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Provisional Certificate
of Surface Area Analysis of
STANDARD PORTLAND CEMENT

No. 114d

Surface area - - - - - 1870 sq cm per gram

Residue on No. 325 sieve, wet method - - - - 11.2 percent

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To open, make a deep scratch with file about 1/4 inch from bottom of vial, then heat point of file red hot and press the hot point against the scratch. This will cause a circumferential crack around the bottle after which it is easily opened by prying apart with the fingers. The operation should be carried out over a clean sheet of paper in order to recover any cement that spills.

The specific surface of cement decreases rapidly on being exposed to the air. Therefore, after opening the container, the sample must be protected from atmospheric moisture until time of test. The sample must be used as soon as possible after opening - in any case within eight hours.