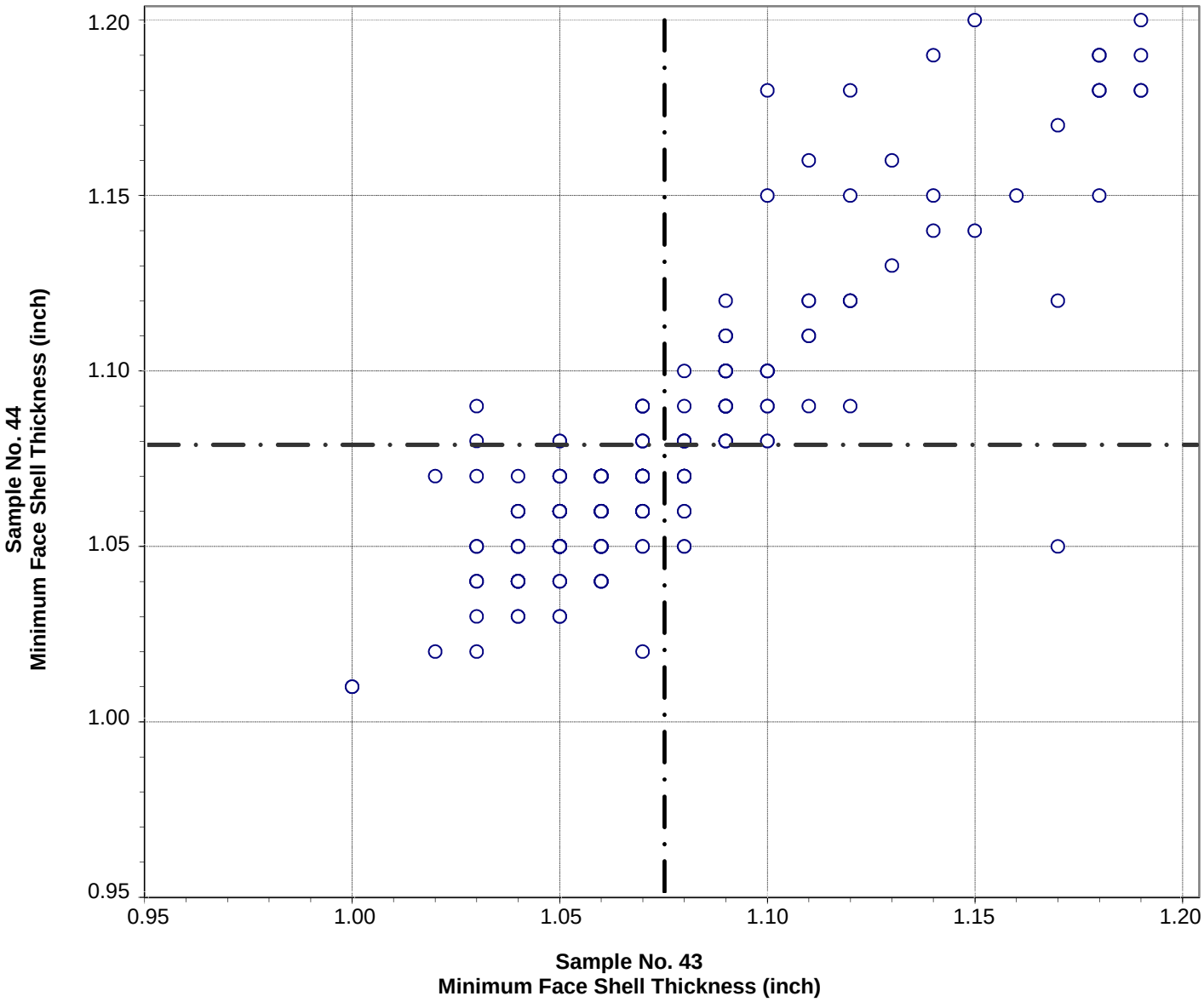
CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Length
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 530 Length 243 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	7.6	S.D.	0.04	C.V.	0.53
Sample No. 44	Ave	7.6	S.D.	0.03	C.V.	0.45

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Minimum Face Shell Thickness
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



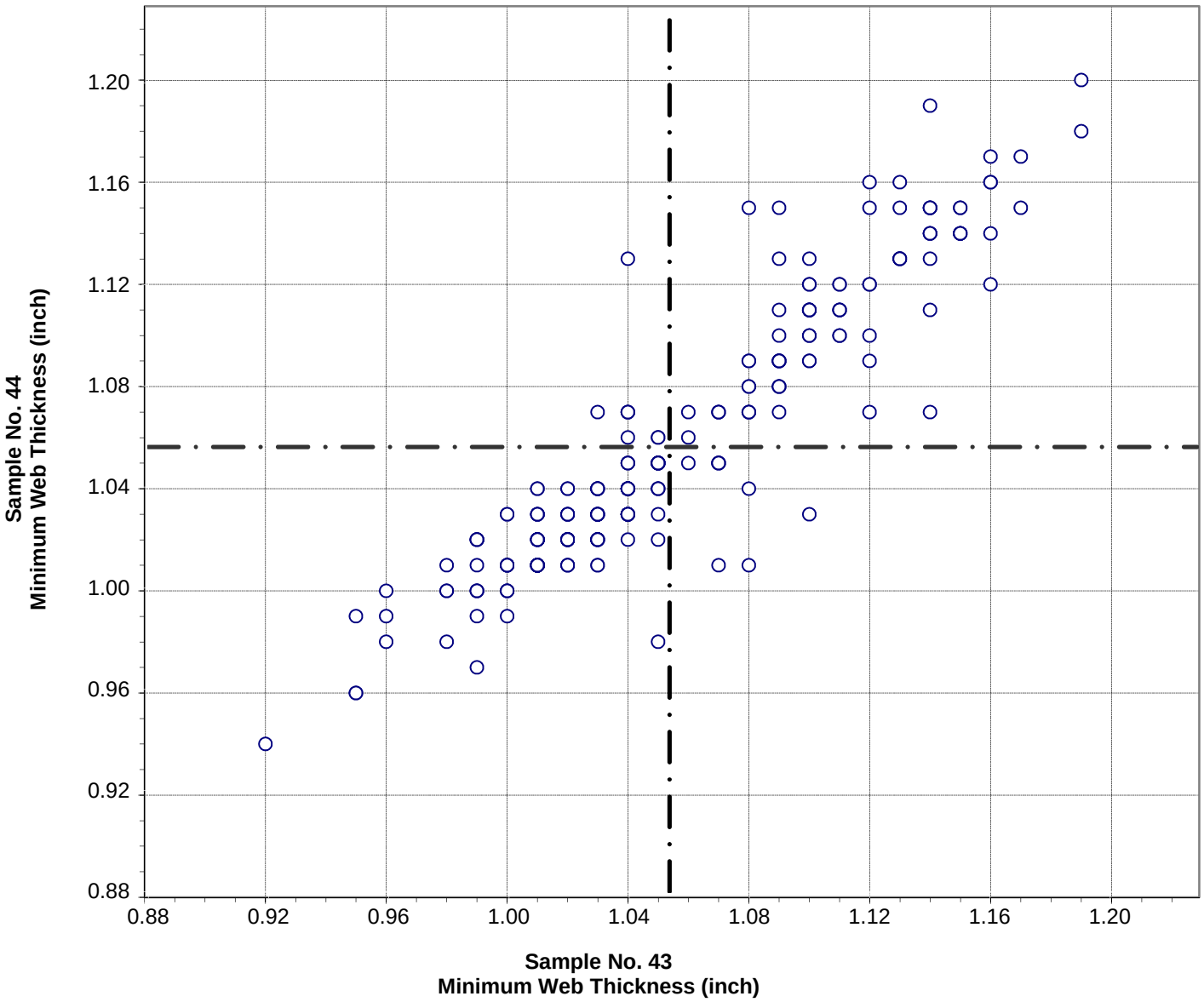
Test No. 532 Minimum Face Shell Thickness 232 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	1.08	S.D.	0.04	C.V. 3.5
Sample No. 44	Ave	1.08	S.D.	0.04	C.V. 3.8

Labs Eliminated: 475, 1279, 1310, 1367, 1777, 2294, 3252, 4058, 4198

Labs off Diagram: 537, 2155

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Minimum Web Thickness
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



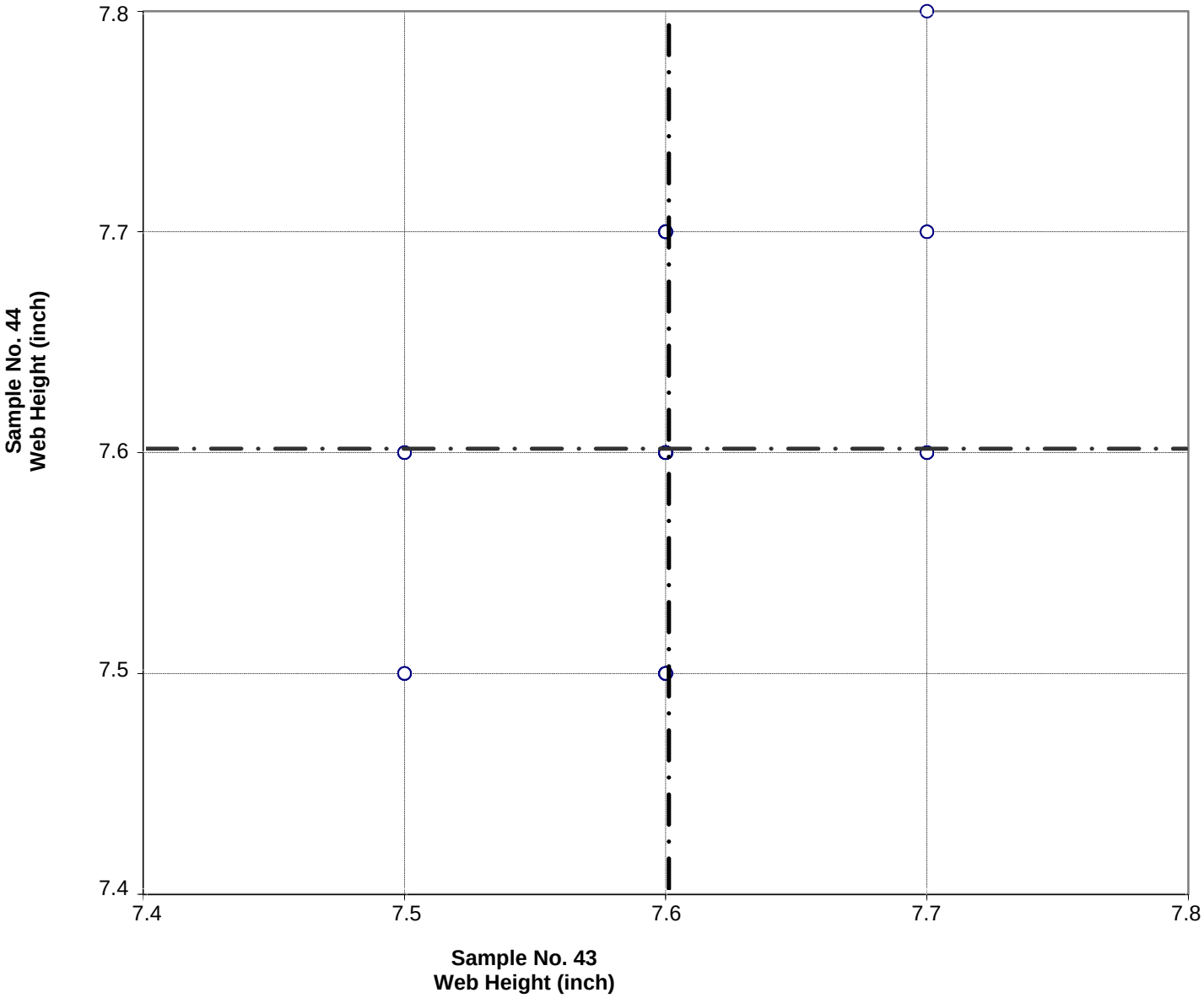
Test No. 533 Minimum Web Thickness 238 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	1.05	S.D.	0.05	C.V. 5.1
Sample No. 44	Ave	1.06	S.D.	0.05	C.V. 4.9

Labs Eliminated: 2960, 3811, 4192

Labs off Diagram: 3302

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Web Height
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 534 Web Height 234 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	7.6	S.D.	0.03	C.V. 0.42
Sample No. 44	Ave	7.6	S.D.	0.04	C.V. 0.54

Labs Eliminated: 1200, 2272, 3091, 4022, 4192

Labs off Diagram: 1821

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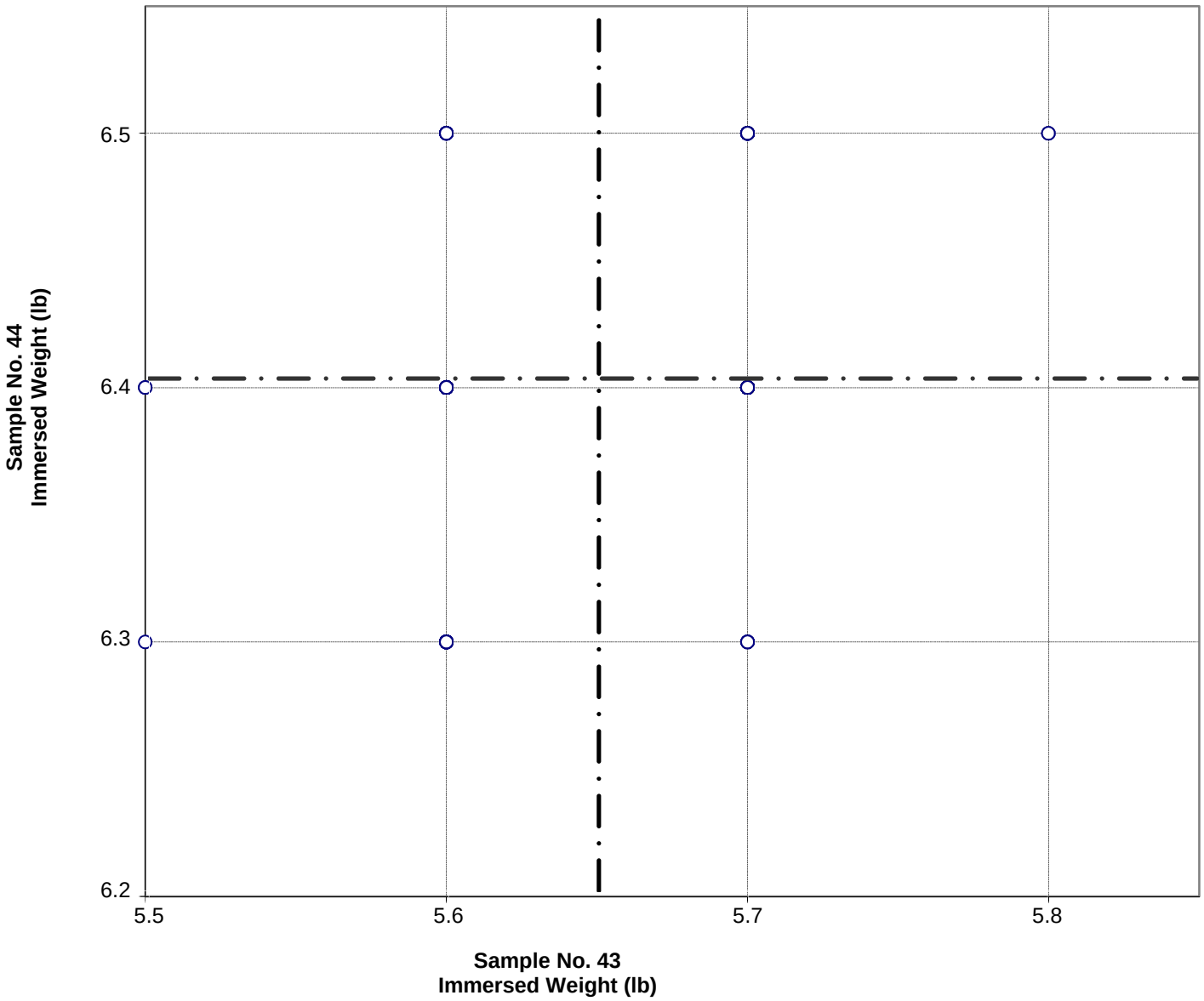
Immersed Weight
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 610 Immersed Weight 233 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	5.7	S.D.	0.05	C.V. 1.0
Sample No. 44	Ave	6.4	S.D.	0.05	C.V. 0.8

Labs Eliminated: 21, 210, 640, 1008, 1200, 1446, 1576, 1822, 2341, 4192

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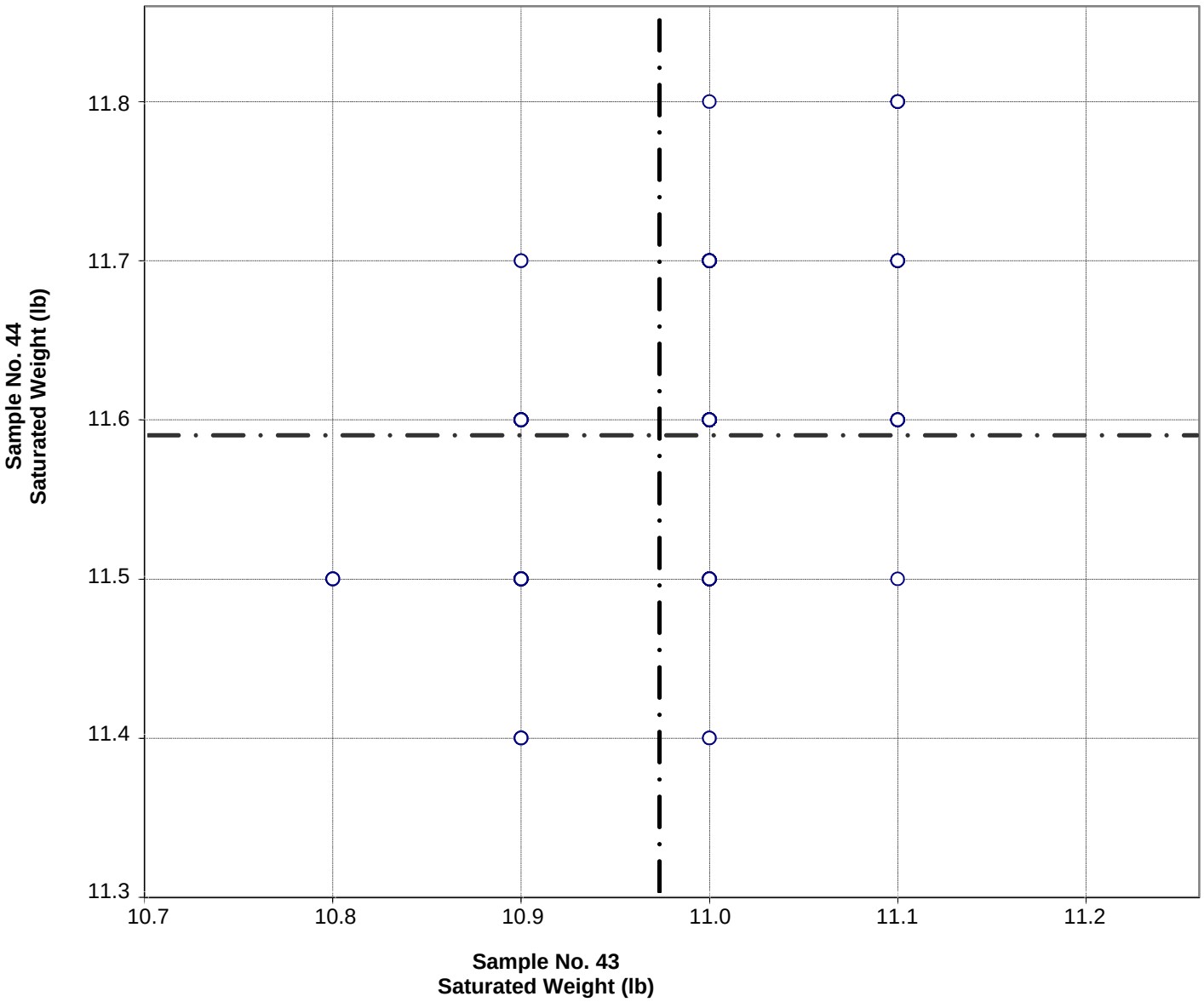
Saturated Weight
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 620 Saturated Weight 240 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	11.0	S.D.	0.06	C.V. 0.57
Sample No. 44	Ave	11.6	S.D.	0.07	C.V. 0.64

Labs Eliminated: 1200, 1495, 4058

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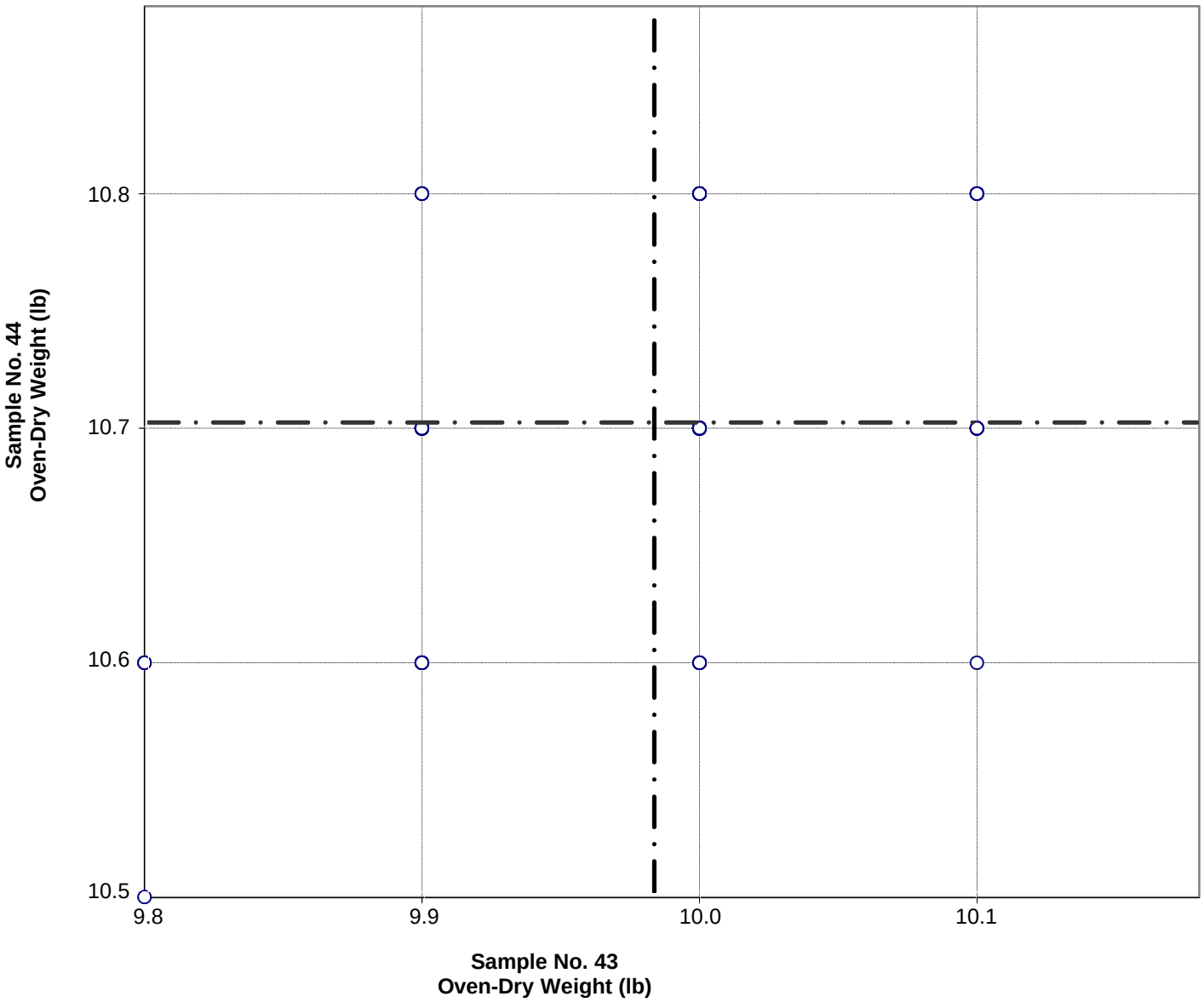
Oven-Dry Weight
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 630 Oven-Dry Weight 237 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	10.0	S.D.	0.06	C.V. 0.65
Sample No. 44	Ave	10.7	S.D.	0.05	C.V. 0.47

Labs Eliminated: 1200, 1955, 2003, 3252

Labs off Diagram: 2019, 3811

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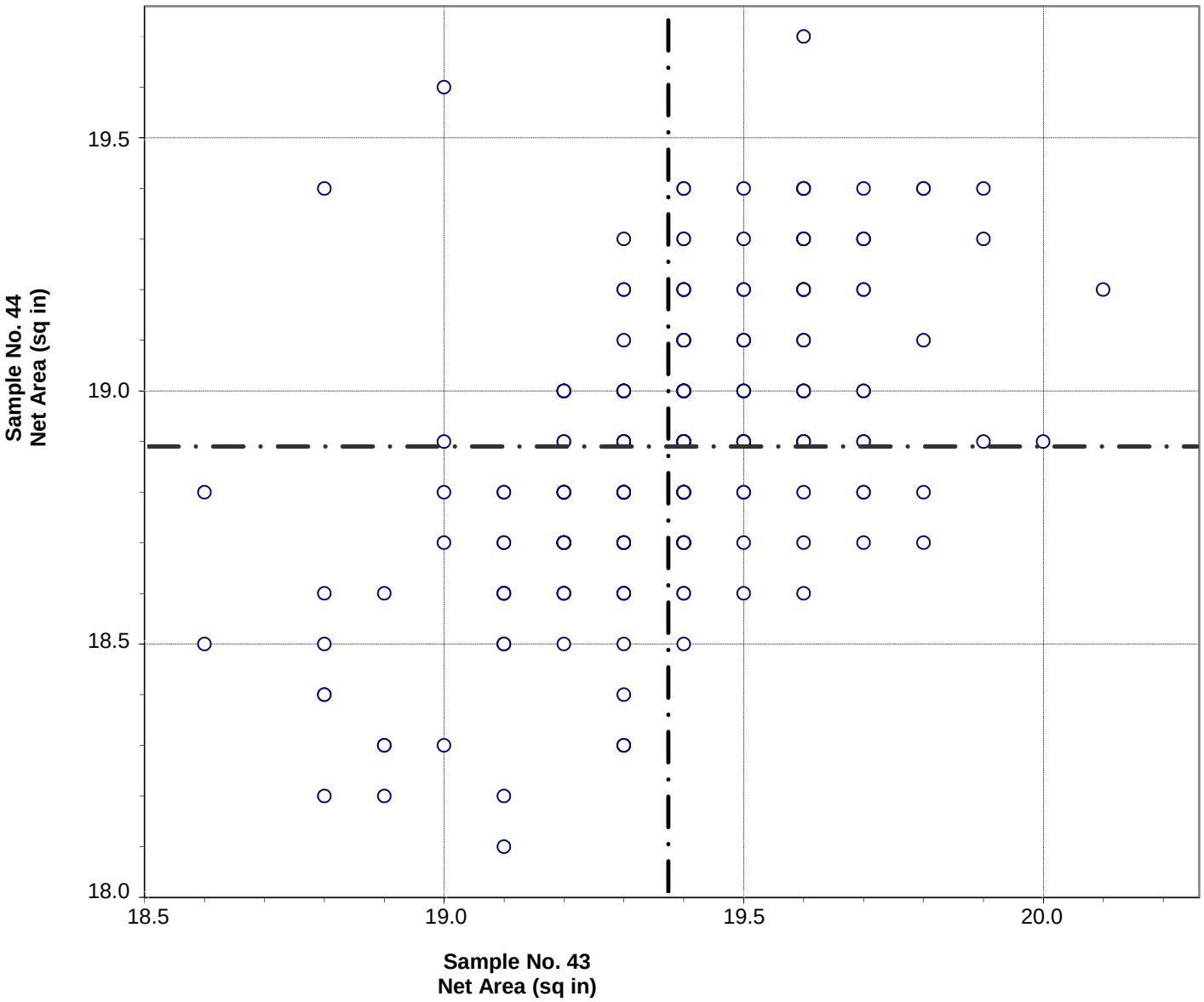
Net Area
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 635 Net Area 222 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	19.4	S.D.	0.24	C.V.	1.2
Sample No. 44	Ave	18.9	S.D.	0.28	C.V.	1.5

Labs Eliminated: 41, 42, 475, 1189, 1284, 1287, 1403, 1446, 1576, 1577, 1670, 1796, 1822, 2341, 2438, 2518, 3197, 3252, 3811, 4058, 4192

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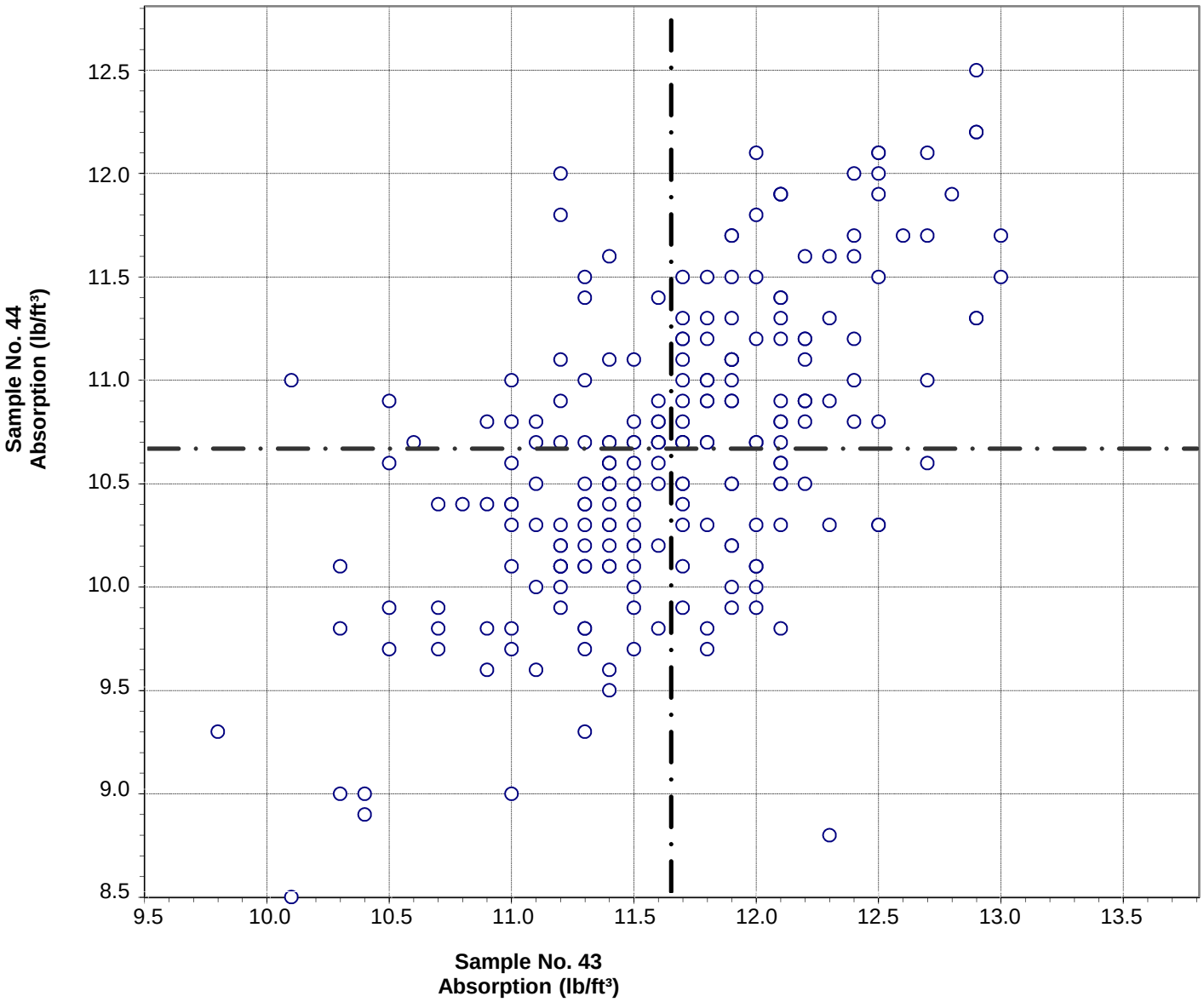
Absorption
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44

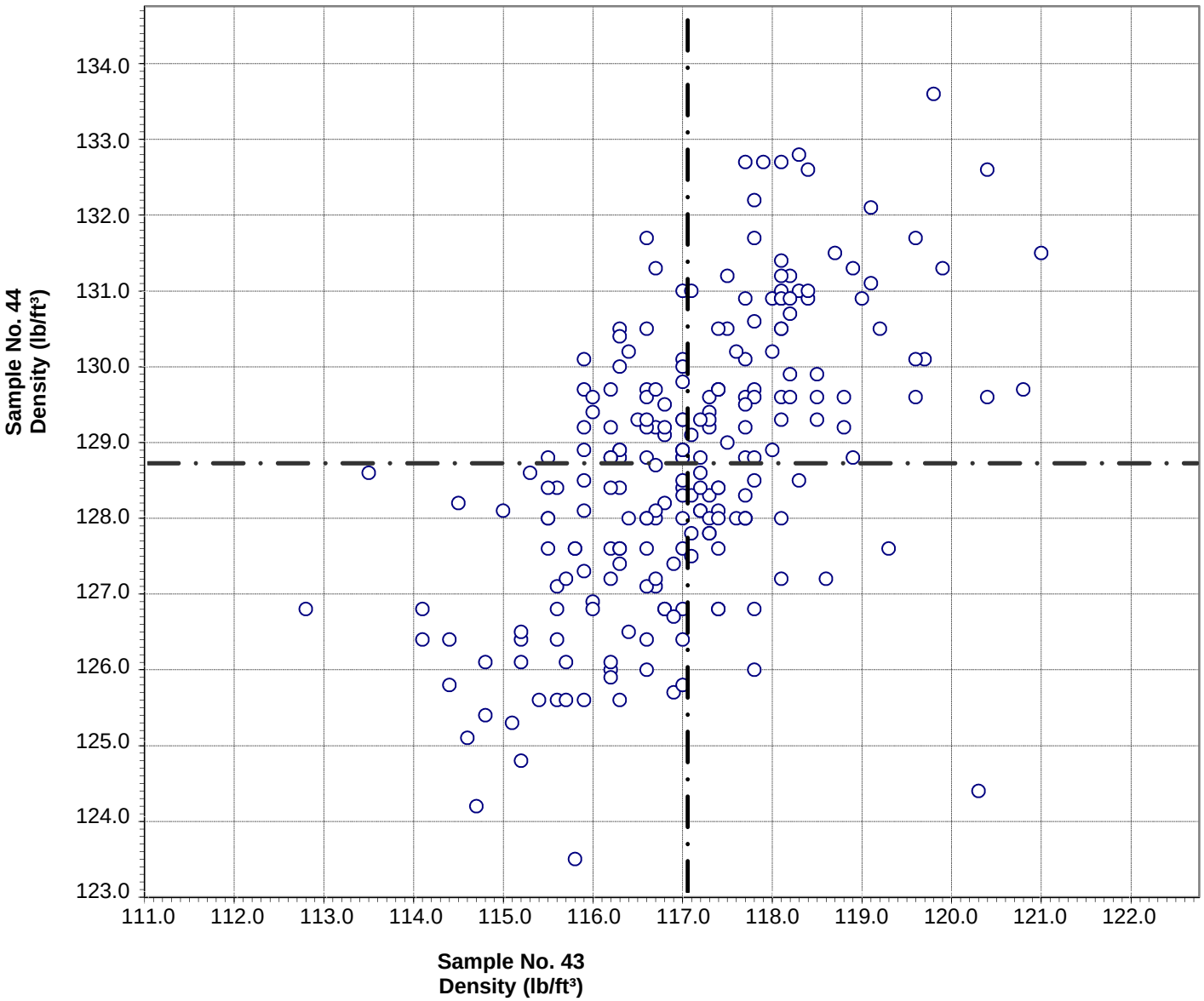


Test No. 640 Absorption 227 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	11.6	S.D.	0.60	C.V. 5.1
Sample No. 44	Ave	10.7	S.D.	0.71	C.V. 6.6

Labs Eliminated: 51, 1306, 1378, 1534, 1553, 1577, 1591, 2109, 2115, 2155, 2177, 2341, 2442, 3811, 4058, 4192

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Density
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44

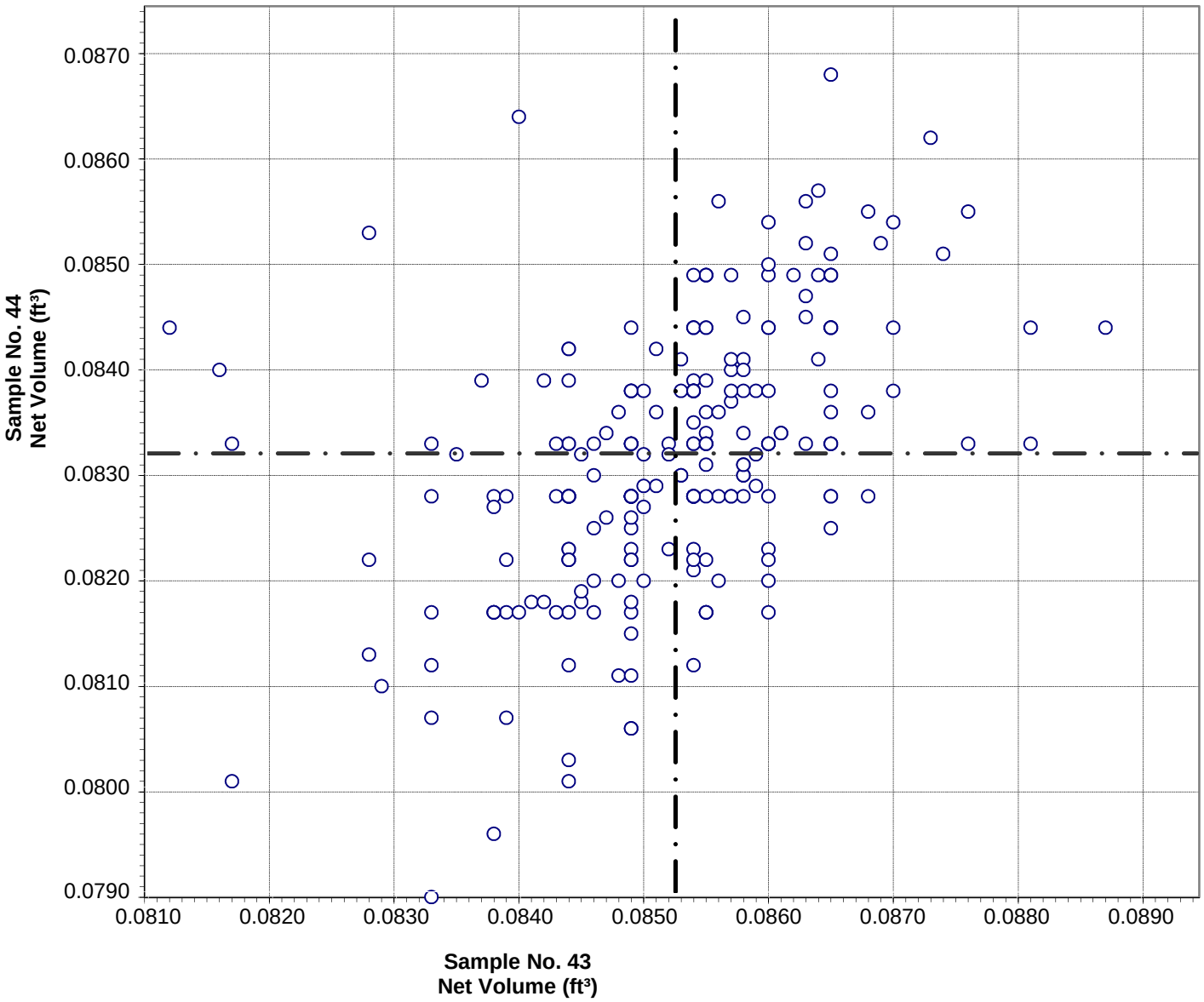


Test No. 650 Density 228 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	117.0	S.D.	1.3	C.V. 1.1
Sample No. 44	Ave	128.7	S.D.	1.8	C.V. 1.4

Labs Eliminated: 21, 41, 640, 1200, 1446, 1553, 1576, 1822, 2003, 2115, 2341, 3168, 3762, 3811, 4192

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Net Volume
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 652 Net Volume 234 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	0.0852	S.D.	0.0011	C.V. 1.3
Sample No. 44	Ave	0.0832	S.D.	0.0013	C.V. 1.5

Labs Eliminated: 1287, 1446, 1822, 2341, 3197, 4192

Labs off Diagram: 1576

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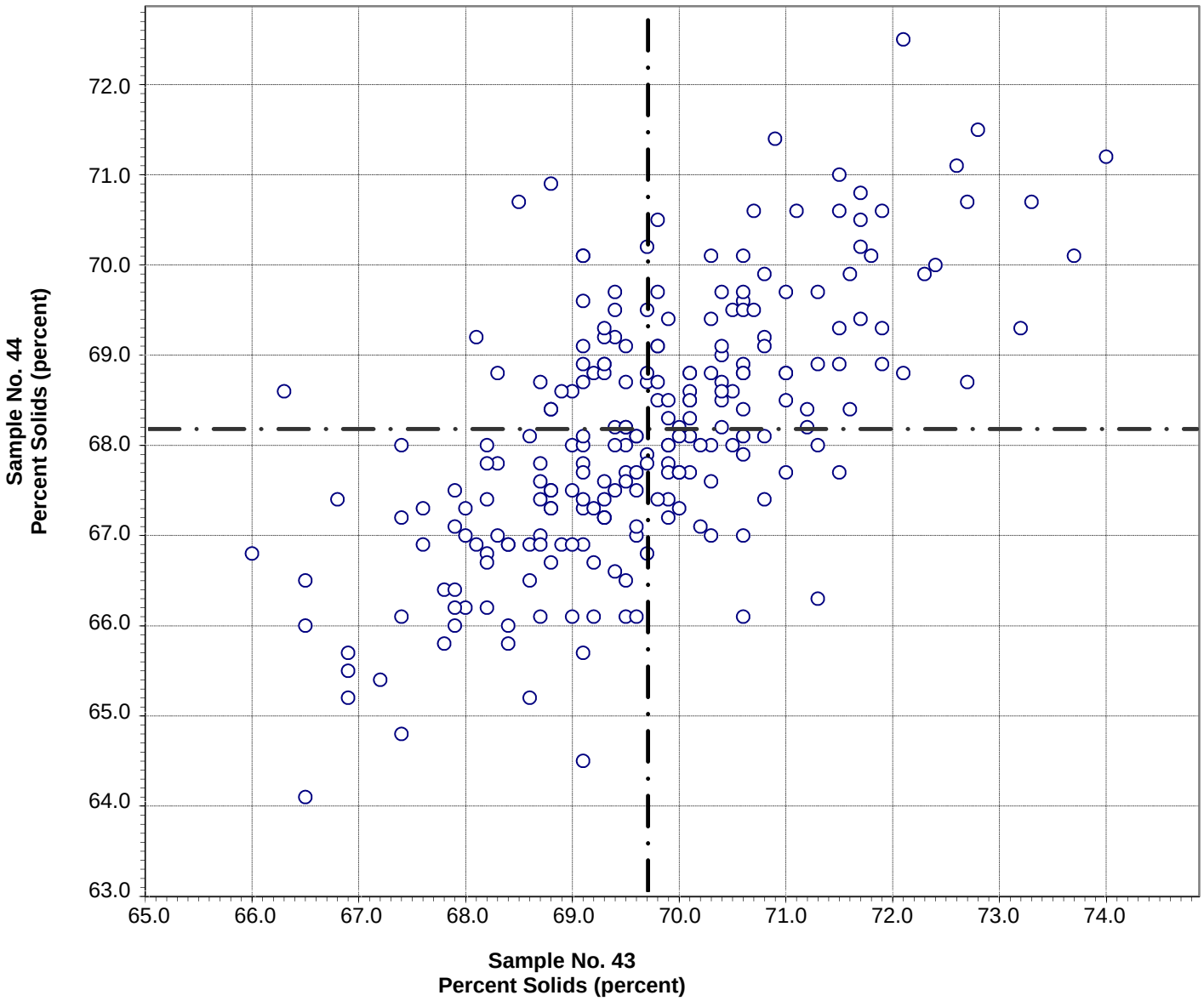
Percent Solids
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 654 Percent Solids 233 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	69.7	S.D.	1.4	C.V. 2.0
Sample No. 44	Ave	68.2	S.D.	1.5	C.V. 2.1

Labs Eliminated: 1287, 1822, 2341, 3811

Labs off Diagram: 1576

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Normalized Web
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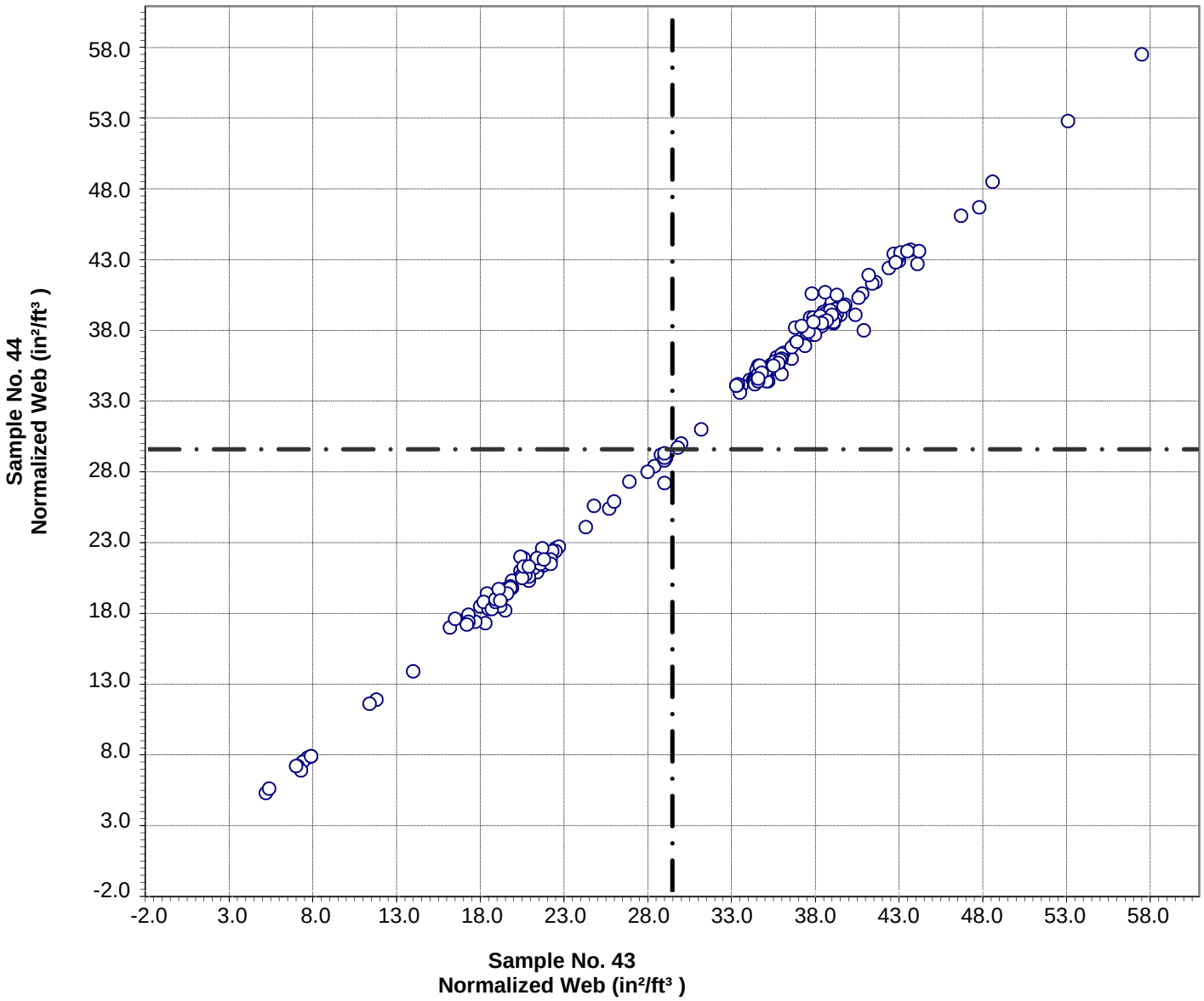
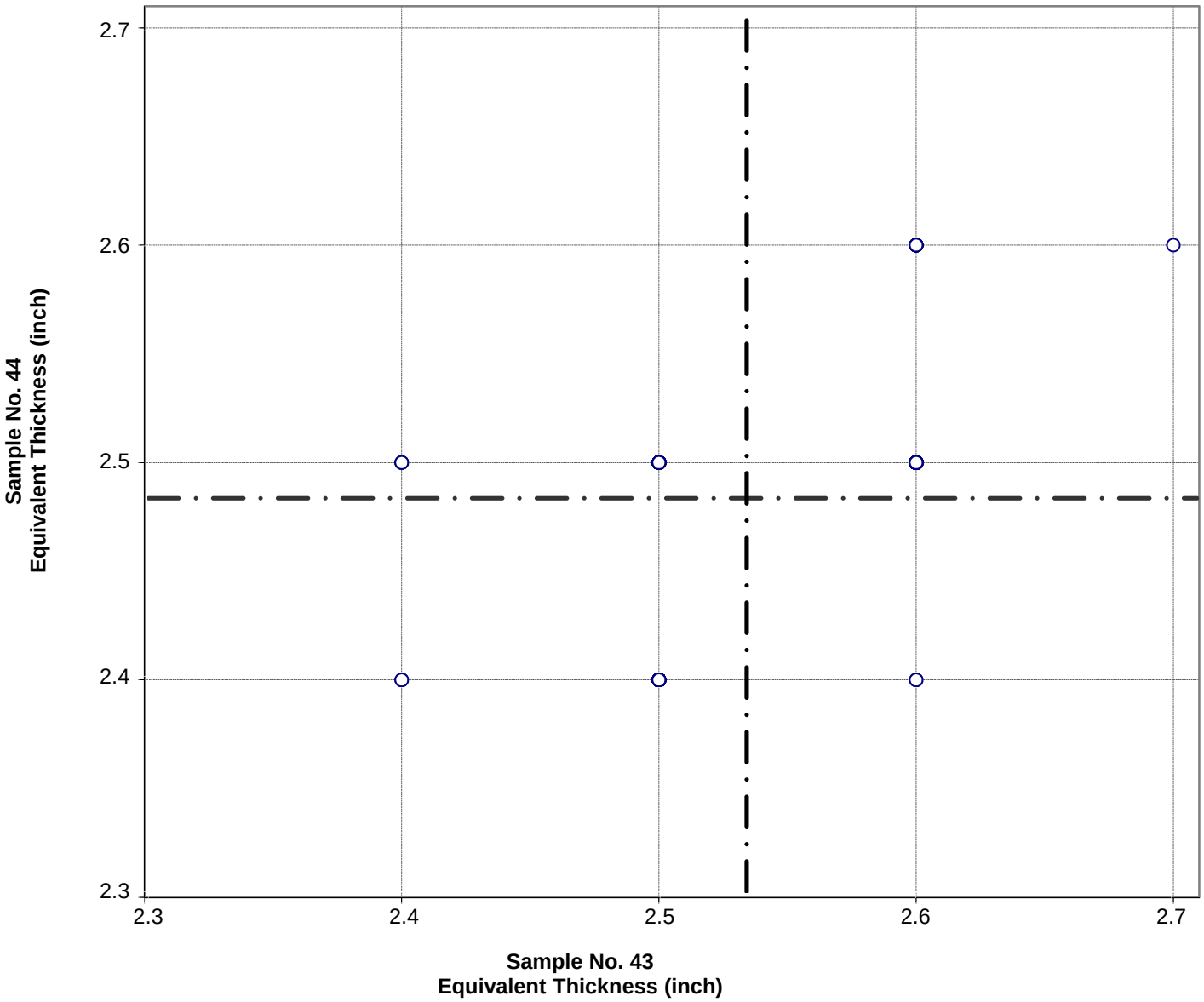


Test No. 656 Normalized Web 231 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	29.4	S.D.	10.2	C.V.	34.8
Sample No. 44	Ave	29.5	S.D.	10.2	C.V.	34.7

CCRL Proficiency Sample Program
Equivalent Thickness
CONCRETE MASONRY UNITS Samples No. 43 and No. 44



Test No. 660 Equivalent Thickness 227 Points

Sample No. 43	Ave	2.5	S.D.	0.05	C.V. 2.1
Sample No. 44	Ave	2.5	S.D.	0.05	C.V. 2.0

Labs Eliminated: 103, 537, 906, 1287, 1822, 2019, 2077, 2146, 2240, 2341, 3050, 3811, 3947, 4192