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Background

The current Canadian Masonry Design Standard (S304.1-2004) stipulates one of two methods to determine the compressive strength of concrete masonry for design. That is, testing of prisms built using materials representative of the actual construction materials or the use of tabulated values given in Table 4 of the Standard that are based on correlating the concrete unit compressive strength to the prism compressive strength based on research that was carried out in the 1970s and 1980s (Maurenbrecher, 1986). The objective of the analysis summarized in this report is to re-establish the correlations between unit strength and prism strength using recent test results. These correlations were examined using a large database of available test results of prism testing conducted mostly in North America, including a test program currently underway at the University of Alberta.

The tabulated values in Table 4 of the Canadian Standard were constructed from best-fit linear correlations between average concrete block compressive strength and average prism compressive strength values. Prism strength values were neither corrected for the prism height to thickness ratio nor for the effect of the mortar bedding type (full-bedded versus face-shell bedded). However, prism strength values were adjusted for the correct mortar bedding area resisting the load. A 20% reduction from the best-fit line was applied to the average prism strength values. These reduced values represent the basis for the current values in Table 4.

Description of the Database

For the analysis reported herein, a database was constructed for the compressive strength of both hollow and grouted concrete masonry construction. For hollow concrete block construction, 282 average/specified masonry compressive strength data points were computed from the test results of 1376 individual prisms. For grouted block construction, 89 data points from 310 individual prism tests were collected. Prism strength computations were performed according to CSA S304.1-04. The majority of the collected data ranged in sample size from 3 to 5 prisms. A full list of the collected data points and the references used in this analysis are given in Appendices I and II for hollow and grouted construction, respectively.

The database herein includes research subsequent to the research used in developing Table 4. Appropriate correction factors were applied to the computed masonry compressive strength values to take into account the effect of the following influential parameters:

- Prism height to thickness ratio— compressive strength values were multiplied by the correction factors given in Table D.1 of CSA S304.1-04 (see Table 1)
- Prism bedded area used for strength computation— where face-shell bedded prisms were tested and the reported masonry compressive strength was computed based on the average net area, strength values were increased by the area factors shown in Table 2. These factors represent the ratios between the average net area to the face-shell bedded area for different block sizes.
- Effect of type of mortar bedding— research has shown that fully bedded prisms and face-shell bedded prisms do not have direct strength correlation to load resisting areas. Two major investigations have

examined this parameter and have shown that face-shell bedded prisms have 10% (Maurenbrecher, 1986) to 15% (Gaynor et al., 1987) higher compressive strength than similar but fully bedded prisms. The more conservative value of 10% was used in this analysis to increase the strength of fully bedded prisms.

TABLE 1- Height to Thickness Correction Factors (CSA S304.1-04)

Correction factor		Hollow and semi-solid units	
Height-to-thickness ratio*	Solid units†	Concrete‡	Clay
1.4	—	1.00	0.85
2	0.80	1.00	0.85
3	0.90	1.00	0.90
4	0.95	1.00	0.95
5 to 10	1.00	1.00	1.00

*Linear interpolation is permitted.

†Including fully grouted hollow and semi-solid units.

‡For two-unit-high, hollow and semi-solid concrete block prisms, a correction factor of 0.90 shall be applied.

**TABLE 2- Bedding Area Correction Factor for Strength Computation
(Maurenbrecher, 1986)**

Block Size (mm)	Area Factor (net/face-shell)
90	1.05
140	1.14
190	1.36
240	1.46
290	1.64

Results and Discussion

Using the data shown in Appendix I for hollow masonry prisms constructed using Type S and Type N mortars, best-fit correlations were developed between the average block compressive strength and the average prism compressive strength, Figures 1 and 2 respectively. A power correlation ($y = a \bullet x^b$) yielded the highest R^2 values. The correlation curve was lowered by a factor of 0.82 and 0.81 for Type S and Type N mortars so that 90% of the prism average compressive strength points fall above the correlation curve. This approach is similar to what was followed in developing Table 4 of CSA S304.1-04.

In addition, correlations were established between the average block strength and the specified prism compressive strength. These correlations are shown in Figures 3 and 4 for Type S and Type N mortars; respectively. This is a very conservative approach as a correlation between the average block strength and the specified prism strength yields lower prism strength value for a given designated/nominal block strength than a correlation between the specified block strength and specified prism strength would.

Based on these two sets of correlations (average block vs reduced average prism strength and specified block vs specified prism strength), updated tabulated values for the compressive strength of hollow masonry were derived and are given in Table 3.

Data for grouted masonry prisms were deemed insufficient to construct reliable correlations between block strength and prism strength. Further data is needed and a recently recruited Masters student at the University of Alberta is currently working on expanding the database for grouted masonry.

Hollow Block & Type S Mortar Average Block Strength vs Average Prism Strength

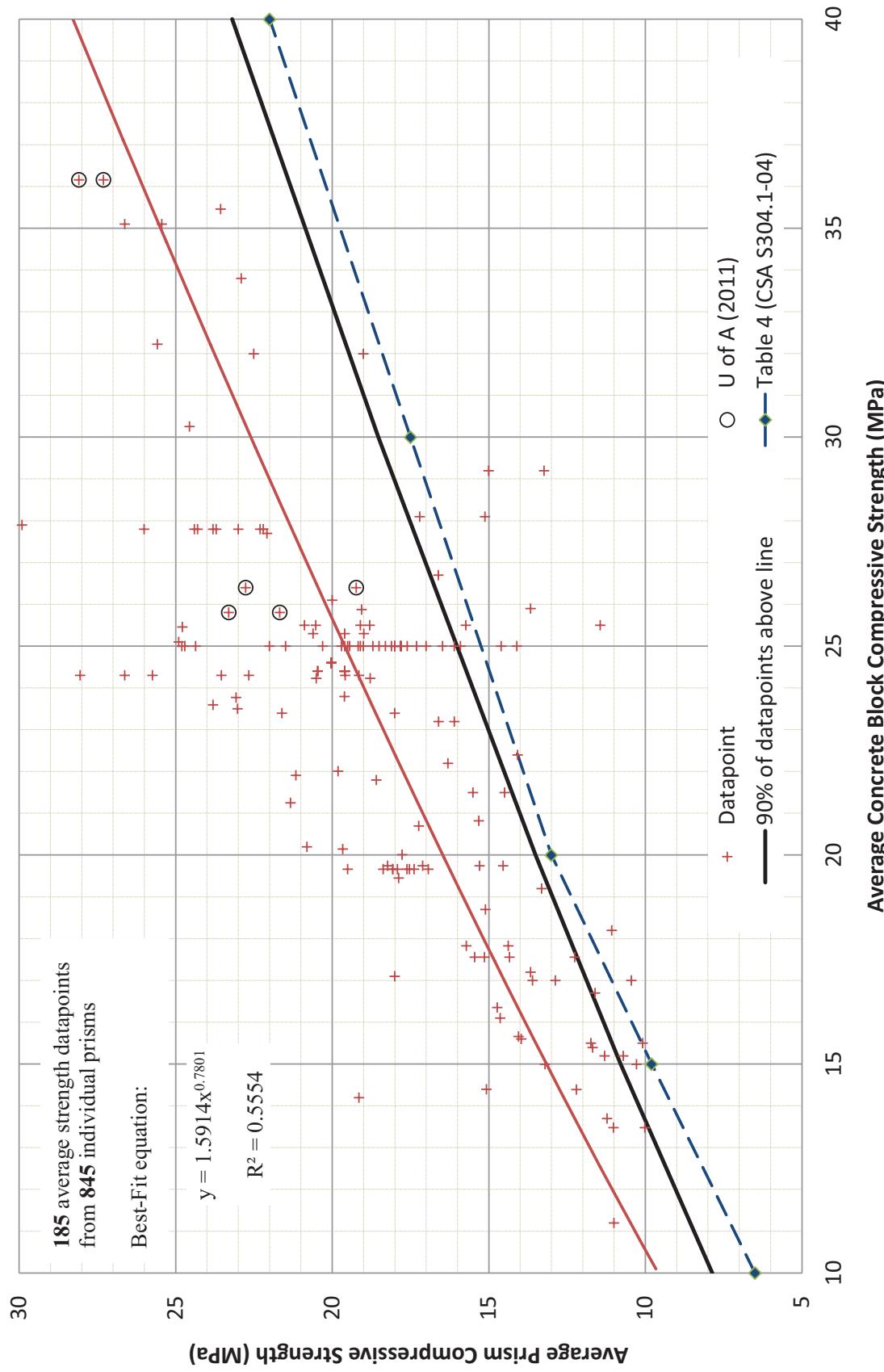


FIGURE 1- Correlation between Average Block and Average Prism Strength for Hollow Masonry with Type S Mortar

Hollow Block & Type N Mortar Average Block Strength vs Average Prism Strength

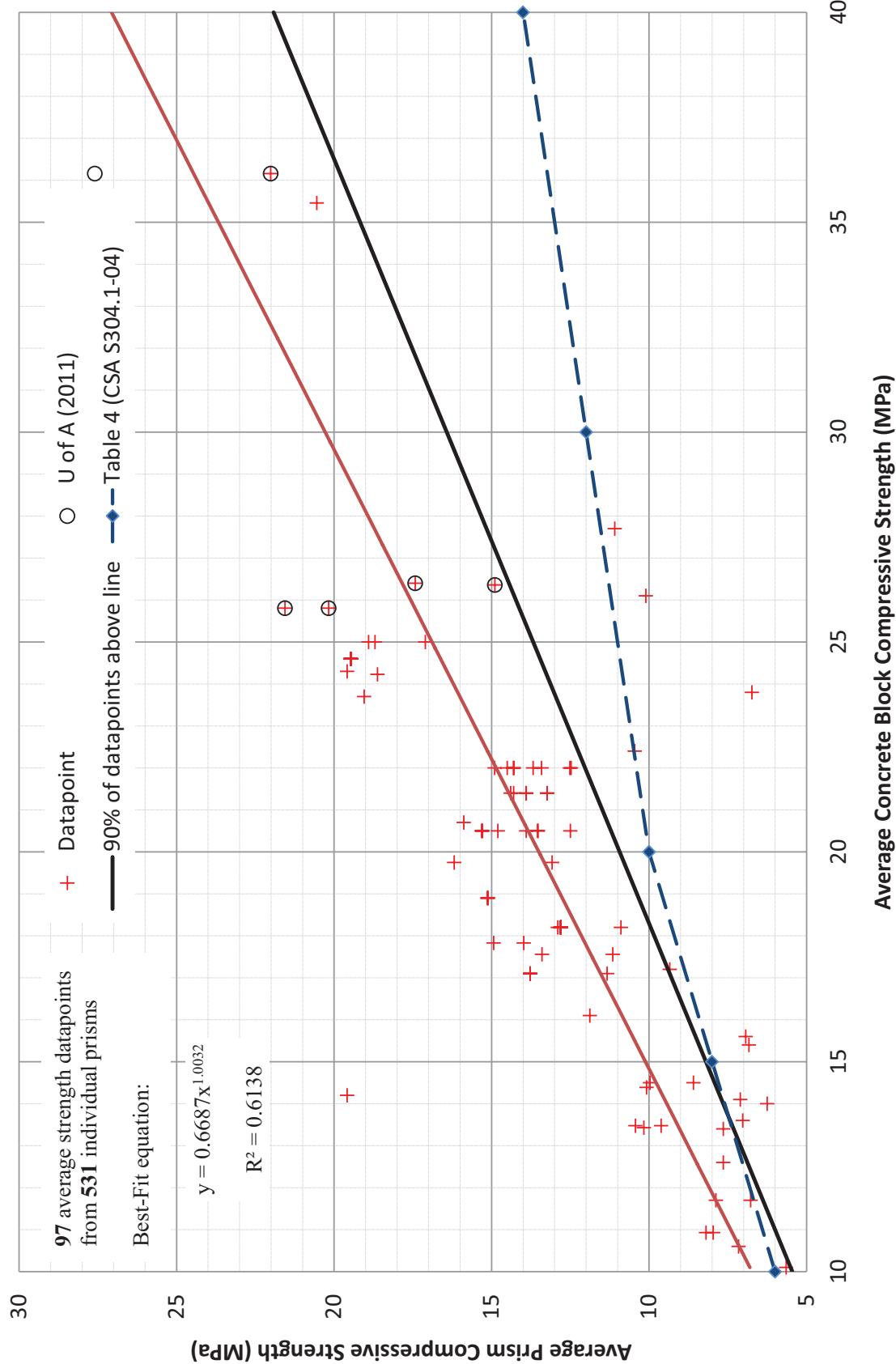


FIGURE 2- Correlation between Average Block and Average Prism Strength for Hollow Masonry with Type N Mortar

Hollow Block & Type S Mortar Average Block Strength vs Specified Prism Strength

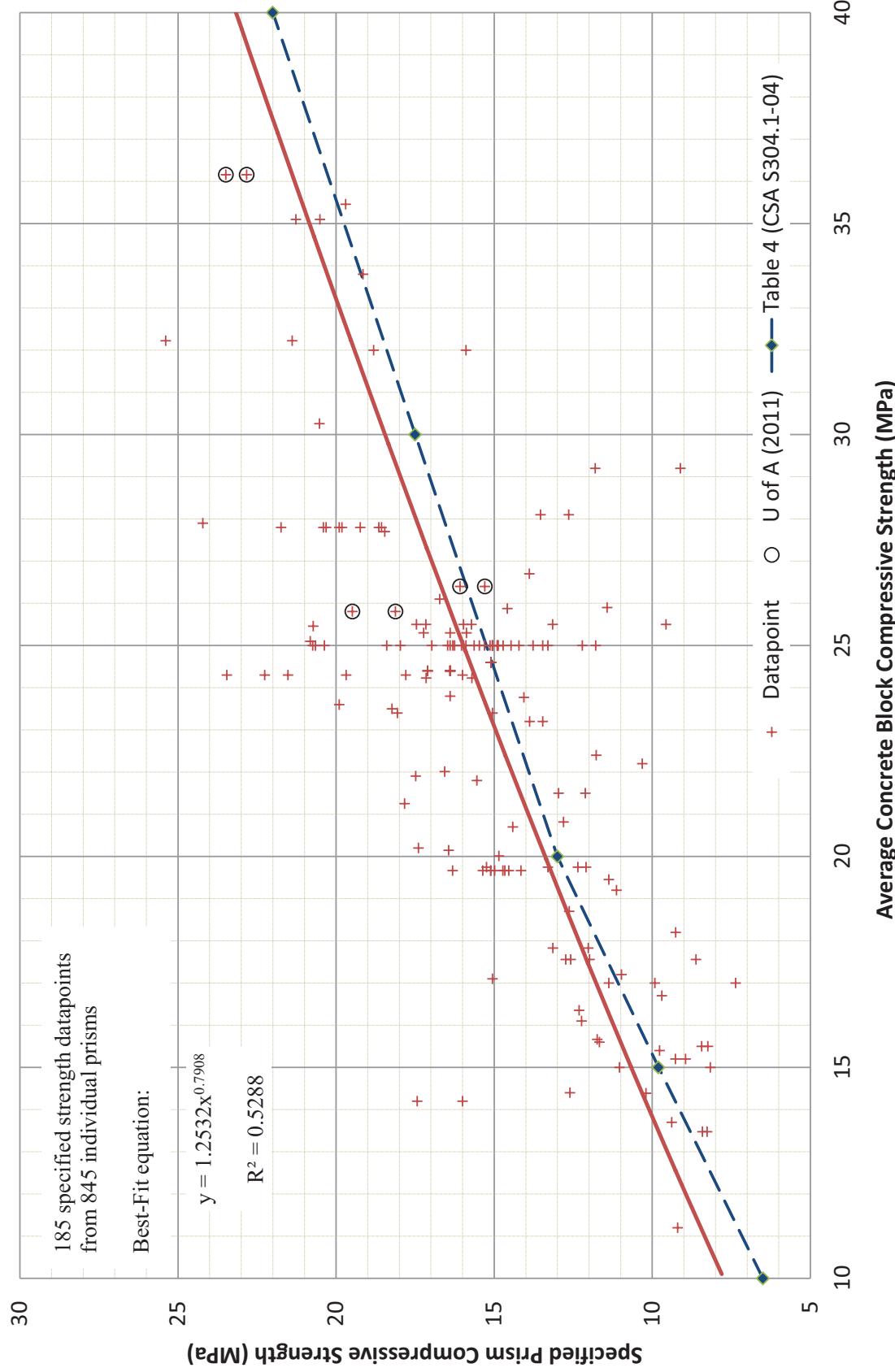


FIGURE 3- Correlation between Average Block and Specified Prism Strength for Hollow Masonry with Type S Mortar

Hollow Block & Type N Mortar Average Block Strength vs Specified Prism Strength

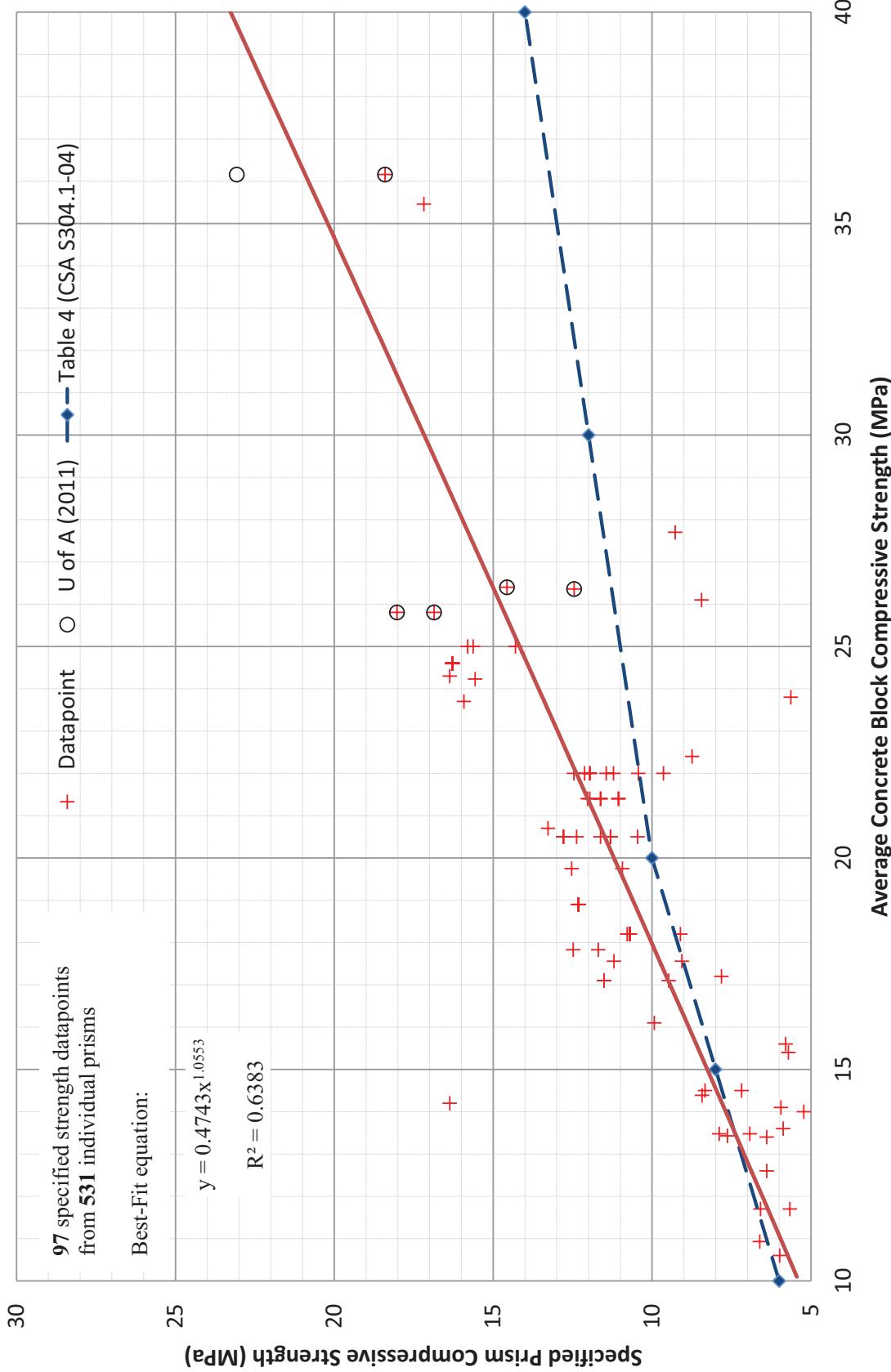


FIGURE 4- Correlation between Average Block and Specified Prism Strength for Hollow Masonry with Type N Mortar

Table 3- Summary of Proposed Updated Compressive Strength Values for Hollow Masonry

Hollow Concrete Masonry Compressive Strength (f'_{m})												
Block Strength (MPa)	Type S Mortar					Type N Mortar						
	Current Value	90% Line (Average)	Best Fit (Specified)	Proposed Value	% Increase	f'_m/f_u	Current Value	90% Line (Average)	Best Fit (Specified)	Proposed Value	% Increase	f'_m/f_u
40 or more	22.0	23.2	23.2	23.0	4.5	0.58	14	21.9	23.3	18.0	28.6	0.45
30	17.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	5.7	0.62	12	16.4	17.2	15.0	25.0	0.50
20	13.0	13.5	13.4	13.5	3.8	0.68	10	10.9	11.2	11.0	10.0	0.55
15	9.8	10.8	10.7	10.5	7.1	0.70	8	8.2	8.3	8.5	6.3	0.57
10	6.5	7.9	7.7	7.5	15.4	0.75	6	5.5	5.4	6.0	0.0	0.60

Note: Test data for prisms constructed using 30 MPa and 40 MPa concrete blocks and Type N mortar is limited. This explains the caution exercised in proposing new values for these high strength blocks. An experimental program to determine the compressive strength of hollow and grouted masonry prisms constructed of concrete blocks having compressive strength from 10 MPa to 40 MPa and Type S or Type N mortar is currently ongoing at the University of Alberta. The test program includes both masonry cement mortar and PCL mortar.

COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF HOLLOW PRISMS

APPENDIX I

Reference	Prism Dimensions		Mortar			Block			Prism										
	Height (h)	Thickness (t)	Courses	Type	Thickness (C:L:S)	Strength (MPa)	(MPa)	Average Strength (MPa)	Number of Tests	Bending Area Factor	Bending Type Factor								
1	397	397	194	2.05	2	0.9	8	Full	25.9	4.8	14.3	8	1.00	1.10	14.6				
	397	397	194	2.05	2	0.9	S	Full	25.9	4.8	13.8	3.3	3	1.00	1.10	11.4			
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	15.6	6	19.8	2.3	13.4	9.3	6	1.36	1.00	15.2	
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	15.6	6	Full	19.8	2.3	13.9	11.7	6	1.00	1.10	12.3
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	12.2	8	FS	19.8	2.3	12.6	13.6	6	1.36	1.00	13.3
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	12.2	8	Full	19.8	2.3	13.2	10.3	6	1.00	1.10	12.1
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	FS	19.8	2.3	11.9	13.8	6	1.36	1.00	12.5
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	Full	19.8	2.3	11.9	7.7	6	1.00	1.10	10.9
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	15.6	6	FS	17.6	1.4	11.4	10.7	6	1.36	1.00	12.7
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	15.6	6	Full	17.6	1.4	13.8	10.3	6	1.00	1.10	12.6
2	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	12.2	8	FS	17.6	1.4	10.5	9.4	6	1.36	1.00	12.0
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	12.2	8	Full	17.6	1.4	11.1	18.1	6	1.00	1.10	8.6
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	FS	17.6	1.4	9.9	9.9	6	1.36	1.00	11.2
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	Full	17.6	1.4	10.1	11.4	6	1.00	1.10	9.1
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	12.2	8	FS	13.5	1.4	8.1	14.4	6	1.36	1.00	8.4
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	12.2	8	Full	13.5	1.4	9.1	10.7	6	1.00	1.10	8.3
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	FS	13.5	1.4	7.7	14.9	6	1.36	1.00	7.9
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	Full	13.5	1.4	8.7	17.0	6	1.00	1.10	6.9
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	FS	10.9	1.3	6.0	25.1	6	1.36	1.00	4.8
	590	390	200	2.95	3	1.0	-	10.0	5.0	15	Full	10.9	1.3	7.2	10.4	6	1.00	1.10	6.6
3	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	15.1	-	Full	19.7	0.8	15.8	4.2	5	1.00	1.10	14.5
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	16.7	-	Full	19.7	0.8	16.0	7.5	5	1.00	1.10	14.7
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	17.3	-	Full	19.7	0.8	15.9	3.3	5	1.00	1.10	14.7
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.7	-	Full	19.7	0.8	16.4	3.6	5	1.00	1.10	15.1
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.2	-	Full	32.2	2.2	27.6	4.9	4	1.00	1.10	25.4
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	19.1	14.2	-	Full	32.2	2.2	23.3	1.1	2	1.00	1.10	21.4
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.2	-	Full	16.4	2.1	13.4	4.0	3	1.00	1.10	12.3
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.2	-	Full	22.0	0.9	18.0	1.7	4	1.00	1.10	16.6
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	12.8	-	Full	21.3	1.3	19.4	1.5	3	1.00	1.10	17.8
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.2	-	Full	20.1	1.1	17.9	5.1	4	1.00	1.10	16.4
4	590	195	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.2	-	Full	20.0	1.2	16.1	6.9	4	1.00	1.10	14.8
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.2	-	Full	15.7	1.3	12.8	8.4	3	1.00	1.10	11.7
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	12.8	-	Full	19.7	0.8	16.7	1.1	3	1.00	1.10	15.4
	600	390	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	12.8	-	Full	19.7	0.8	17.7	4.6	4	1.00	1.10	16.3
	590	195	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.0	-	FS	25.1	-	24.9	6.8	4	1.00	1.00	20.8
5	590	195	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.0	-	FS	17.1	-	18.0	7.3	3	1.00	1.00	15.0
	590	195	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.0	-	FS	27.9	-	29.9	11.6	3	1.00	1.00	24.2
	590	195	190	3.11	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.0	-	FS	20.2	-	20.8	1.5	3	1.00	1.00	17.4

	599	397	194	3.09	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	Full	24.4	-	18.6	3.0	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	17.1		
	599	397	194	3.09	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	24.4	-	19.6	6.0	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.4		
	599	397	194	3.09	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	24.4	-	19.6	6.0	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.4		
	599	397	194	3.09	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	24.4	-	19.6	6.0	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.4		
	599	397	194	3.09	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	24.4	-	19.6	6.0	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.4		
	599	397	194	3.09	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	24.4	-	19.6	6.0	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.4		
	599	397	194	3.09	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	24.4	-	19.6	6.0	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.4		
	600	178	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	14.5	8	Full	19.7	0.8	16.4	3.6	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	15.1		
7	600	178	143	4.20	3	1.0	S	9.5	18.2	6	Full	19.7	0.8	16.3	3.3	4	1.00	1.00	1.10	15.0		
	600	178	143	4.20	3	1.0	N	9.5	5.7	5	Full	19.7	0.8	15.4	5.5	4	1.00	1.00	1.10	14.2		
	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.0	S	10.0	9.4	11	Full	13.7	0.4	10.2	1.9	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	9.4		
8	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.0	S	10.0	7.7	14	Full	11.2	0.5	10.0	3.7	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	9.2		
	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.0	S	10.0	15.5	2	Full	15.0	0.3	12.0	4.8	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	11.0		
	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.0	S	10.0	22.2	22	Full	21.8	0.5	16.9	3.9	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	15.5		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	cls	10.0	9.2	-	Full	24.3	-	17.8	6.2	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.4		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	cls	10.0	15.4	-	Full	24.3	-	17.4	5.2	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.0		
9	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	cls	10.0	15.4	-	Full	24.3	-	21.4	1.9	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	19.7		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	cls	10.0	21.2	-	Full	24.3	-	20.6	13.1	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	17.8		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	cls	10.0	21.2	-	Full	24.3	-	24.2	2.9	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	22.3		
	610	390	190	3.21	3	1.0	cls	20.0	21.2	-	Full	24.3	-	25.5	1.6	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	23.4		
	390	195	190	2.05	2	0.9	cls	10.0	21.2	-	Full	24.3	-	26.0	1.5	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	21.5		
	390	390	190	2.05	2	0.9	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	25.5	1.2	22.8	4.4	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	17.2		
	390	390	190	2.05	2	0.9	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	25.5	1.2	23.2	2.4	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	17.5		
	390	390	190	2.05	2	0.9	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	32.0	5.5	25.0	4.1	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	18.8		
	390	390	190	2.05	2	0.9	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	21.5	6.2	16.1	4.2	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	12.1		
10	390	390	190	2.05	2	0.9	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	25.3	3.8	22.9	1.8	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	17.2		
	790	390	190	4.16	4	1.0	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	25.5	1.2	18.8	4.8	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	15.7		
	790	390	190	4.16	4	1.0	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	25.5	1.2	19.1	1.6	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.0		
	790	390	190	4.16	4	1.0	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	32.0	5.5	19.0	8.4	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	15.9		
	790	390	190	4.16	4	1.0	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	21.5	6.2	15.5	6.4	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	13.0		
	790	390	190	4.16	4	1.0	S	10.0	8.4	9	FS	25.3	3.8	21.1	3.7	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	15.9		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	1:0.5	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	24.4	2.0	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	20.4		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	1:0.6	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	26.0	1.0	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	21.7		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	1:0.7	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	23.8	4.0	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	19.9		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	1:0.8	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	24.3	2.0	3	1.00	1.00	1.10	20.3		
11	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	1:0.9	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	23.0	10.0	1	1.00	1.00	1.10	19.2		
	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	1:0:10	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	23.7	10.0	1	1.00	1.00	1.10	19.8		
	990	390	190	5.21	5	1.0	1:0:11	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	22.2	10.0	1	1.00	1.00	1.10	18.6		
	990	390	190	5.21	5	1.0	1:0:12	10.0	10.6	6	FS	27.8	1.4	22.3	10.0	1	1.00	1.00	1.10	18.6		
	12	842	396	194	4.34	4	1.00	S	10.0	19.2	-	FS	33.8	1.3	22.9	9.6	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	19.1	
	13	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.00	S	10.0	-	-	FS	25.0	-	15.8	0.0	1	1.36	1.00	1.10	18.0	
	665	440	140	4.75	3	1.0	N	10.0	4.0	-	Full	16.1	-	10.8	0.0	1	1.00	1.00	1.10	15.9		
14	665	440	140	4.75	3	1.0	S	10.0	4.0	-	Full	22.4	-	9.5	0.0	1	1.00	1.00	1.10	12.2		
	665	440	190	3.50	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	Full	22.4	-	12.8	0.0	1	1.00	1.00	1.10	8.7		
	665	440	190	3.50	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	17.1	1.7	15.3	6.7	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	11.8		
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.80	2	0.9	N	-	-	FS	17.1	1.7	15.3	6.7	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	11.5
	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.80	2	0.9	N	-	-	FS	17.1	1.7	15.3	6.7	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	11.5
	16	590	390	190	3.11	3	1.00	S	10.0	12.4	27	FS	15.0	-	10.3	12.6	7	1.00	1.00	1.10	11.5	
	17	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.9	S	10.0	17.9	-	FS	25.0	-	21.6	8.8	5	1.00	1.00	1.10	16.3

-	-	-	-	2	0.9	S	10.0	16.2	-	FS	25.0	-	21.3	2.6	5	1.00	1.00	16.0		
-	-	-	-	2	0.9	S	10.0	16.2	-	FS	25.0	-	19.8	6.1	5	1.00	1.00	14.9		
-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	10.0	9.6	-	FS	25.0	-	19.0	8.9	5	1.00	1.00	15.9		
-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	10.0	9.0	-	FS	25.0	-	18.3	3.8	5	1.00	1.00	15.3		
-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	10.0	11.5	-	FS	25.0	-	19.5	6.1	5	1.00	1.00	16.3		
-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	10.0	11.5	-	FS	25.0	-	18.5	5.1	5	1.00	1.00	15.5		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	8.7	-	FS	25.0	-	17.8	4.4	10	1.00	1.00	14.9		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	8.8	-	FS	25.0	-	18.0	5.9	10	1.00	1.00	15.0		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	9.9	-	FS	25.0	-	18.0	2.8	5	1.00	1.00	15.0		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	9.8	-	FS	25.0	-	18.0	4.9	10	1.00	1.00	15.0		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	9.2	-	FS	25.0	-	20.3	6.1	5	1.00	1.00	17.0		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	9.9	-	FS	25.0	-	19.6	6.5	5	1.00	1.00	16.4		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	9.2	-	FS	25.0	-	19.1	5.0	5	1.00	1.00	16.0		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.7	-	FS	25.0	-	17.8	5.1	5	1.00	1.00	14.9		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	7.5	-	FS	25.0	-	17.6	5.6	5	1.00	1.00	14.7		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	N	10.0	6.1	-	FS	25.0	-	18.9	4.5	5	1.00	1.00	15.8		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	N	10.0	6.1	-	FS	25.0	-	17.1	4.1	5	1.00	1.00	14.3		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	N	10.0	6.6	-	FS	25.0	-	18.7	2.4	5	1.00	1.00	15.6		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	6.0	8.7	-	FS	25.0	-	18.0	2.5	5	1.00	1.00	15.0		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	6.0	9.8	-	FS	25.0	-	17.8	7.6	5	1.00	1.00	14.9		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	15.0	9.0	-	FS	25.0	-	15.9	6.3	5	1.00	1.00	13.3		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	15.0	9.0	-	FS	25.0	-	16.1	8.3	5	1.00	1.00	13.5		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	9.9	-	FS	25.0	-	14.6	3.8	5	1.00	1.00	12.2		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	9.9	-	FS	25.0	-	14.1	4.2	5	1.00	1.00	11.8		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.9	-	FS	25.0	-	24.7	7.0	5	1.00	1.00	20.6		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.9	-	FS	25.0	-	22.0	6.5	5	1.00	1.00	18.4		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.0	-	FS	25.0	-	24.4	7.8	5	1.00	1.00	20.4		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.9	-	FS	25.0	-	24.8	1.9	5	1.00	1.00	20.7		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.7	-	FS	25.0	-	19.7	10.0	5	1.00	1.00	16.5		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.7	-	FS	25.0	-	17.0	7.4	5	1.00	1.00	14.2		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	7.5	-	FS	25.0	-	18.7	3.5	5	1.00	1.00	15.6		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.0	-	FS	25.0	-	17.3	4.0	5	1.00	1.00	14.5		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.9	-	FS	25.0	-	18.1	5.3	5	1.00	1.00	15.1		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.7	-	FS	25.0	-	20.8	2.9	5	1.00	1.00	12.8		
-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	10.0	10.7	-	FS	25.0	-	30.3	2.8	24.8	6.5	3	1.00	1.00	20.5
-	-	-	-	5	1.0	S	10.0	8.5	-	FS	24.2	-	13.7	4.9	3	1.36	1.00	15.6		
-	-	-	-	5	1.0	S	10.0	8.5	-	FS	24.2	-	13.8	7.4	3	1.36	1.00	15.7		
18	97	99	48	2.00	2	0.9	N	10	6.76	-	Full	20.8	-	15.5	5.4	3	1.00	1.10	12.8	
-	-	-	-	5	1.0	S	10.0	8.5	-	FS	25.0	-	17.3	4.0	5	1.00	1.00	14.5		
-	-	-	-	5	1.0	S	10.0	8.5	-	FS	25.0	-	18.1	5.3	5	1.00	1.00	15.1		
-	-	-	-	5	1.0	S	10.0	6.76	-	Full	30.3	-	24.8	6.5	3	1.00	1.10	12.8		
-	-	-	-	5	1.0	S	10.0	11.9	-	FS	24.2	-	13.7	4.9	3	1.36	1.00	17.1		
596	397	194	3.07	3	1.0	N	10.0	11.9	-	FS	24.2	-	13.8	7.4	3	1.36	1.00	12.5		
596	397	194	3.07	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.7	-	FS	17.8	-	10.3	4.2	3	1.36	1.00	13.1		
19	596	397	194	3.07	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.7	-	FS	17.8	-	10.6	6.1	3	1.36	1.00	12.0	
596	397	194	3.07	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.7	-	Full	24.2	-	18.6	5.4	3	1.00	1.10	17.1		
596	397	194	3.07	3	1.0	N	10.0	11.9	-	Full	17.8	-	13.6	3.1	3	1.00	1.10	12.5		
596	397	194	3.07	3	1.0	S	10.0	17.7	-	Full	17.8	-	14.3	4.0	3	1.00	1.10	13.1		
20	590	290	140	4.21	3	1.00	-	10.0	4.9	-	Full	13.4	-	9.2	15.2	5	1.00	1.10	7.6	
21	590	390	140	7.07	5	1.0	N	10.0	17.3	9	FS	23.2	-	2.7	16.6	3.7	3	1.00	1.00	13.9
596	397	194	3.07	3	1.0	N	10.0	17.3	9	FS	23.2	-	2.7	16.1	8.1	3	1.00	1.00	13.5	
400	400	200	2.00	2	0.9	N	-	7.6	13	FS	18.9	10.3	16.8	11.3	6	1.00	1.00	12.3		
22	400	400	200	2.00	2	0.9	N	-	7.6	13	FS	18.9	10.3	16.8	11.3	6	1.00	1.00	12.3	
400	400	200	2.00	2	0.9	N	-	7.6	13	FS	18.9	10.3	16.8	11.3	6	1.00	1.00	12.3		
590	390	140	4.21	3	1.00	-	10.0	4.8	7	FS	14.4	-	10.1	10.0	3	1.00	1.00	8.4		
590	390	140	4.21	3	1.00	-	10.0	3.9	7	FS	20.7	-	15.9	10.0	3	1.00	1.00	13.3		
23	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.00	-	10.0	4.3	7	FS	35.5	-	20.6	10.0	3	1.00	1.00	17.2	
590	390	140	4.21	3	1.00	-	10.0	7.9	5	FS	14.4	-	12.2	10.0	3	1.00	1.00	10.2		

	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.00	-	10.0	9.8	5	FS	20.7	-	17.2	10.0	3	1.00	1.00	14.4
	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.00	-	10.0	7.1	5	FS	35.5	-	23.6	10.0	3	1.00	1.00	19.7
24	590	400	200	2.95	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	18.7	2.0	15.1	10.0	5	1.00	1.00	12.6
	590	400	200	2.95	3	1.0	S	10.0	-	-	FS	16.7	1.1	11.6	10.0	5	1.00	1.00	9.7
25	-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	-	-	-	FS	15.5	-	8.6	18.2	4	1.36	1.00	8.2
	-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	-	-	-	FS	15.5	-	7.4	4.9	4	1.36	1.00	8.4
26	-	-	-	-	2	0.9	S	9.5	22.9	7	FS	23.8	3.1	17.0	19.7	5	1.36	1.00	14.1
	-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	9.5	22.9	7	FS	23.5	2.4	16.9	12.7	5	1.36	1.00	18.2
27	-	-	-	-	3	1.0	S	9.5	22.9	7	FS	25.5	3.9	18.2	7.7	5	1.36	1.00	20.7
	-	-	-	-	4	1.0	S	9.5	22.9	7	FS	21.9	1.1	15.6	10.6	5	1.36	1.00	17.5
28	-	-	-	-	2	0.9	S	9.5	22.9	7	FS	19.5	2.5	13.1	17.9	5	1.36	1.00	11.4
	-	-	-	-	2	0.9	N	-	-	-	FS	13.6	0.7	5.7	6.8	10	1.36	1.00	5.9
29	390	390	140	2.79	2	0.9	N	10.0	6.6	-	FS	21.4	0.8	14.7	4.8	10	1.00	1.00	11.1
	590	390	140	4.21	3	1.0	N	10.0	6.6	-	FS	21.4	0.8	14.3	3.0	10	1.00	1.00	12.0
	790	390	140	5.64	4	1.0	N	10.0	6.6	-	FS	21.4	0.8	13.9	4.3	10	1.00	1.00	11.6
390	390	190	2.05	2	0.9	N	10.0	6.6	-	FS	22.0	1.9	14.9	3.6	10	1.00	1.00	11.2	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	N	10.0	6.6	-	FS	22.0	1.9	14.5	5.4	10	1.00	1.00	12.1	
990	390	190	5.21	5	1.0	N	10.0	6.6	-	FS	22.0	1.9	14.3	3.9	10	1.00	1.00	12.0	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	PCL-N	10.0	7.4	12	FS	26.4	2.8	14.9	7	5	1.00	1.00	12.4	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	MC-N	10.0	7.8	11	FS	26.4	2.8	17.4	2	5	1.00	1.00	14.6	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	PCL-S	10.0	12.7	5	FS	26.4	2.8	19.2	10	5	1.00	1.00	16.1	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	MC-S	10.0	13.8	19	FS	26.4	2.8	22.8	20	5	1.00	1.00	15.3	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	PCL-N	10.0	7.4	12	FS	25.8	1.8	20.2	9	5	1.00	1.00	16.9	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	MC-N	10.0	7.8	11	FS	25.8	1.8	21.6	10.0	5	1.00	1.00	18.0	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	PCL-S	10.0	12.7	5	FS	25.8	1.8	23.3	3	5	1.00	1.00	19.5	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	MC-S	10.0	13.8	19	FS	25.8	1.8	21.7	8	5	1.00	1.00	18.1	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	PCL-N	10.0	7.4	12	FS	36.2	1.4	22.0	9	5	1.00	1.00	18.4	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	MC-N	10.0	7.8	11	FS	36.2	1.4	27.6	7	4	1.00	1.00	23.1	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	PCL-S	10.0	12.7	5	FS	36.2	1.4	27.3	8	5	1.00	1.00	22.8	
590	390	190	3.11	3	1.0	MC-S	10.0	13.8	19	FS	36.2	1.4	28.1	7	5	1.00	1.00	23.5	

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APPENDIX II

COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF GROUTED PRISMS

	Reference	Prism Dimensions, mm				Mortar properties				Block				Grout				Prism		
		Height (h)	Length (l)	Thickness (t)	Courses	Type	Correlation factor	(C:L:S)	Thickness (mm)	Strength (MPa)	(MPa)	C.O.V.	St. Dev.	C.O.V.	St. Dev.	Average compressive strength (MPa)	Average compressive strength (MPa)	C.O.V.	Number of Prisms	Calculated Specified Strength f'm
1	397	397	194	2.05	2	0.80	S	9.5	12.4	1.5	12	25.9	4.8	30.0	13.1	15	8	9.8		
		397	194	2.05	2	0.80	S	9.5	12.1	1.7	14	25.9	4.8	24.6	13.7	3	6	11.4		
		397	194	2.05	2	0.80	S	9.5	12.1	1.7	14	25.9	4.8	24.6	15.6	7	5	13.0		
		397	194	2.05	2	0.80	S	9.5	12.1	1.7	14	25.9	4.8	24.6	15.4	11	11	12.6		
		397	194	2.05	2	0.80	S	9.5	12.1	1.7	14	25.9	4.8	24.6	16.2	7	7	13.6		
	600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	15.1	-	-	19.7	0.8	15.9	10.8	6	5	9.1		
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	16.7	-	-	19.7	0.8	15.3	11.2	6	5	9.3	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	17.3	-	-	19.7	0.8	15.3	11.3	4	5	9.5	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	14.2	-	-	19.7	0.8	15.3	11.3	14	5	8.8	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	15.8	-	-	19.7	0.8	21.3	12.8	6	5	10.7	
2	600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	13.5	-	-	19.7	0.8	17.4	12.1	3	4	10.1		
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	14.2	-	-	32.2	2.2	19.8	16.9	2	4	14.1	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	14.2	-	-	22.0	0.9	22.0	13.2	4	4	11.0	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	14.2	-	-	21.3	1.3	22.0	14.1	5	4	11.8	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	14.2	-	-	20.1	1.1	19.8	12.1	1	4	10.2	
	600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	14.2	-	-	20.0	1.2	22.0	14.7	9	4	12.3		
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	14.2	-	-	15.7	1.3	21.4	9.2	3	3	7.7	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	12.8	-	-	19.7	0.8	16.5	11.9	5	3	10.0	
		600	-	178	3.38	3	0.92	S	9.5	12.8	-	-	19.7	0.8	16.5	13.3	5	4	11.1	
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		590	195	3.11	3	0.91	S	10.0	17.0	-	-	27.9	-	21.1	15.0	7	3	12.5		
		590	195	3.11	3	0.91	S	10.0	17.0	-	-	20.2	-	21.1	14.1	2	4	11.8		
		590	195	3.11	3	0.91	S	10.0	17.0	-	-	22.2	-	21.1	14.5	5	3	12.1		
	590	195	4.21	3	0.96	S	10.0	17.0	-	-	23.6	-	21.1	13.8	7	4	11.5			
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		590	390	3.11	3	0.91	S	10.0	8.4	-	-	16.7	20.3	10.3	0	1	1	8.8		
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6	397	194	194	2.05	2	0.80	S	-	22.0				25.0		15.9	18.5	2	5	15.5
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	590	390	190	3.11	3	0.91	-	10.0	15.4	-		24.3	-	8.6	13.8	9	3	11.5	
7	590	390	190	3.11	3	0.91	-	10.0	15.4	-		24.3	-	15.7	11.4	2	3	9.5	
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	390	390	190	2.05	2	0.81	-	10.0	21.2	-		24.3	-	17.1	16.8	6	2	14.0	
	390	195	190	2.05	2	0.81	-	10.0	21.2	-		24.3	-	17.1	23.2	2	2	19.4	
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	406	394	102	4.	4	0.95	N(1:1:6)	-	11.6		10	26.9	-	29.2	21.0	10	5	17.5	
	406	394	203	2.	4	0.80	N(1:1:6)	-	11.6		10	21.6	-	29.2	27.9	10	5	23.3	
	406	394	152	2.66	4	0.87	N(1:1:6)	-	11.6		10	24.7	-	29.2	25.0	10	5	20.9	
8							S										24.1		
	406	394	152	2.66	4	0.87	(1:1:2:4) 1/2)	-	24.3		8	24.7	-	29.2	28.8	10	5		
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	406	394	152	2.66	4	0.87	N(1:1:6)	-	11.6		10	24.7	-	29.2	24.1	10	5	20.1	
	416	406	203	2.05	2	0.80	S	10.0	11.2	-		24.5	-	15.5	17.1	6	3	14.3	
	629	406	203	3.1	3	0.90	S	10.0	11.2	-		24.5	-	15.5	14.8	6	3	12.4	
	842	406	203	4.14	4	0.96	S	10.0	11.2	-		24.5	-	15.5	13.2	6	3	11.0	
	1055	406	203	5.19	5	1.00	S	10.0	11.2	-		24.5	-	15.5	12.6	6	3	10.5	
	416	406	203	2.05	2	0.80	S	10.0	11.2	-		21.0	-	15.5	16.2	6	3	13.5	
	629	406	203	3.1	3	0.90	S	10.0	11.2	-		21.0	-	15.5	15.0	6	3	12.5	
	842	406	203	4.14	4	0.96	S	10.0	11.2	-		21.0	-	15.5	14.6	6	3	12.2	
	1055	406	203	5.19	5	1.00	S	10.0	11.2	-		21.0	-	15.5	14.8	6	3	12.4	
	-	-	-	4.	4	0.95	S	-	10.9	-		25.0	-	10.2	12.9	5	5	10.8	
10	-	-	-	4.	4	0.95	S	-	10.9	-		25.0	-	11.6	14.0	5	5	11.7	
	-	-	-	4.	4	0.95	S	-	11.3	-		25.0	-	34.9	14.8	11	5	12.2	
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	590	390	140	4.21	3	0.96	-	10.0	7.9	-	5	14.4	-	12.5	13.1	10	3	11.0	
	12	590	390	140	4.21	3	0.96	-	10.0	9.8	-	5	20.7	-	28.5	18.5	10	3	15.5
	13	-	-	-	3.16	3	0.91	S	-	-	-	5	35.5	-	34.7	25.1	10	3	21.0
	-	-	-	3.16	3	0.91	S	-	-	-	5	15.5	-	11.4	8.4	10	4	7.0	

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