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## ABSTRACT

A laboratory study was conducted to determine the reliability of spot test kits for detecting the presence of lead in household paint when tests were conducted by certified lead inspectors or risk assessors. Reagent solutions were applied to paint specimens and, subsequently, the specimens were observed for characteristic color change. For the study, four test kits were based on the reaction of lead ion with sulfide ion to produce a gray or black color, whereas four others were based on the reaction of lead ion with rhodizonate ion to give a pink or red color. These eight kits were used in an experiment investigating the effect of lead level, lead pigment type, operator, paint-film substrate, overlayer paint type, and overlayer paint thickness. Test samples, prepared using either a white lead (i.e., basic lead carbonate) or a lead chromate pigment, had ten lead levels ranging from 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> to 3.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Five operators were trained according to test protocols based on each kit manufacturer's instructions. The study showed that the spot test kits gave positive results at lead levels less than 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Consequently, a positive response could not be relied on to indicate the presence of lead-based paint, which is defined as paint having lead levels equal to, or greater than, 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. This finding is consistent with the results of past field studies. A criterion against which a spot test kit may be considered as acceptable for use as a negative screen (i.e., a test for which a negative result indicates a low probability of lead  $\geq 1$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) for the presence of lead-based paint was proposed. This criterion is: Upon evaluation of spot test kit response, the probability of a negative response (with 95 % confidence) at a lead level of 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> is  $\leq 5\%$ . Equivalently, the lead level at which there is a 95 % probability of a positive response (with 95 % confidence) should be  $\leq 1$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. The type of lead pigment had a significant effect on the spot test kit response. For white lead specimens, six kits—three sulfide-based and three rhodizonate-based—gave low percents of false negatives ( $\leq 2\%$ ) and met the proposed criterion for acceptance as a negative screen for lead-based paint. For lead chromate specimens, three of these six kits—two sulfide-based and one rhodizonate-based—also had low percents of false negatives ( $\leq 2\%$ ) and met the proposed acceptance criterion. The other factors—overlayer type, overlayer thickness, operator, and substrate—did not generally show significant effects in cases where the spot test kits appeared to be candidates for use as negative screens for lead-based paint. Finally, the study results lead to the suggestion that an evaluation of spot test kit response should afford a low percent of positive results at the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level because, in practice, false-positives may needlessly spur test kit users into taking further, but unnecessary, investigative action for the presence of lead.

Key words: building technology; detection; kit response; lead-based paint; lead level; lead chromate; operator effect; spot test kits; testing; white lead

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

According to a recent report by the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, approximately 24 million U.S. dwellings were at risk for lead-based paint hazards in 1999 [1]. As defined in Public Law 102-550, *Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992*, the term lead-based paint means paint or other surface coatings that contain lead at contents that "equal or exceed a level of 1.0 milligram per centimeter squared or 0.5 percent by weight" [2]. A definition is also given in the *Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing*, a document often called the *HUD Guidelines* [3]. The accurate and efficient identification of lead-based paint in housing is important to the Federal government. For example, identification of lead-based paint in most pre-1978 "target" housing\* requires disclosure of that information, if available, to the owner, prospective purchasers, or tenants (42 U.S.C. 4852d, 24 CFR 35.80-98). Also, in certain target housing receiving financial assistance from HUD, or being sold by the Federal government, identification of lead-based paint results in requirements for lead-based paint hazard evaluation and/or control (42 U.S.C. 4822, 24 CFR 35.1-1355).

As far back as the early 1970s, spot tests were introduced as relatively nonintrusive, potentially cost-saving, qualitative methods for determining the presence or absence of lead-based paint on-site [4,5]. A spot test involves "the application of reagent solution to a prepared dry paint film sample, paint chip, paint powder, or painted surface and the subsequent observation for the presence or absence of the characteristic color change" [6]. Presently, two types of spot tests are used for detecting lead in paint, and prepackaged kits are commercially available from a number of suppliers [7,8]. One type is based on the reaction of rhodizonate ion with lead II ion; this reaction produces in acidic solution a color change from yellow-orange to pink or red. The other is based on the reaction of sulfide ion with lead II ion; here the color change is from clear to gray or black.\*\* In performing a spot test, the basic procedure is to cut a notch through, or to abrade the surface of, the paint film, then to place the reagent solution on that location, and finally to observe qualitatively whether a characteristic color change occurs. Variations to this general procedure include placing the reagent solution on paint chips, and mixing paint chips in a leaching solution which is, in turn, tested with the reagent. The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) has issued two standards associated with the use of spot tests: ASTM E 1753, *Practice for Use of Qualitative Chemical Spot Test Kits for Detection of Lead in Dry Paint Films* [6] and ASTM E 1828, *Guide for Evaluating the Performance Characteristics of Qualitative Chemical Spot Test Kits for Lead in Paint* [9].

Potential advantages to using spot tests over other methods of identifying lead-based paint include that spot test methods: are inexpensive and rapid, may require minimal operator technique, and may respond to microgram levels of analyte [7]. The major barrier to the acceptance of spot tests has been indications that they may be unreliable for identifying lead-based paint [8,10,11]. For example,

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\*The definition of target housing in the *HUD Guidelines* [3] is: Any residential unit constructed before 1978, except dwellings that do not contain bedrooms or dwellings that were developed specifically for the elderly or persons with disabilities—unless a child younger than 6 resides or is expected to reside in the dwelling. In the case of jurisdictions that banned the sale or use of lead-based paint before 1978, the Secretary of HUD may designate an earlier date for defining target housing.

\*\*The two types of spot tests are referred to as rhodizonate and sulfide in this report.

a 1997 EPA report [11] indicated the following concerns: spot tests are subject to positive results in which lead is indicated when it is not present at significant levels; spot test reagents may not solubilize the lead resulting in false negative\* results indicating the absence of lead when it is present in significant levels; and spot tests do not provide a reliable transition from negative response to positive response at the Federal level at which a paint is classified as lead-based (i.e., 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>).

Many studies [7,8,11-20] have been conducted in the laboratory and field to evaluate the performance of spot tests. In one of the earliest studies in the late 1970s, Vind, Mathews, Alumbaugh, and Hamilton [12] reported that they were able to forego laboratory analysis of 150 out of 250 field paint samples because the spot tests conducted with sodium sulfide reagent were considered “unquestionably negative.” In the late 80s, in a study incorporating about 70 samples, McKnight, Byrd, Roberts, and Lagergren [13] suggested that spot tests conducted by experienced technicians may be useful in indicating the presence of lead at or near the lead-based paint level of 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, but recommended further evaluation. More recently, Ashley, Hunter, Tait, Dozier, Seaman, and Berry [20] concluded from a study of about 200 paint films using a rhodizonate spot test kit that “in-situ testing of lead in paint by [...] chemical spot test kits can be used for screening (i.e., qualitative) purposes.” In contrast to these examples, a 1995 field study jointly funded by EPA and HUD [8] concluded that test kits should not be used for lead paint testing because they “cannot determine the extent of lead-based paint in a home...” This EPA/HUD study included the most extensive field testing conducted with spot test kits. It incorporated six kits (4 rhodizonate and 2 sulfide), five of which were each used on about 1300 test locations. The testing was conducted by individuals selected to represent typical homeowners who might purchase kits for personal use. The conclusion not to use test kits for identifying lead-based paint was based, in part, on the finding that they varied widely in performance and that none demonstrated low percents of both false positive and false negative results in comparison with the Federal level of 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> at which a paint is classified as lead-based. Similarly, in a narrower 1997 field study involving two test kits (1 rhodizonate and 1 sulfide) and 120 test locations, Reames, Brumis, Lance, and Schwartzberg [19] recommended that spot test kits not be used for lead-based paint inspection. In this case, the authors found that, although low percents of false negatives were achieved at the 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> level, both test kits had high percents of false positives.

Spot tests are not currently used in Federal programs for assessing the presence or absence of lead-based paint in housing. The present study is intended to provide further evaluation of spot test kit performance and, in particular, when they are used by well-trained operators in a well-controlled, systematic laboratory study. The results would help to support future decisions regarding their possible use. If the results indicate that spot tests are reliable under well-controlled, laboratory conditions, follow-up studies might be justified to pinpoint reasons why some field studies have found spot tests to be unreliable. Conversely, if the results of a well-controlled laboratory experiment found spot tests to be unreliable, then further field studies would not be appropriate. Thus, HUD requested that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) conduct a well-controlled, systematic laboratory study on the reliability of spot tests for detecting lead in household paint.

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\* A false negative has been defined as a test result that is negative for lead, but the true value is above the selected lead level [8]. Conversely, a false positive is a test result that is positive for lead, but the true value is below the selected lead level.

## 1.2 Objective and Scope of the Study

This report presents the results of the HUD-sponsored study to determine the reliability of spot test kits for detecting the presence of lead in household paints when tests are conducted in the laboratory by certified lead inspectors or risk assessors. Seven factors that may affect the performance of spot tests were varied according to a predetermined experimental design. Descriptions of these seven factors—spot test kit, lead level\*, lead pigment type, operator, paint film substrate, overlayer type, and overlayer thickness—are given in Table 1 with a comment as to why each factor was included. Table 2 provides information on the eight spot test kits, designated STK1 through STK8. The test samples were prepared in the laboratory, which allowed control of the design factors, and made possible a balanced statistical design. During the testing, the response of each test kit (i.e., negative or positive) for each specimen was recorded. The data were statistically analyzed (1) to determine the effects of the factors incorporated in the design (Table 1) or interactions among them, and (2) to quantify the probability of lead detection through use of each spot test kit.

HUD not only sponsored this study at NIST, but also a complementary study conducted by QuanTech, Rosslyn, VA. The objectives of the QuanTech study were to generate a guide for using spot test kits for detecting the presence of lead-based paint in residential housing, and to validate the use of laboratory-prepared test samples as surrogates for field samples. Because the two studies were complementary, NIST and QuanTech performed much of the research cooperatively. Only one set of laboratory test samples was prepared for both the NIST and QuanTech studies, and most of the spot test kits used were common to both. QuanTech research staff conducted its laboratory spot tests in the NIST laboratories, and the results are included in the present report as Op4 and Op5 data. Note that the complementary QuanTech study produced two reports, *The Use of Manufactured Samples for Evaluating Spot Test Kits for Detecting Lead in Household Paints* [21], and *Guidance for the Evaluation of Spot Test Kits for Detecting the Presence of Lead in Household Paints* [22].

## 2. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

### 2.1 Factors Affecting Spot Test Kit Response

Factors other than lead level are variable in practice and may affect spot test response. For example, for both rhodizonate- and sulfide-based spot tests, more than one kit is available, and human involvement in subjectively judging response may affect the results. Different types of lead pigments have historically been used in paint production and differences in their solubilities can also affect response. Also, depending on the age of a residence and how often it has been painted, the type and thickness of paint layers covering lead-containing paint films may affect the results. The factors included in the experimental design are described in Table 1.

A key consideration is the lead level at which the spot test kit response changes from negative to positive; consequently, 10 lead levels were incorporated in the design. Equally important is recognition that different kits used by various operators may have varying response for a given test sample and, thus, eight test kits and five operators were included. Two levels each were chosen for lead pigment type, film substrate, overlayer type, and overlayer thickness. In these cases, the levels

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\* HUD prefers determining the amount of lead in a paint film on the basis of area content (i.e., mg/cm<sup>2</sup>) as opposed to mass concentration. Hence, the experimental design of this study is based on area content, which is referred to as “lead level” in this report.

were selected to be representative of real-world practice—for example, latex and oil-based paint overlayers—or to bracket the extremes of what is likely to be encountered in practice—for example, the solubility of the lead pigment, and thin and thick overlayers (Table 1).

Table 1. Factors varied during the study

Factor	Description	Comment																						
Spot Test Kit	<p><u>Eight</u> spot test kits were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spot Test Kit 1 (STK1)</li><li>• Spot Test Kit 2 (STK2)</li><li>• Spot Test Kit 3 (STK3)</li><li>• Spot Test Kit 4 (STK4)</li><li>• Spot Test Kit 5 (STK5)</li><li>• Spot Test Kit 6 (STK6)</li><li>• Spot Test Kit 7 (STK7)</li><li>• Spot Test Kit 8 (STK8)</li></ul>	In practice, spot test kits are available from a number of suppliers. Four rhodizonate and four sulfide kits were included in the study. For both types, the selected kits covered the range of kits used in practice for examining the entire paint film (by notching, coring, or chipping), and not just the surface of the paint film. Seven of the eight kits were commercial products. STK8 was a kit available to professional inspectors and risk assessors through a state government laboratory. STK1, STK2, STK7, and STK8 were sulfide kits; STK3 through STK6 were rhodizonate kits. STK2 was sold to test only chips and, consequently, the paint film specimens tested with STK2 were not adhered on a substrate.																						
Lead Level	<p><u>Ten</u> lead levels were chosen for each lead pigment type. For both leads, the targeted range was from no lead added to 3.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. The targeted values (in mg/cm<sup>2</sup> ) were as follows:</p> <table><tr><td><u>white lead</u></td><td><u>lead chromate</u></td></tr><tr><td>• 0</td><td>• 0</td></tr><tr><td>• 0.1</td><td>• 0.5</td></tr><tr><td>• 0.2</td><td>• 0.7</td></tr><tr><td>• 0.3</td><td>• 1.0</td></tr><tr><td>• 0.4</td><td>• 1.2</td></tr><tr><td>• 0.5</td><td>• 1.6</td></tr><tr><td>• 0.7</td><td>• 1.8</td></tr><tr><td>• 1.0</td><td>• 2.0</td></tr><tr><td>• 1.6</td><td>• 2.5</td></tr><tr><td>• 3.5</td><td>• 3.5</td></tr></table>	<u>white lead</u>	<u>lead chromate</u>	• 0	• 0	• 0.1	• 0.5	• 0.2	• 0.7	• 0.3	• 1.0	• 0.4	• 1.2	• 0.5	• 1.6	• 0.7	• 1.8	• 1.0	• 2.0	• 1.6	• 2.5	• 3.5	• 3.5	<p>In practice, lead in paint films in existing houses varies from essentially none (i.e., lead was not purposely added to the paint) to substantial. For example, mean lead levels in the range of 2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> to 3 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> have been measured in field studies [8,19]. The ranges of lead level in the present study were consistent with those found in the field. The ten values for each lead pigment type were chosen on the basis of a preliminary experiment (Section 4.1.6), and more high levels were taken for the less soluble lead chromate pigment.</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u> A lead level of 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> is the designation assigned to test panels for which lead was not added to the paint films. Measurements showed that the lead levels of these panels was &lt; 0.009 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> (Section 4.1.7).</p> <p><u>Note 2:</u> A distinction between white lead and lead chromate for specimens having a 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level is artificial because such specimens do not contain lead. Nevertheless, the distinction is maintained in the discussions because of the balance of the experimental design.</p>
<u>white lead</u>	<u>lead chromate</u>																							
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Operator	<p><u>Five</u> operators were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operator 1 (Op1)</li><li>• Operator 2 (Op2)</li><li>• Operator 3 (Op3)</li><li>• Operator 4 (Op4)</li><li>• Operator 5 (Op5)</li></ul>	In practice, spot test kits are available to many people whose abilities may vary considerably. The operator factor addressed the effect of “the human element” on test kit response. Initial planning for the experimental program considered selecting three operators (Op1 through Op3), who were required to be either certified lead inspectors or risk assessors. During experimental design, two additional operators (Op4 and Op5) became available for participation. They did not conduct tests with STK2 and STK8. Because their partial participation provided additional data for STK1, and STK3 through STK7, they were included in the test program. Op4 and Op5 were QuanTech research professionals having experience in the use of spot test kits. Both had passed an EPA lead-inspector training course, although neither was certified. Before beginning the test program, Op1, Op2, and Op3 were examined at the NIST Health Unit for red colorblindness. Op4 and Op5 had been checked during a previous spot test kit study. None of the five operators were red colorblind.																						

Table 1. Factors varied during the study (cont.)

Factor	Description	Comment
Lead Pigment Type	<p><u>Two</u> lead pigment types were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•relatively soluble (white lead)</li> <li>•relatively insoluble (lead chromate)</li> </ul>	<p>In practice, a number of lead-based pigments have historically been used in paint production. These include basic lead carbonate, basic lead sulfate, lead silicate, chrome yellows and oranges (lead chromate combined with lead sulfate, lead carbonate, and lead phosphate to obtain different hues), chrome greens (chrome yellow and iron blue), molybdate orange (lead molybdate and lead sulfate) and red lead (<math>Pb_3O_4</math>) [23]. The most common pigment was basic lead carbonate, whose composition is approximately <math>2PbCO_3 \cdot Pb(OH)_2</math> [24-26]. This pigment is often referred to as “white lead,” which is the term used in this report. White lead is relatively soluble compared to other lead pigments. In the study, white lead and lead chromate were selected to cover the solubility range of lead pigments. Although used considerably less than white lead, lead chromate was a basic pigment for some green, red, orange, and yellow house paints through the mid-1960s [26].</p>
Substrate	<p><u>Two</u> types of substrates, a non-reactive (NR) and a reactive (R), substrate, were included for spot tests conducted on panel samples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•sulfide: wood (NR) steel (R)</li> <li>•rhodizonate: wood (NR) plaster (R)</li> </ul>	<p>In practice, lead-based paint has been applied to many different substrates. The reactivity, or nonreactivity, of the substrate may affect spot test response. For example, steel and plaster substrates can affect sulfide and rhodizonate spot tests, respectively [6]. The substrate factor investigated the effect of substrate reactivity on test kit response. It was beyond the scope of the study to include all three substrates for all kits, as steel was considered to be non-reactive for rhodizonate, and plaster was considered non-reactive for sulfide.</p>
Overlayer Type	<p><u>Two</u> overlayer types were included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•latex paint</li> <li>•oil-based paint</li> </ul>	<p>In practice, lead-based paint is quite likely to be covered with additional layers of paint. These overlayers may be latex or oil-based paint. This factor was included to determine if the type of overlayer paint affects spot test response.</p>
Overlayer Thickness	<p><u>Two</u> overlayer thicknesses were included:</p> <p>For panels on substrates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•thin: about 0.13 mm to 0.28 mm (0.005 in to 0.011 in)</li> <li>•thick: about 0.75 mm to 1.4 mm (0.030 in to 0.055 in)</li> </ul>	<p>In practice, spot test kits have been used to test paint layers having varying thicknesses. For example, Reames et al. [19] reported thickness values ranging from about 0.1 mm to 1.5 mm (0.004 in to 0.060 in). This factor was included to determine if overlayer thickness affects spot test response. The thicknesses of the thin and thick overlayers were selected to cover the range of overlayer thicknesses measured in the field.</p>

Table 2. Spot test kits and methods of use

Spot Test Kit	Spot Test Type	Characteristic Color for Lead <sup>a</sup>	General Method of Use <sup>a</sup>
STK1	Sulfide	Gray to black	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut a notch through the paint exposing all layers; illuminate where necessary and examine with a magnifying glass to insure that all layers are exposed.</li> <li>• Place a small drop of the reagent solution on one half of the notch; this allows a comparison with the untreated section of the notch.</li> <li>• Observe test surface for characteristic color.</li> <li>• A vial of lead acetate paper is supplied with the kit to check reagent.</li> </ul>
STK2	Sulfide	Brown or black	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place about 1 teaspoon of chips in a test tube (provided with kit).</li> <li>• Add an equal amount of vinegar to the test tube.</li> <li>• Cap test tube and let stand for 24 h.</li> <li>• Stir using plastic pipette; then allow solids to settle.</li> <li>• Add up to 10 drops of reagent to the test tube.</li> <li>• Observe test tube for characteristic color.</li> </ul>
STK3	Rhodizonate	Pink to dark purple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove all dust and dirt.</li> <li>• Cut or scrap through all paint layers to expose bare surface .</li> <li>• Moisten pad, which is impregnated with reagent, with about 5 drops of water using eye dropper; do not over wet.</li> <li>• Press moistened pad firmly against test surface for about 2 min.</li> <li>• Observe color of the pad or test surface for characteristic color.</li> <li>• If no color occurs within 2 min, immediately check reagent using test verification card (press pad on card for 15 s).</li> </ul>
STK4	Rhodizonate	Pink or red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove all dust and dirt.</li> <li>• Cut a notch at a diagonal down to substrate surface.</li> <li>• Activate test swab by crushing on marked points, then shake and squeeze with tip facing down until yellow liquid comes to tip; use activated swab immediately.</li> <li>• While squeezing swab, rub it on the notched area for 30 s.</li> <li>• Complete test within 2 min.</li> <li>• Observe swab and/or paint surface for characteristic color.</li> <li>• If no characteristic color, use test confirmation card to check reagent.</li> <li>• If the 2-min result is negative and lead chromate is suspected because of the paint color (e.g., yellow or green), place used swab in a plastic bag; check swab after 30 min and 60 min or next morning; alternatively, rub a crushed paint chip with a freshly activated swab, and check swab tip and crushed chip for up to 18 h.</li> </ul> <p>[Note: the experimental design for the study included obtaining data for STK4 response when determined after the three time periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STK4a was the designation for the data set obtained when the first swab was examined within 2 min.</li> <li>- STK4b was the designation for the data set obtained when the first used swab was later re-examined.</li> <li>- STK4c was the designation for the data set obtained when the second swab in contact with chips was examined.</li> </ul> <p>In the case of both STK4b and STK4c for test protocol uniformity, the swab examinations were made after the swabs were kept overnight.]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For paint on plaster, because sulfates can interfere, if test appears negative, rub swab on confirmation card to check reactivity; if no color on test dot, test is not valid.</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup>The information in this column was taken from kit manufacturers' instructions.

Table 2. Spot test kits and methods of use (cont.)

Spot Test Kit	Spot Test Type	Characteristic Color for Lead <sup>a</sup>	General Method of Use <sup>a</sup>
STK5	Rhodizonate	Pink to rose/red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean surface with a lead-free paper towel, cloth, or wipe; allow to dry.</li> <li>• Cut a V-notch in paint film to bare substrate.</li> <li>• Place 2 drops of leaching solution on the tip of an unused swab.</li> <li>• Rub swab tip gently on notch at 90° angle for 15 s.</li> <li>• Rub swab tip on test card (i.e., reagent card) at 90° angle; before using the card for the first time, perform a QC test to assure reactivity.</li> <li>• Observe test card and/or swab tip for characteristic color.</li> <li>• For paint on plaster, separate paint from plaster (no specifics given) before lead test; if negative, perform a QC test immediately on swab.</li> </ul>
STK6	Rhodizonate	Pink to rose/red	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using borer (supplied with kit), cut through paint to substrate; do not collect any paint that prior to removal of borer.</li> <li>• Remove borer from surface; collect chips on collection paper.</li> <li>• Scrape any chips in cut onto collection paper.</li> <li>• Using a stirring rod, dislodge chips in borer onto collection paper.</li> <li>• Place paint in vial; grind for about 10 s using stirring rod.</li> <li>• Add 3 drops of leaching solution into vial.</li> <li>• Vigorously grind paint in vial for 10 s; then let stand for 20 s.</li> <li>• Touch swab tip on leaching solution surface.</li> <li>• Rub swab tip on test card (i.e., reagent card) at 90° angle; before using the card for the first time, perform a QC test to assure reactivity.</li> <li>• Observe test card and/or swab tip for characteristic color.</li> <li>• For paint on plaster, eliminate it from paint specimen (no specifics given) before placing specimen in vial; if negative, immediately perform a QC test.</li> </ul>
STK7	Sulfide	Light gray to dark gray to black	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mix water and solid sodium sulfide to prepare reagent solution.</li> <li>• Reagent may be applied to either painted surfaces or paint chips.</li> <li>• For surfaces, make a diagonal cut (i.e., notch) through all paint layers.</li> <li>• For chips, test both surfaces; cleave chips to test sandwiched layers.</li> <li>• Apply reagent (a few drops) to the chips or painted surfaces, wait up to a couple of minutes for the characteristic color to form.</li> <li>• Kit is not for use on painted metallic surfaces; chips are to be used.</li> </ul> <p>[Note: the experimental design included tests on both notches and chips. The test of the notch was first conducted; if it was negative, then a test of a chip was conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STK7a was the designation for the data set for notch tests</li> <li>- STK7b was the designation for the data set for chip tests.]</li> </ul>
STK8	Sulfide	Gray to black	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reagent may be applied to either painted surfaces or paint chips.</li> <li>• For chips, include all layers down to the substrate; cut a cross-section and apply reagent to both surfaces and the cross-section.</li> <li>• For painted surfaces, clean them with a non-abrasive solution, then rinse and dry.</li> <li>• Notch surface exposing all layers of paint; add a drop of reagent on notch.</li> <li>• After applying reagent, check for the characteristic color for up to 30 s.</li> <li>• Kit is not for use on paint on metal substrates; remove a chip and test it.</li> </ul> <p>[Note: the experimental design included tests on both notches and chips. The test of the notch was first conducted; if it was negative, then a test of a chip was conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STK8a was the designation for the data set for notch tests</li> <li>- STK8b was the designation for the data set for chip tests.]</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup>The information in this column was taken from kit manufacturers' instructions.



## 2.2 Fractional Factorial Design

A naive approach to experimentation would vary each of the seven factors individually, leaving all but one factor set at 'typical' values for each experiment. This form of experimentation is highly inefficient, since it provides no information on potential interactions among the factors. A statistical design that requires testing at all combinations of levels for all factors is called a (full) factorial design. In cases of multi-factor studies, a full factorial design is seldom chosen for initial investigations because such a design would not be an efficient use of resources. Instead, a carefully chosen fraction of all possible combinations is usually selected to examine those effects considered most important. Such a design, called a fractional factorial, was used in this study for those spot test kits (STK1 & STK3-STK8) used on paint-film samples adhered to substrates (i.e., panels).

In the case of paint-film samples adhered to substrates, all combinations of test kits, lead levels, operators, and lead pigment types were included in the design with the exception that Operator 4 and Operator 5 did not conduct tests with STK8 (Table 3). These four factors were considered to be the most important of the seven that might affect spot test response. Also included in this experimental design were four of the eight possible combinations of substrate, overlayer type, and overlayer thickness (Table 4). A benefit of this half-fractionation was that the design would reduce to a full factorial if test kit response was found not to be affected by any one of the three factors, substrate, overlayer type, and overlayer thickness. Tables 5A and 5B present a description of the 84 test combinations for the series of white lead and lead chromate samples, respectively, having paint films

Table 3. Numbers of test kits, lead levels, operators, and lead pigment types selected in the experimental design for kits used to test paint films adhered to substrates

Factor	Level Selected for the Experimental Design	
	Op1 - Op3	Op4 & Op5
Test Kit	7	6
Lead Level	10	10
Operator	3	2
Lead Pigment Type	2	2

Table 4. Combinations of substrate, overlayer type, and overlayer thickness selected in the experimental design for kits used to test paint films adhered to substrates

Substrate <sup>a</sup>	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness
Reactive	Latex	Thin
Reactive	Oil	Thick
Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
Non-reactive	Latex	Thick

<sup>a</sup>For sulfide-based and rhodizonate-based kits, the reactive substrates were steel and

plaster panels, respectively. For both kit types, the non-reactive substrate was wood.

Table 5A. Experimental design combinations for white lead including four controls

Targeted Lead Level, mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Lead Pigment Type	Substrate <sup>a</sup>	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0	Not Applicable	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0	Not Applicable	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.1	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.1	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.1	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.1	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.2	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.2	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.2	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.2	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.3	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.3	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.3	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.3	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.4	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.4	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.4	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.4	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.5	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.5	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.5	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.5	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.7	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.7	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.7	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.7	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
1.0	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
1.0	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
1.0	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
1.0	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
1.6	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
1.6	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
1.6	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
1.6	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick
3.5	White	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
3.5	White	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
3.5	White	Reactive	Latex	Thin
3.5	White	Reactive	Oil	Thick

<sup>a</sup>For sulfide-based and rhodizonate-based kits, the reactive substrates were steel and plaster panels,

respectively. For both kit types, the non-reactive substrate was wood.

Table 5B. Experimental design combinations for lead chromate

Targeted Lead Level, mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Lead Pigment Type	Substrate <sup>a</sup>	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0	Not Applicable	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0	Not Applicable	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0	Not Applicable	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.5	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.5	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.5	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.5	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
0.7	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
0.7	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
0.7	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
0.7	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
1.0	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
1.0	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
1.0	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
1.0	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
1.2	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
1.2	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
1.2	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
1.2	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
1.6	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
1.6	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
1.6	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
1.6	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
1.8	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
1.8	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
1.8	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
1.8	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
2.0	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
2.0	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
2.0	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
2.0	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
2.5	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
2.5	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
2.5	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
2.5	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick
3.5	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Latex	Thick
3.5	Lead Chromate	Non-reactive	Oil	Thin
3.5	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Latex	Thin
3.5	Lead Chromate	Reactive	Oil	Thick

<sup>a</sup>For sulfide-based and rhodizonate-based kits, the reactive substrates were steel and plaster panels, respectively. For other kit types, the nonreactive substrate was wood.

adhered to substrates. Note in Table 5A that four additional samples having zero lead level, fabricated on a nonreactive substrate having a thick overlayer of latex paint, were included in the test series to increase the number of samples without lead. The final design for paint-film samples adhered to substrates required 2772 tests.

In the case of STK2 (for chips), only Operators 1 through 3 conducted the tests. A full factorial design was selected for this spot test kit. This design resulted in 84 test combinations for the series of white lead and lead chromate chip samples including four additional samples having zero lead level and a thick overlayer of latex paint. The final design for chips required 252 tests.

### 3. SPOT TEST KITS IN THE STUDY

Seven of the eight spot test kits were commercial products purchased directly from the kit manufacturers. The eighth kit, STK8, was obtained from a state laboratory that supplies sulfide kits to in-state professional lead inspectors and risk assessors. Three criteria were considered in the selection of test kits. First, the kits selected should be available to certified lead inspectors or risk assessors. Second, the kits selected should be representative of different protocols by which the spot testing is conducted in practice. For example, if two kits available from different manufacturers were based on the same reagent and used to test for the presence of lead in paint in the same, or essentially the same manner, then only one of the two would be selected. Third, the kits selected should be used to test for the presence of lead within the entire paint film. This criterion excluded kits intended to detect lead on the top surface of a paint film.

In ordering spot test kits from a manufacturer, it was requested that all of the kits be from the same production lot. Compliance with this request could not always be verified since lot number designations were not always indicated on the test kit. Instead, it was assumed that all of the test kits came from the same production lot if they were all received from a manufacturer in the same shipment. With the exception of STK6, all of the test kits from a given manufacturer were received in one shipment. In the case of STK6, when the test program was underway, quality control steps incorporated in the test procedure for this kit revealed that the rhodizonate reagent on some test cards had become inactive. The manufacturer replaced the unusable cards. Consequently, in all likelihood, not all of the test cards for STK6 were from the same production lot. An important lesson to be learned from this experience is that users must follow manufacturers' quality control steps (as well as other instructions) when testing for lead in paint with spot test kits.

Regarding the second selection criterion, the rhodizonate kits, STK3 through STK6, employ slightly different protocols (Table 2). Thus, all four of these test kits were selected for inclusion in the study. On the other hand, the protocols for sulfide kits that detect lead using a procedure that includes cutting a notch in the paint film were comparable. For this reason, it was intended to use STK1 as a representative sulfide kit. Preliminary testing using this kit indicated that the reagent would turn brown-to-black within 2 min after being placed on a lead-containing paint. However, the reagent also turned brown-to-black after it was placed on a non-lead-containing paint and on a glass microscope slide for 5 min to 10 min.

It was beyond the scope of the study to examine reasons why STK1 produced brown-to-black color changes on nonleaded surfaces within 5 min to 10 min. Nevertheless, such observations raised serious questions regarding the assumption that STK1 was typical of other sulfide spot test kits. As the test program was underway, STK7 and STK8 kits were obtained. Analyses of the sodium sulfide

concentrations of STK1, STK2, STK7, and STK8 reagent solutions were performed.\* The results (Table 6) indicate a marked difference in sodium sulfide concentration between STK1 and the other three sulfide spot test kits. Moreover, the 0.51 % mean sodium sulfide concentration of STK1 was considerably less than the 6 % to 8 % range required of sulfide test kits used within the lead-paint inspection program conducted in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts [27]. Also, STK7 and STK8 did not produce a brown-to-black color when these reagents were placed on the surfaces of nonleaded paint films. These observations and the results of the sodium sulfide analyses implied that STK1 was not typical and, thus, STK7 and STK8 kits were added to the test program.

Table 6. Results of sodium sulfide analyses of sulfide-based spot test kits

Spot Test Kit	Number of Samples	Sodium Sulfide Concentration <sup>a</sup> , %				CoV <sup>c</sup>
		min	max	mean	sd <sup>b</sup>	%
STK1	6	0.44	0.68	0.51	0.095	18
STK2	6	7.41	7.63	7.50	0.094	1.3
STK7	6	7.48	7.82	7.65	0.13	1.7
STK8	6	6.71	7.00	6.88	0.099	1.4

<sup>a</sup>mass (g) of sodium sulfide dissolved in 100 mL water.

<sup>b</sup>sd is the standard deviation from the mean.

<sup>c</sup>CoV is the coefficient of variation; CoV = [(sd/mean) x 100].

### 3.1 Kits Having Multiple Test Procedures.

From Table 2, the STK4 test procedure directs that the reagent-soaked (i.e., activated) swab be rubbed into the notch through the thickness of the paint film and that the kit response be determined within 2 min. It further requires that, if the 2-min response is negative and lead chromate is suspected in the paint, the used swab be kept for as long as overnight and re-examined for the characteristic color. Alternatively, a second activated swab is to be placed in contact with a crushed paint chip, kept for as long as 18 h, and examined for the characteristic color. Thus, the efficacy of STK4 when the response was determined according to these prescribed steps in the test protocol was tested in the experimental design:

- STK4a was the designation for the data set obtained when the first swab was examined within 2 min,
- STK4b was the designation for the data set obtained whenever the first used swab was re-examined after setting overnight (i.e., a minimum of 16 h), and
- STK4c was the designation for the data set obtained whenever a second activated swab was examined after extended (i.e., overnight) contact with crushed paint chips.

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\*The analysis was performed by the Environmental Lead Laboratory, State Laboratory Institute, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

In this laboratory study, the STK4b and STK4c swab examinations were made after the swabs were kept overnight.

Also, from Table 2, the sulfide test kits STK7 and STK8 permit the application of the reagent either to a notch through the thickness of the paint film or onto a paint chip. Testing of the efficacy of STK7 and STK8 when used with notched surfaces and with chips was provided for in the experimental design. The test of the notch was first conducted; if it was negative, then a test of a chip was conducted:

- STK7a and STK8a were the designations for data sets from notch tests, and
- STK7b and STK8b were the designations for data sets from chip tests.

It is to be noted that, for the STK7 and STK8 kits, the manufacturers' recommended practice is not to apply the reagent to painted metal surfaces. For completeness, this prohibition was not followed in this study.

#### 4. EXPERIMENTAL

##### 4.1 Sample Preparation

4.1.1 Leaded Paint. Although the experimental design required 10 lead levels for each lead pigment type, paint films having 18 and 19 lead levels for white lead and lead chromate, respectively, were produced during the sample preparation phase of the study (Table 7). The additional lead levels were taken because, until preliminary spot test results were analyzed, the appropriate lead levels to be used in the test program were not known.

Table 7. Lead levels prepared in the study

Lead Pigment Type			
White Lead		Lead Chromate	
Lead Level, mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Level Included in Main Study?	Lead Level, mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Level Included in Main Study?
0	yes	0	yes
0.05		---	
0.1	yes	0.1	
0.2	yes	0.2	
0.3	yes	0.3	
0.4	yes	0.4	
0.5	yes	0.5	yes
0.6		0.6	
0.7	yes	0.7	yes
0.8		0.8	
0.9		0.9	
1.0	yes	1.0	yes
1.1		1.1	
1.2		1.2	yes
1.4		1.4	
1.6	yes	1.6	yes
1.8		1.8	yes
---		2.0	yes
---		2.5	yes



3.5	yes	3.5	yes
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For both white lead and lead chromate samples, a paste was made by mixing the pigment into linseed oil and a small amount of mineral spirits. Then, each paste was well mixed with a commercial household alkyd paint to obtain “stock solutions” that would provide paint films having a lead level of approximately  $3.5 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . Paint samples having lower targeted lead levels were made by diluting the stock solutions with the commercial household alkyd paint. The alkyd paint used for the dilutions was tinted beige for white lead and yellow for lead chromate to ensure that the leaded-paint films in all specimens for each type of lead had the same color and that different lead levels could not be distinguished visually.

**4.1.2 Leaded-Paint Films.** The leaded-paint films were prepared by spreading the pre-mixed paint (Section 4.1.1) on a smooth, nonporous surface using a drawdown blade. The drawdown technique was used to provide films having uniform thickness and width and length dimensions of approximately 200 mm by 450 mm (8 in by 18 in), which was larger than the area of the final test panel (Section 4.1.3). The dry film thickness of a “draw” was approximately  $75 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  (0.003 in).

Although the type of substrate included in the study was categorized, for experimental design purposes, as either nonreactive or reactive (i.e., causing interference) to the test kit reagent, three substrates were used in preparation of the test panels: wood, plaster, and steel. Wood was considered to be nonreactive for both rhodizonate and sulfide test kits. Plaster substrates, however, may interfere with the development of the characteristic color for rhodizonate test kits and result in false negative responses [6]. Metals present in steel substrates, in contrast, may react with sulfide test kits resulting in false positives [6]. For these reasons, the experiments were designed so that rhodizonate reagents were applied to specimens having plaster and wood substrates, and sulfide reagents were applied to specimens with steel and wood substrates.

For steel substrates, the leaded-paint films were drawn directly on 0.90 mm (0.036 in) thick, commercial panels sold for paint tests. However, wood and plaster are either not smooth or are too porous to create a uniformly thick, defect-free drawn film. Consequently, for these two substrates, a 0.075 mm (0.003 in) thick mylar film and a 0.13 mm (0.005 in) thick release paper, respectively, were used in producing the drawn leaded-paint films. The mylar film remained in place when the leaded-paint films were adhered to the wood substrate; whereas the release paper was removed before adhering the leaded-paint films to the plaster substrate (Section 4.1.3). Regardless of substrate, wet films were stored overnight in a closed cabinet with forced air circulation at room temperature,  $23 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \pm 2 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ( $73 \text{ }^\circ\text{F} \pm 4 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$ ), and then placed in a forced-air oven at about  $75 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ( $167 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$ ) for about 24 h.

The uniformity of the thickness of each draw was determined using a Series 6000 Coatings Thickness Gage (available from DeFelsko Co., Ogdensburg, NY).<sup>\*</sup> Its calibration was checked against NIST-traceable coating thickness standards supplied by the gage manufacturer. This gage measures the thickness of nonmagnetic films on ferrous metal. Thus, when making the thickness measurements, the following steps were included:

- For draws on steel panels, the thickness measurements were made directly on the panels.

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<sup>\*</sup>Certain trade names or company products are mentioned in the text to specify adequately the experimental procedure and equipment used. In no case does such identification imply recommendation or endorsement by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, nor does it imply that the equipment is the best available for the purpose.

- For draws on mylar, the leaded-paint-coated sheet was set on a steel panel.
- For draws on release paper, the leaded-paint film was removed from the release paper and set on a steel panel. The thickness of the release paper was too variable to allow accurate thickness measurements.

To determine uniformity, a series of 24 thickness measurements was performed on each draw in the area of the film that was to be used to prepare final test panels. In all cases, the coefficient of variation (CoV) for the 24 measurements did not exceed 9 %, and only in three cases was it greater than 7 %. This was considered acceptable for the spot test panels.

**4.1.3 Coated Test Panels.** The dimensions of the leaded-paint film on wood, plaster, and steel test panels were approximately 150 mm by 175 mm (6 in by 7 in)\*, with the width dimension parallel to the direction of the film draw. In the case of steel, two test panels were cut with a metal shear directly from the larger steel panels on which the draws were made. In the case of wood panels, two leaded-paint film sections having these dimensions were cut from the larger draws that had been prepared on mylar film. Then, in turn, the mylar on the (back) surface of the leaded-paint film section was manually adhered to a piece of nominal 13 mm (½ in) smooth-surfaced plywood using a contact-type spray adhesive (Elmer's Spray Adhesive). The presence of the mylar film on the wood substrate did not affect the experimental results since the mylar is nonreactive to the spot test kit reagents and the paint films were notched through the mylar to the wood substrate. For plaster, two leaded-paint film sections having the above dimensions were cut from the larger draws that had been prepared on release paper. These lead-paint film sections (from which the release paper was removed before the thickness measurements were made) were manually adhered using the spray adhesive to pieces of nominal 13 mm (½ in) drywall that had been precoated with a 3 mm (⅓ in) layer of gypsum plaster. The dimensions of the wood and plaster-coated drywall pieces were approximately 200 mm by 250 mm (8 in by 10 in). It is noted that the spray adhesive was nonreactive to the rhodizonate and sulfide reagents.

To complete fabrication of the test panels, the leaded-paint film/substrate assemblies were overcoated with thin and thick layers of latex and oil-based household paints. To aid adhesion of the latex paint to the leaded-paint films (which were heat-cured, alkyd based), a thin layer (about 0.03 mm or 0.001 in) of an alkyd primer was applied by brush to the leaded-paint films. These primed panels then were cured overnight at ambient laboratory conditions prior to the application of the latex overlayers. Priming was not performed for the alkyd overlayer.

Each overlayer coat was applied with a roller. As a target value, it was assumed that each roller-applied coat had a dry thickness of roughly 0.08 mm (0.003 in). The thin and thick panels were covered with two and generally 15 overlayer coats, respectively. Thus, the targeted overlayer thicknesses for the thin and thick panels were 0.16 mm and 1.2 mm (0.006 in and 0.048 in), respectively. After each roller application, the freshly-coated panel was placed in a forced-air oven at 75 °C (167 °F) for a minimum of 4 h. The thin panels were placed in the oven for an additional length of time such that they received about the same time of heat exposure as the thick panels.

Final overlayer thicknesses were estimated by making three thickness measurements on the steel-substrate panels using the Series 6000 Coatings Thickness Gage. The measured thicknesses of the steel-substrate panels were considered to be typical of the wood- and plaster-substrate panels,

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\*The ends of the draws were discarded when preparing films of this size.

because the overlayer application technique was the same for all three substrates. The results of these measurements on steel substrates showed that overcoat thicknesses of the thin panels ranged from 0.13 mm to 0.28 mm (0.005 in to 0.011 in) with a mean of 0.23 mm (0.009 in); whereas those of the thick panels ranged from 0.75 mm to 1.4 mm (0.030 in to 0.055 in) with a mean of 1 mm (0.4 in).

4.1.4 Surface Test Grid and Panel Identification. An indelible grid was marked on the surface of each overlayered test panel. The grid consisted of 6 rows and 7 columns of squares measuring about 25 mm by 25 mm (1 in by 1 in). Each grid square (referred to as a “test square”) pinpointed the location at which a spot test was to be conducted or the location at which a leaded-paint sample was removed for instrumental lead analysis. Each test panel was also labeled with a three-number code for identification and a separate three-letter code for verification that the correct panel was used in a given spot test (Section 4.2).

4.1.5 Leaded-Paint Chips. The 200 mm by 450 mm (8 in by 18 in) nonleaded and leaded draws (Section 4.1.2) to be used in preparing chip specimens were cut into four strips having dimensions of approximately 200 mm by 88 mm (8 in by 3.5 in).<sup>\*</sup> The spot testing of chips was a full 2 x 2 factorial experiment involving overlayer type and overlayer thickness and, thus, the four strips were randomly assigned to each overlayer type/thickness combination (i.e., thin/latex, thin/oil, thick/latex, and thick/oil). Coating application with a roller and subsequent cure of the overlayers were performed similarly to the procedures given in Section 4.1.3, although at least four overlayer coats were applied to the thin samples.

The thickness of the overlayer was measured using a micrometer. For thin chips, the thickness range was 0.33 mm to 0.63 mm (0.013 in to 0.025 in) with a mean of 0.50 mm (0.020 in); whereas, for thick chips, it was 0.88 mm to 1.5 mm (0.035 in to 0.060 in) with a mean of 1.2 mm (0.047 in).

Each overlayered strip was sealed within two self-sealable (i.e., zip-lock) plastic storage bags, and immersed in liquid nitrogen for about 10 s. The frozen strips were set on the laboratory bench and broken into chips by immediately striking the storage bags with a rubber-faced mallet. After warming to room temperature, the chips were transferred to another plastic storage bag and labeled with both a three-number code and a three-letter code.

4.1.6 Selection of Lead Levels. The 10 lead levels incorporated in the test program were chosen on the basis of a preliminary experiment conducted using the series of finished white lead and lead chromate test panels having the lead levels given in Table 7. This preliminary experiment was designed to estimate the lowest lead level at which a positive test kit response was obtained, and was performed using STK1, STK3, STK4, and STK6.

4.1.7 Laboratory Lead Analysis. The lead levels assigned to the test panels and chips selected for inclusion in the study were determined quantitatively by a commercial laboratory. This laboratory was accredited in the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP) [28] and the measurements were performed using inductively coupled plasma (ICP) spectrometry according to NLLAP protocols. With the exception of test panels having targeted lead levels of 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, three paint-film samples were removed from three test squares and sent to the commercial laboratory. The selected test squares, which were taken from the top, middle, and bottom sections of the panels, were the same for all test panels to help ensure that different test panels could not be identified by the

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<sup>\*</sup>The ends of the draws were discarded when preparing these strips.

operators. The sampled test squares were also covered with masking tape to reduce the possibility that an individual test panel could be readily identified. For the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level,<sup>\*</sup> only one test square was analyzed per panel. The intent was to reaffirm that these panels had lead levels as targeted and that no contamination had occurred during panel preparation. Although only one test square of the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead-level panels was sampled, three test squares were masked with tape.

For panels having lead levels greater than 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, means and coefficients of variation (CoV) of the three lead analyses were calculated. In general, where the CoV was 20 % or less, then analyses were considered acceptable. Where the CoV was greater than 20 % or where an analysis was suspect (e.g., cracking of a sample container during shipment), one, two, or three additional paint-film samples were taken from the panels and subjected to lead analyses. In these cases, the mean of all measurements was calculated. Tables 8A through 8D list both the targeted and mean lead levels of all panels. It is evident in these tables that the mean lead levels were close to the targeted values. The mean values were used in all analyses described in Section 5.

The lead analyses of chips were performed by making one measurement for each chip sample. For the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level, the result of the single lead measurement was taken as the mean lead level (as was the case for panels). For the other lead levels, the mean value of the lead determinations of the four chip samples fabricated from a single draw<sup>\*\*</sup> was calculated. In all cases, the CoV was less than 20%. Tables 9A and 9B present the targeted and mean lead levels for the chips.

#### 4.2 Testing and Data Recording

Operators conducted the spot tests according to protocols written for each of the eight spot test kits. For each protocol, the basic steps for the spot test kit were taken from the manufacturer's instructions. Additional procedures were included to ensure the quality of the measurements. For example, manufacturers' instructions were generally not specific regarding steps to be taken in cleaning paint specimen surfaces and the cutting tools used to notch the paint-film panels. Also, manufacturers' instructions did not address formats for recording data. Because all testing was to be conducted at a single laboratory workstation, the cleaning procedures were important to avoid cross-contamination of the specimens.

Each protocol was reviewed by a manufacturer's representative to assure that the steps given in the manufacturer's instructions were being followed in the protocols. A magnifying glass (x5 magnification) attached to a flashlight was supplied to improve the operator's ability to determine whether the substrate was exposed when a notch was cut in the paint-film panel, and to assist in judging whether the characteristic color change occurred in the notched area. In the case of sulfide test kits, operators were directed to cut two notches in the paint film (which was a step incorporated in this laboratory study complementary to the manufacturer's instructions). One notch was to be

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<sup>\*</sup>A lead level of 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> is the designation assigned to test panels for which lead was not added to the paint films. Measurements showed that the lead levels of these panels was < 0.009 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. It is noted that a distinction between white lead and lead chromate for specimens having a 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level is artificial because such specimens do not contain lead. Nevertheless, the distinction is maintained in the discussions because of the balance of the experimental design.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Recall from Section 4.1.5 that, in fabricating the chip samples, a single leaded-film draw was sectioned into four equally-sized strips. Then, because the chip spot tests were planned as a full factorial experiment, each strip was overcoated with one of the overlayer type/thickness combinations (i.e., thin/latex, thin/oil, thick/latex, and thick/oil).

treated with sulfide reagent; whereas the second notch was to be treated with water. This procedure allowed an operator to compare whether a “darkening” of the paint film in the treated notch was possibly due to a “wetting effect” and not to the gray, black, or brown-to-black characteristic color change typical of sulfide test kits.

Table 8A. Targeted and mean lead levels for the test panels having white lead and non-reactive substrates<sup>a</sup>

Test Panel ID Code	Panel Description			Lead Level			
	Substrate Type	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness	Targeted mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	No. of Samples	CoV %
156	Wood	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
220	Wood	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
255	Wood	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
293	Wood	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
247	Wood	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
257	Wood	Oil	Thin	0	<0.009	1	Na
290	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.1	0.093	3	7.6
242	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.1	0.11	3	20.0
104	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.2	0.19	3	3.4
325	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.2	0.14	4	24.7
186	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.3	0.26	3	3.2
153	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.3	0.23	3	7.4
150	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.4	0.36	3	5.3
312	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.4	0.31	4	26.1
208	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.5	0.46	4 <sup>b</sup>	1.6
134	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.5	0.49	4	17.6
240	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.7	0.63	3	8.0
228	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.7	0.62	3	12.8
267	Wood	Latex	Thick	1.0	0.92	3	4.0
128	Wood	Oil	Thin	1.0	0.92	4	16.0
244	Wood	Latex	Thick	1.6	1.34	4	6.6
200	Wood	Oil	Thin	1.6	1.33	3	3.2
217	Wood	Latex	Thick	3.5	3.15	3	1.6
172	Wood	Oil	Thin	3.5	3.75	3	5.3

<sup>a</sup>The first four rows represent additional zero-lead samples added to the factorial design.

<sup>b</sup>For this panel, the commercial laboratory reported damage to a sample container during shipment of the initial samples sent for lead analyses. Consequently, an additional sample was analyzed. The results of the four measurements are reported.

Table 8B. Targeted and mean lead levels for the test panels having white lead and reactive substrates

Test Panel ID Code	Panel Description			Lead Level			
	Substrate Type	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness	Targeted mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	No. of Samples	CoV %
107	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0	<0.009	1	Na
313	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
322	Steel	Latex	Thin	0	<0.009	1	Na
101	Steel	Oil	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
188	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.1	0.10	3	2.6
285	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.1	0.094	3	1.3
221	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.1	0.09	3	2.6
168	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.1	0.087	3	3.4
234	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.2	0.19	3	4.1
237	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.2	0.19	3	5.7
269	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.2	0.17	3	5.2
180	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.2	0.18	3	6.1
165	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.3	0.28	3	0.8
138	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.3	0.31	3	2.0
203	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.3	0.23	4	18.0
135	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.3	0.23	3	6.1
262	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.4	0.39	3	1.7
129	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.4	0.43	3	4.0
222	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.4	0.32	3	8.5
189	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.4	0.29	3	5.0
206	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.5	0.48	3	4.4
281	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.5	0.50	3	2.6
326	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.5	0.44	3	7.7
130	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.5	0.36	3	5.9
179	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.7	0.70	3	6.6
292	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.7	0.66	3	1.5
224	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.7	0.58	3	6.3
226	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.7	0.54	3	10.0
256	Plaster	Latex	Thin	1.0	1.04	3	8.0
102	Plaster	Oil	Thick	1.0	0.96	3	4.5
278	Steel	Latex	Thin	1.0	0.78	4	7.3
246	Steel	Oil	Thick	1.0	0.86	3	6.7
251	Plaster	Latex	Thin	1.6	1.53	3	8.3
279	Plaster	Oil	Thick	1.6	1.54	3	0.5
284	Steel	Latex	Thin	1.6	1.39	3	5.2
123	Steel	Oil	Thick	1.6	1.46	3	5.0
177	Plaster	Latex	Thin	3.5	3.53	3	13.4
127	Plaster	Oil	Thick	3.5	3.88	4	6.4
215	Steel	Latex	Thin	3.5	3.20	3	4.7
145	Steel	Oil	Thick	3.5	3.39	3	2.4

Table 8C. Targeted and mean lead levels for the test panels having lead chromate and non-reactive substrates

Test Panel ID Code	Panel Description			Lead Level			
	Substrate Type	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness	Targeted mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	No. of Samples	CoV %
277	Wood	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	Na
316	Wood	Oil	Thin	0	<0.009	1	Na
296	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.5	0.48	3	7.4
143	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.5	0.42	4	29.3
258	Wood	Latex	Thick	0.7	0.64	4	8.9
204	Wood	Oil	Thin	0.7	0.67	3	3.3
230	Wood	Latex	Thick	1.0	0.89	4	4.4
320	Wood	Oil	Thin	1.0	1.07	3	14.0
265	Wood	Latex	Thick	1.2	1.15	6 <sup>a</sup>	4.8
146	Wood	Oil	Thin	1.2	1.08	5	17.4
264	Wood	Latex	Thick	1.6	1.39	5	15.9
291	Wood	Oil	Thin	1.6	1.40	3	14.0
176	Wood	Latex	Thick	1.8	1.69	6 <sup>a</sup>	5.9
207	Wood	Oil	Thin	1.8	1.52	4	23.0
239	Wood	Latex	Thick	2.0	1.85	3	7.3
213	Wood	Oil	Thin	2.0	1.65	3	16.7
328	Wood	Latex	Thick	2.5	2.33	6	16.8
332	Wood	Oil	Thin	2.5	2.06	3	2.9
122	Wood	Latex	Thick	3.5	3.35	3	24.0 <sup>b</sup>
137	Wood	Oil	Thin	3.5	2.84	3	8.2

<sup>a</sup>For this panel, the commercial laboratory reported damage to the sample containers during shipment of the initial samples sent for lead analyses. Consequently, three additional samples were analyzed. The results of the six measurements are reported.

<sup>b</sup>Although the CoV for this panel was greater than 20 %, additional samples were not analyzed because the variability of the three measurements was considered acceptable for the 3.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> level.



Table 8D. Targeted and mean lead levels for the test panels having lead chromate and reactive substrates

Test Panel ID Code	Panel Description			Lead Level			
	Substrate Type	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness	Targeted mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	No. of Samples	CoV %
175	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0	<0.009	1	na
202	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
303	Steel	Latex	Thin	0	<0.009	1	na
319	Steel	Oil	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
250	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.5	0.47	3	5.4
140	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.5	0.51	3	0.9
223	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.5	0.49	3	7.8
308	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.5	0.43	3	7.7
274	Plaster	Latex	Thin	0.7	0.69	3	6.2
163	Plaster	Oil	Thick	0.7	0.73	4	3.7
289	Steel	Latex	Thin	0.7	0.57	3	6.7
310	Steel	Oil	Thick	0.7	0.52	3	10.8
323	Plaster	Latex	Thin	1.0	0.94	3	7.4
297	Plaster	Oil	Thick	1.0	0.94	3	3.2
216	Steel	Latex	Thin	1.0	0.74	3	12.5
302	Steel	Oil	Thick	1.0	0.75	3	14.4
126	Plaster	Latex	Thin	1.2	1.09	3	4.0
178	Plaster	Oil	Thick	1.2	1.20	3	0.7
231	Steel	Latex	Thin	1.2	0.98	3	5.7
113	Steel	Oil	Thick	1.2	0.92	3	6.0
148	Plaster	Latex	Thin	1.6	1.46	3	3.1
183	Plaster	Oil	Thick	1.6	1.44	3	7.1
158	Steel	Latex	Thin	1.6	1.34	3	11.0
124	Steel	Oil	Thick	1.6	1.48	3	6.5
249	Plaster	Latex	Thin	1.8	1.708	3	3.2
253	Plaster	Oil	Thick	1.8	1.62	3	6.1
187	Steel	Latex	Thin	1.8	1.55	3	8.1
315	Steel	Oil	Thick	1.8	1.57	3	4.7
139	Plaster	Latex	Thin	2.0	1.98	3	2.8
141	Plaster	Oil	Thick	2.0	1.86	4	5.6
263	Steel	Latex	Thin	2.0	1.56	3	7.3
294	Steel	Oil	Thick	2.0	1.89	3	1.9
333	Plaster	Latex	Thin	2.5	2.51	3	3.5
330	Plaster	Oil	Thick	2.5	2.30	3	9.5
329	Steel	Latex	Thin	2.5	1.72	3	8.0
331	Steel	Oil	Thick	2.5	2.25	3	14.0
167	Plaster	Latex	Thin	3.5	3.29	3	1.3
205	Plaster	Oil	Thick	3.5	3.64	4	2.6
199	Steel	Latex	Thin	3.5	3.09	3	11.3
142	Steel	Oil	Thick	3.5	2.81	3	4.7

Table 9A. Targeted and mean lead levels for chips with white lead<sup>a</sup>

Test Panel ID Code	Sample Description			Lead Level			
	Sample Type	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness	Targeted mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	No. of Samples	CoV %
C948	Chips	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
C949	Chips	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
C950	Chips	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
C951	Chips	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
C802	Chips	Latex	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
C812	Chips	Latex	Thin	0	<0.009	1	na
C806	Chips	Oil	Thick	0	<0.009	1	na
C938	Chips	Oil	Thin	0	<0.009	1	na
C914	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.1	0.093	4	11.4
C878	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.1	0.093		
C887	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.1	0.093		
C935	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.1	0.093		
C908	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.2	0.17	4	16.0
C809	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.2	0.17		
C894	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.2	0.17		
C876	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.2	0.17		
C930	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.3	0.28	4	7.9
C848	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.3	0.28		
C869	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.3	0.28		
C877	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.3	0.28		
C842	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.4	0.38	4	7.8
C880	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.4	0.38		
C918	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.4	0.38		
C826	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.4	0.38		
C920	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.5	0.46	4	11.1
C815	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.5	0.46		
C845	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.5	0.46		
C910	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.5	0.46		
C844	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.7	0.61	4	11.8
C825	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.7	0.61		
C832	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.7	0.61		
C839	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.7	0.61		
C801	Chips	Latex	Thick	1.0	0.95	4	10.6
C831	Chips	Latex	Thin	1.0	0.95		
C931	Chips	Oil	Thick	1.0	0.95		
C849	Chips	Oil	Thin	1.0	0.95		
C817	Chips	Latex	Thick	1.6	1.45	4	4.0
C922	Chips	Latex	Thin	1.6	1.45		
C871	Chips	Oil	Thick	1.6	1.45		
C819	Chips	Oil	Thin	1.6	1.45		
C873	Chips	Latex	Thick	3.5	3.51	4	10.4
C883	Chips	Latex	Thin	3.5	3.51		
C847	Chips	Oil	Thick	3.5	3.51		
C874	Chips	Oil	Thin	3.5	3.51		

<sup>a</sup>The first four rows represent additional zero-lead samples added to the factorial design.

Table 9B. Targeted and mean lead levels for chips with lead chromate

Test Panel ID Code	Sample Description			Lead Level			
	Sample Type	Overlayer Type	Overlayer Thickness	Targeted mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	Mean mg/cm <sup>2</sup>	No. of Samples	CoV %
C940	Chips	Latex	Thick	0	<0.006	1	na
C927	Chips	Latex	Thin	0	<0.006	1	na
C916	Chips	Oil	Thick	0	<0.006	1	na
C852	Chips	Oil	Thin	0	<0.006	1	na
C866	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.5	0.47	4	11.8
C864	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.5	0.47		
C822	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.5	0.47		
C851	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.5	0.47		
C925	Chips	Latex	Thick	0.7	0.64	4	9.8
C889	Chips	Latex	Thin	0.7	0.64		
C841	Chips	Oil	Thick	0.7	0.64		
C830	Chips	Oil	Thin	0.7	0.64		
C905	Chips	Latex	Thick	1.0	0.93	4	7.2
C943	Chips	Latex	Thin	1.0	0.93		
C813	Chips	Oil	Thick	1.0	0.93		
C855	Chips	Oil	Thin	1.0	0.93		
C865	Chips	Latex	Thick	1.2	1.06	4	10.2
C861	Chips	Latex	Thin	1.2	1.06		
C923	Chips	Oil	Thick	1.2	1.06		
C881	Chips	Oil	Thin	1.2	1.06		
C890	Chips	Latex	Thick	1.6	1.46	4	10.1
C854	Chips	Latex	Thin	1.6	1.46		
C850	Chips	Oil	Thick	1.6	1.46		
C928	Chips	Oil	Thin	1.6	1.46		
C947	Chips	Latex	Thick	1.8	1.67	4	7.5
C828	Chips	Latex	Thin	1.8	1.67		
C944	Chips	Oil	Thick	1.8	1.67		
C898	Chips	Oil	Thin	1.8	1.67		
C888	Chips	Latex	Thick	2.0	1.85	4	5.2
C821	Chips	Latex	Thin	2.0	1.85		
C853	Chips	Oil	Thick	2.0	1.85		
C804	Chips	Oil	Thin	2.0	1.85		
C875	Chips	Latex	Thick	2.5	2.19	4	8.6
C934	Chips	Latex	Thin	2.5	2.19		
C942	Chips	Oil	Thick	2.5	2.19		
C816	Chips	Oil	Thin	2.5	2.19		
C933	Chips	Latex	Thick	3.5	3.17	4	3.1
C932	Chips	Latex	Thin	3.5	3.17		
C921	Chips	Oil	Thick	3.5	3.17		
C811	Chips	Oil	Thin	3.5	3.17		

NIST staff reviewed the intent of the study and the general use of spot test kits with each operator after initial arrival at the laboratory. The review also included a discussion of the effect of lead pigment solubility on spot test kit response. Operators were required to practice cutting notches in paint films on typical test specimens until acceptable notches could be made without difficulty.

Before beginning a series of measurements using a given test kit, each operator was trained to follow the protocol for that kit. Training included testing panels (or chips) that had been prepared identically to the test panels (or chips) in the testing program. These training panels (or chips) contained either white lead or lead chromate at lead levels covering the range of values in the test program.

For each series of 84 tests with a given kit, the operator was provided with a data form for recording the test results (i.e., positive or negative) along with those of quality control tests conducted during the series. For tests that were positive, the operator also recorded the intensity of the characteristic color. For sulfide, the designated intensity levels were faint gray, light gray, dark gray, and black or brown; for rhodizonate, they were faint pink, pink, bright pink, and red. Analyses of the recorded color intensities indicated that they contributed little to the conclusions of the study. Thus, the color intensity data are not generally discussed in this report.

The 84 tests were performed according to a randomly-selected sequence, which was pre-recorded on the data form using the number codes marked on the test panels (Sections 4.1.4 and 4.1.5). Also pre-recorded on the data form was the randomly-selected test square on which the spot test of a given panel was to be performed. After completing a spot test, the operator wrote the sample letter code (Sections 4.1.4 and 4.1.5) on the data form. This written letter code was subsequently cross-checked with the pre-recorded number code to verify that the operator performed the test on the correct panel (or chips). No errors were detected.

## 5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 5.1 False Negatives and False Positives

One measure of the performance of a spot test kit is the percent of false negatives and false positives obtained in conducting a series of tests [8,19,20]. As previously indicated, a false negative is a test result that is negative for lead, but the true value is above the selected lead level [8]. Conversely, a false positive is a test result that is positive for lead, but the true value is below the selected lead level. In the present report, the selected lead levels for analyzing false positives and false negatives are 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> (i.e., the definition level of lead-based paint [2,3]). Because many of the spot test kits displayed marked differences in performance depending upon lead pigment type (see discussions that follow), the false negatives and false positives observed in the study are tabulated for both white lead and lead chromate.

Table 10A presents the false negatives and false positives for the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level\*. The response of the kits is seen to vary considerably. For example, the percent of false negatives for white lead ranged from 2 % to 42 %; whereas that for lead chromate ranged from 1 % to 82 %. Thus, although some kits displayed considerably less false negatives than others, all erroneously indicated lead in some specimens when none was present. Similarly, although with the exception of STK2 the percent of false positives was low ( $\leq 13\%$ ) for both lead pigment types, the tabulation

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\*A false positive for the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level indicates that a positive result was obtained for a test panel to which no lead had been added and for which the measured lead level was at least  $< 0.009$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Table 10A. False negatives and false positives<sup>a</sup> at a lead level of 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

Lead Pigment Type	Kit	Total No. of Observations	False Negatives		Total No. of Observations	False Positives	
			No.	%		No.	%
White Lead	STK1	180	72	40	60	8	13
	STK2	108	5	5	36	18	50
	STK3	180	3	2	60	0	0
	STK4a	180	14	8	60	2	3
	STK4b	180	14	8	60	2	3
	STK4c	180	14	8	60	3	5
	STK5	180	64	36	60	4	7
	STK6	180	49	27	60	2	3
	STK7a	180	49	27	60	5	8
	STK7b	180	21	12	60	7	12
	STK8a	108	45	42	36	1	3
	STK8b	108	19	18	36	2	6
Lead Chromate	STK1	180	96	53	60	8	13
	STK2	108	45	42	36	18	50
	STK3	180	112	62	60	0	0
	STK4a	180	56	31	60	2	3
	STK4b	180	46	26	60	2	3
	STK4c	180	2	1	60	3	5
	STK5	180	147	82	60	4	7
	STK6	180	145	81	60	2	3
	STK7a	180	12	7	60	5	8
	STK7b	180	4	2	60	7	12
	STK8a	108	12	11	36	1	3
	STK8b	108	3	3	36	2	6

<sup>a</sup>A false negative has been defined as a test result that is negative for lead, but the true value is above the selected lead level [8]. Conversely, a false positive is a test result that is positive for lead, but the true value is below the selected lead level. A false positive for the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level indicates that a positive result was obtained for a test panel to which no lead had been added and for which the measured lead level was at least < 0.009 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

(Table 10A) showed that many tests indicated lead in a specimen when none was present. The response of STK3 should be noted; this kit had no false positives at the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level.

The finding that STK2 had 50 % false positives at the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level was attributed to the criterion against which the operators were instructed to judge whether a characteristic color change occurred. The STK2 manufacturer's procedure (Table 2) included adding drops of sulfide reagent to vinegar in which paint chips were placed. In this study, the operators were trained to record a

positive result when the vinegar changed from clear to a faint gray (or darker) color\* upon addition of the sulfide reagent. In preliminary experiments in which sulfide reagent was added to vinegar without paint chips, it was observed that a milky white coloration was produced. The operators apparently had difficulty in distinguishing between the milky white and faint gray colors. In this regard, when the STK2 data sets were analyzed by taking the results as positive for only those tests for which the operators indicated that the characteristic color change was “dark gray” or “brown/black,” then the number of false positives at the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level was zero.

The 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level for false negatives and false positives was selected because this value represents the Federal level at which a paint is classified as being lead-based [2,3]. The question examined is: Can spot test kits in a controlled laboratory study distinguish between lead-based paint and nonlead-based paint? If spot test kits are able to provide such differentiation, then the percent of both false negatives and false positives at the 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level should be low. Note that past field studies [8,19] have not found this to be the case.

Table 10B summarizes the false negatives and false positives at the 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level for white lead and lead chromate. Regarding false negatives, the results varied considerably depending upon the lead pigment type. For white lead, the percent of false negatives was generally low ( $\leq 4\%$ ), except for STK1 and STK5. In five cases (STK2, STK3, STK6, STK7b, and STK8b), no false negatives were observed. In contrast, for lead chromate, only STK4c, STK7a, STK7b, STK8a, and STK8b had low percents ( $\leq 5\%$ ) of false negatives. Regarding false positives, the vast majority (about 85 %) of the spot tests for both lead pigment types showed percents greater than 30 %. That is, most spot test kits gave positive responses when the true value was less than 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These results were consistent with those from previously reported field studies [8,19].

The percents of false negatives at the 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level (Table 10B) provide qualitative evidence that, except for STK1 and STK5, the spot test kits may be useful as a negative screen for lead-based paint having white lead pigments, but generally not for paints having lead chromate pigments. A negative screen is a test for which a negative result indicates a low probability of lead  $\geq 1$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Only STK4c, STK7a/b, and STK8a/b showed percents of false negatives less than 5 %, indicating possible use as negative screens for lead chromate. For the remaining kits, the false negatives ranged from 20 % to 80 %. Thus, many of the kits were not able to detect lead chromate consistently when it was present at levels  $\geq 1.0$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. Further discussion of negative screens is given in Section 5.4.

The suggestion of using a spot test kit for screening purposes has been previously proposed [20,29]. For example, based on a field investigation that included detection of lead in paint using a specific rhodizonate spot test kit (STK4 in the present study), Ashley et al. [20] suggested that rhodizonate spot test kits have potential use as an in-situ screening technique. Although they did not specifically indicate limiting kit use to that of a negative screen for lead-based paint, such a limitation may be implied as they reported that their rhodizonate kit gave predominantly positive results for paint specimens having lead levels above about 0.25 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. This finding from the Ashley et al. field investigation compared well with the results in the present laboratory study for STK4 tests performed on white lead specimens, which showed primarily positive response for lead levels above 0.2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. It is noted that Ashley et al. [20] performed tests with the rhodizonate spot test kit according to the STK4b procedure in the present study.

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\*The manufacturer's instructions defined the characteristic color as brown or black upon addition of the sulfide reagent (Table 2).

Table 10B. False negatives and false positives<sup>a</sup> at a lead level of 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

Lead Pigment Type	Kit	Total No. of Observations	False Negatives		Total No. of Observations	False Positives	
			No.	%		No.	%
White Lead	STK1	40	5	13	200	81	41
	STK2	30	0	0	114	91	80
	STK3	45	0	0	195	132	68
	STK4a	45	1	2	195	124	64
	STK4b	45	1	2	195	124	64
	STK4c	45	1	2	195	125	64
	STK5	45	12	27	195	87	45
	STK6	45	0	0	195	88	45
	STK7a	40	1	3	200	97	49
	STK7b	40	0	0	200	126	63
	STK8a	24	1	4	120	41	34
	STK8b	24	0	0	120	67	56
Lead Chromate	STK1	115	57	50	125	34	27
	STK2	69	29	42	75	41	55
	STK3	125	75	60	115	18	16
	STK4a	125	33	26	115	34	30
	STK4b	125	25	20	115	36	31
	STK4c	125	1	1	115	57	50
	STK5	125	100	80	115	12	10
	STK6	125	97	78	115	9	8
	STK7a	115	6	5	125	64	51
	STK7b	115	2	2	125	70	56
	STK8a	69	3	4	75	31	41
	STK8b	69	1	1	75	39	52

<sup>a</sup>A false negative has been defined as a test result that is negative for lead, but the true value is above the selected lead level [8]. Conversely, a false positive is a test result that is positive for lead, but the true value is below the selected lead level.

Some readers may have interest in percents of false negatives and false positives for selected lead levels other than the two discussed herein. Appendix A provides tabulations of false negatives and false positives for lead levels of 0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**5.1.1 Effect of STK4 Test Procedure.** As outlined in Table 2, the STK4 instructions stipulate additional testing when the STK4a procedure produces a negative result and the presence of lead chromate is suspected. In this case, both STK4b and STK4c procedures are then performed. During testing, the operators correctly distinguished the white lead specimens from the lead chromate specimens, which was attributed to the noticeable difference in color between the leaded-paint layers.

Consequently, the operators performed STK4b and STK4c only for the lead chromate specimens, and the data sets for STK4a, STK4b and STK4c were identical for white lead specimens\*.

As can be seen from Table 10B, the STK4 procedure had a notable effect on the percent of false negatives and false positives for lead chromate specimens. In particular, only one false negative (1 %) was observed for STK4c; whereas the false negative percents were 26 % and 20 % for STK4a and STK4b, respectively. Apparently, allowing the paint chips to be in contact with the swab for long exposure times (e.g., overnight as done in the present study) markedly increased the sensitivity of STK4 to lead chromate. It might be expected that this additional sensitivity to lead would result in more false positive results for specimens which have no lead. In fact, this was true, but there was only 1 more false positive for STK4c than for STK4b (Table 10A). This is only a small penalty to pay for so much added sensitivity. It may be that the STK4c procedure should always be conducted when the STK4a procedure produces a negative response.

## 5.2 Factors Affecting Spot Test Kit Response

5.2.1 Method of Analysis. To assess statistical significance, an often useful method is to calculate F-statistics and their associated P-values [30]. This approach was taken in evaluating some factors designed into the study (i.e., overlayer type, overlayer thickness, lead pigment type, and operator) for their effects on spot test kit response. An F-statistic is a ratio of variance estimates for which the numerator is calculated under the assumption of no effect, and the denominator is calculated allowing for the effect. Under the assumption of no effect, an F-statistic has a probability distribution that does not depend on any unknown quantities. Tabulations of this distribution are available for comparison with F-statistics obtained from experimental data [31]. F-statistic ratios substantially exceeding 1 tend to indicate that an effect is not due to chance. A measure of how unlikely that an observed effect is due to chance is provided by the P-value. For purposes of the present report, the P-value is the probability of observing an F-statistic as large or larger than the one obtained, if the effect was not present. Conventionally, effects which have P-values less than 0.05 are referred to as being statistically significant.

5.2.2 Effect of Overlayer Type and Overlayer Thickness. Table 11 presents the F-statistics and P-values for the analysis of overlayer type and overlayer thickness. As evidenced in the table, STK6 was the only kit that displayed a statistically significant overlayer effect. Note the large F-statistic and consequently small P-value. In fact, this P-value is sufficiently small that the overlayer type/overlayer thickness effect for STK6 is virtually certain to be real. Further analysis (not shown) of the STK6 data was performed to differentiate whether the effect in Table 11 was due to overlayer type or overlayer thickness. The result of this analysis indicated that the effect was either due to overlayer type or to the interaction of overlayer thickness with substrate. A decision between the two possibilities could not be made with certainty from the data alone because only half of the eight possible combinations of the three factors, overlayer type, overlayer thickness, and substrate, were included in the design. However, the main effect for thickness was found to be very small for STK6, suggesting that the overlayer thickness-substrate interaction is less likely than overlayer type to be causing the significant STK6 result in Table 11.

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\*For statistical analysis purposes, it was necessary to repeat the results of the STK4a tests for white lead specimens in the STK4b and STK4c data sets.



Table 11. F-tests of the significance of overlayer type and overlayer thickness

Spot Test Kit	Analysis Result	
	F-Statistic	P-Value
STK1	1.07	0.343
STK2	1.88	0.133
STK3	1.20	0.303
STK4a	0.84	0.434
STK4b	0.87	0.418
STK4c	2.40	0.092
STK5	0.15	0.862
STK6	9.94	< 0.001
STK7a	0.53	0.599
STK7b	0.74	0.478
STK8a	0.13	0.883
STK8b	0.63	0.535

Consideration of the STK6 test procedure supported the hypothesis that the STK6 result in Table 11 was due to overlayer type, and that it may have been an artifact of the experimentation. In conducting an STK6 test, chips are cut from the paint film, placed in a vial, and ground with a plastic stirring rod (Table 2). Observation of the grinding of lead chromate specimens found that yellow particles (i.e., the lead chromate layer) were readily visible in the vial when the overlayer was latex. In contrast, it was difficult to see the yellow particles when the overlayer was oil. Thus, when latex was the overlayer, the leaded paint was apparently more accessible to the STK6 leaching solution than when the overlayer was oil. Although this effect was not further investigated, it was hypothesized that the adhesion of the latex overlayer to the oil-based leaded-paint film was less than that of the oil overlayer to the oil-based leaded-paint film.

As a final comment, the lack of an overlayer type/overlayer thickness effect for the other spot test kits was, in great part, attributed to the control that was applied by the operators in conducting the tests. Consistent with manufacturers' instructions, operators were directed that all layers of paint were to be clearly exposed to the substrate when notches were made in, or chips were cut from, the paint films. This was to be verified using the magnifying lens attached to the flashlight, if necessary. Furthermore, reagents were to be applied to the exposed edges of the paint films, or chips as appropriate. Apparently, following these instructions allowed the spot test reagent to be placed consistently in contact with the leaded paint film regardless of whether the overlayer was latex or oil, and also thick or thin. Consequently, no overlayer type/overlayer thickness effect was found. This finding reinforces the importance of exposing all layers of paint to the spot test reagent, as given in manufacturers' kit instructions.

**5.2.3 Effect of Lead Pigment Type.** Table 12 presents the F-statistics and P-values for the analysis of the effect of lead pigment type. The results indicate that a lead pigment type effect was present in all cases. STK4b had a P-value of 0.056, which is only slightly greater than the 0.05 significance level. Lead chromate was more difficult to detect with the spot test kits than white lead. These

experimental results provide a measure of the extent to which the lack of solubility of lead chromate affects spot test kit response.

5.2.4 Effect of Operator. Table 13 presents the F-statistics and P-values for the analysis of operator effect. The analyses were conducted separately for white lead and lead chromate because the lead pigment effect was so strong (Section 5.2.3). For white lead, which was readily detected at low lead levels, a statistically significant operator effect was only seen for STK1, although the effect was only marginally not significant for STK5. Similarly, for lead chromate, an operator effect was also generally present for those kits that yielded high percents of false negatives at the 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level. In summary, for both white lead and lead chromate, operator effects tended to be more pronounced when relatively low kit sensitivity presented more of a challenge to the operator.

Table 12. F-tests of the significance of lead pigment type

Spot Test Kit	Analysis Result	
	F-Statistic	P-Value
STK1	4.03	0.045
STK2	39.42	< 0.001
STK3	118.91	< 0.001
STK4a	9.04	0.003
STK4b	3.68	0.056
STK4c	14.93	< 0.001
STK5	72.71	< 0.001
STK6	93.83	< 0.001
STK7a	35.49	< 0.001
STK7b	17.04	< 0.001
STK8a	33.42	< 0.001
STK8b	15.56	< 0.001

Table 13. F-tests of the significance of operator

Spot Test Kit	Analysis Result			
	White Lead		Lead Chromate	
	F-Statistic	P-Value	F-Statistic	P-Value
STK1	6.21	< 0.001	3.02	0.019
STK2	2.05	0.133	6.28	0.003
STK3	0.04	0.997	17.55	< 0.001
STK4a	0.96	0.428	14.95	< 0.001
STK4b	0.96	0.428	13.93	< 0.001
STK4c	0.96	0.428	0.27	0.896
STK5	2.40	0.051	5.73	< 0.001
STK6	0.40	0.808	10.23	< 0.001
STK7a	1.07	0.372	0.74	0.567
STK7b	0.27	0.899	0.44	0.776
STK8a	2.59	0.079	0.37	0.692
STK8b	2.22	0.112	0.32	0.729

### 5.3 Modeling the Probability of Spot Test Kit Response

The probabilities of positive response, as a function of lead concentration and other covariates, were estimated using logistic regression models [32] having the following form:

$$\log[p/(1-p)] = c_0 + M_1c_1 + M_2c_2 + c_3x + e \quad (\text{Eq 1})$$

where  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  are coefficients (or vectors of coefficients),  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , and  $x$  are independent variables, and  $e$  is the error term. The coefficients were estimated by maximum likelihood using the *glm* command in the Splus statistics package\*. The constant  $c_0$  is the intercept,  $c_1$  is the substrate effect (omitted for STK2),  $c_2$  is a vector of either two or four effects for operator (depending on the kit), and  $c_3$  is the coefficient associated with concentration. The  $x$  is the measured lead concentration. The model matrix  $M_1$  is a vector of dummy variables for a reactive substrate, and the  $M_2$  is a matrix for the operator effects.

In performing the modeling, separate regressions were fit for lead pigment type. Preliminary analysis had included lead pigment type as a regression covariate, but these models fit poorly for several of the kits because of the pronounced difference in response depending on lead pigment type. For each spot test kit, overlayer effects were ignored, because they were found insignificant except for STK6 (Section 5.2.2). However, initial STK6 regression results ignoring overlayer effects appeared

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\* MathSoft, Inc., Seattle, WA; [www.mathsoft.com/splus](http://www.mathsoft.com/splus).

sufficient to describe STK6 performance as a function of lead level. Consequently, further modeling of the STK6 response was not performed.

Figures 1 through 8B graphically summarize the results of the regression analyses. Appendix B is a tabular summary of response as a function of spot test kit and lead pigment type, and includes all estimated coefficients and standard errors. Figures 1 through 8B each provide a summary of the results for a single spot test kit, or for a set of data for a kit using a specific procedure; for example, the STK7a and STK7b results are in separate figures. As is evident, the figures relate the probability of a positive response as a function of lead level, and contain four plots representing the results for each of the four combinations of lead pigment type and substrate. Thus, the two plots in a row provide a comparison of the effect of lead pigment type for a nonreactive substrate with that for a reactive substrate. Similarly, the two plots in a column allow a comparison of the substrate effect for white lead with that for lead chromate.

The logistic curves on each plot represent the results of the fit of the model for each of the operators. Note in Figures 1 through 8B that some plots show fewer regression curves than operators participating in the testing. In these cases, although the data sets for the operators were different, the proportions of positive responses were identical at the given lead levels and, thus, the plotted regression curves coincided.

The filled circles in Figures 1 through 8B indicate the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level. The error bars are the associated (where possible) 95 % binomial confidence intervals [33]. The confidence intervals provide a guide to adequacy of fit of the models. Each plot also contains two horizontal dashed lines representing the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are placed on the top horizontal dashed line at the 0.95 probability point for each operator. The circles are repeated on each plot just above the x-axis so that the approximate lead level of the 0.95 probability point for each operator can be better estimated. Finally, note that the lead level region (i.e.,  $< 1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ) where remedial action is not required [2,3] is shaded on all plots.

Before discussing the plots, a few comments on the model selection are in order. A simple logistic model (Eq 1) was selected rather than the “enhanced logistic” model used in the EPA/HUD field study [8], because the data adequately fitted the simple logistic model. The enhanced logistic model was required in the EPA/HUD study because, in the limit of small concentrations, some of the EPA/HUD data sets exhibited long, flat approaches to nonzero values. A simple logistic model does not fit such data well, so additional model parameters were added in the EPA/HUD study for left and right limits to the probability. Because the lead levels in the present study were selected according to the experimental design, the results do not have this behavior. Also, the previous modeling of the EPA/HUD field data was done on log concentrations. This was probably necessary because of the highly skewed distribution of lead concentrations observed in the field, with many very small lead values, and a few very large values. In the present study, the lead levels were selected on equally-spaced scales so that there is no gain in taking the logarithm of concentration. If logarithms had been used, the interpretation would have been more difficult, because some ad hoc technique would have had to be used to treat the many specimens with zero lead levels.

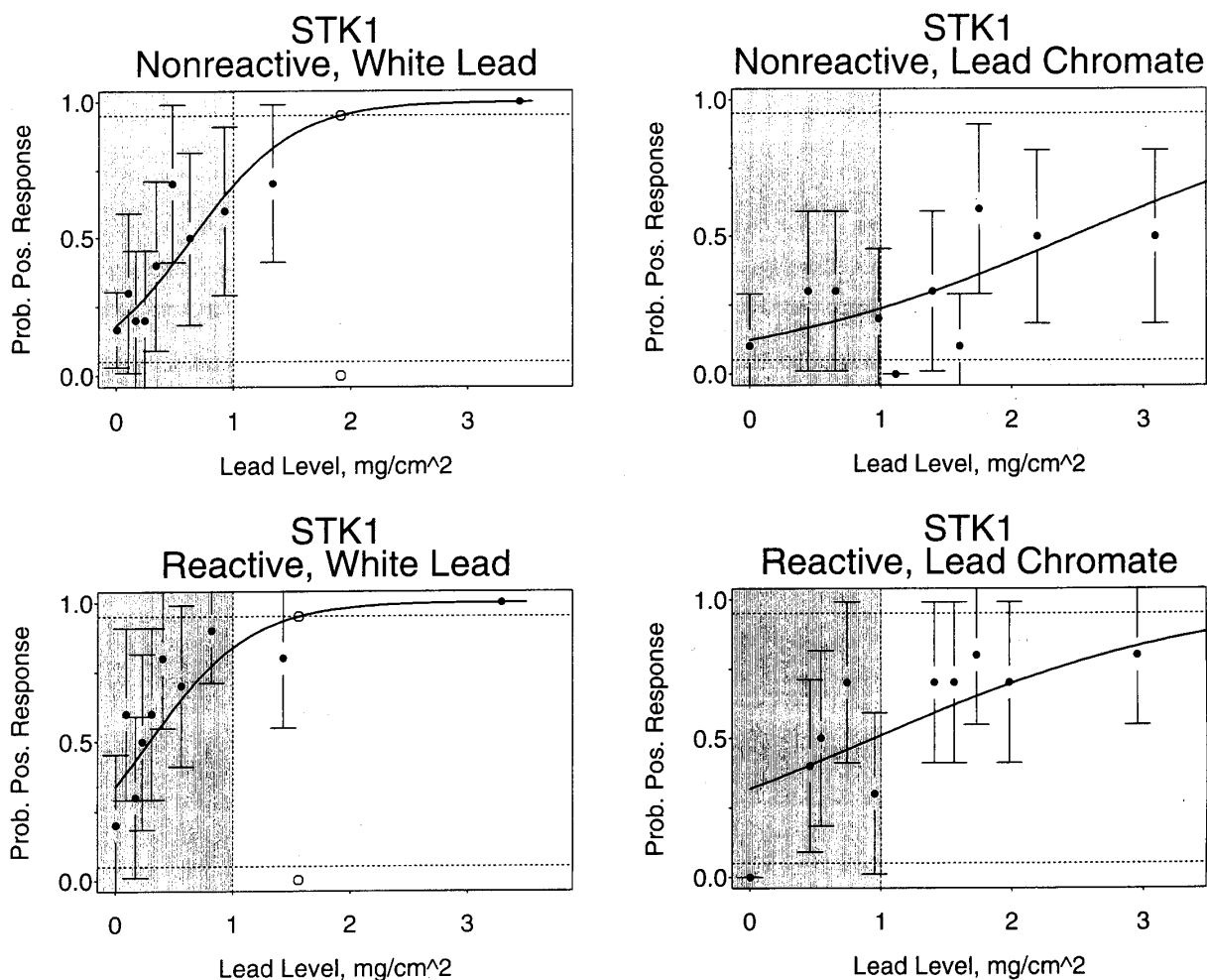


Figure 1. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 1 (STK1) for Each Operator. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

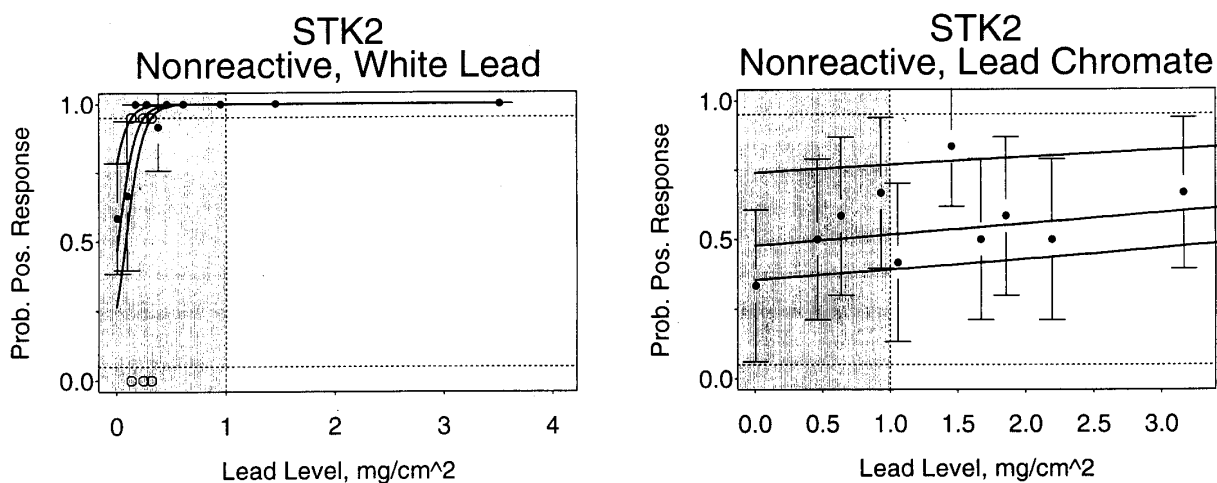


Figure 2. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 2 (STK2) for Each Operator. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

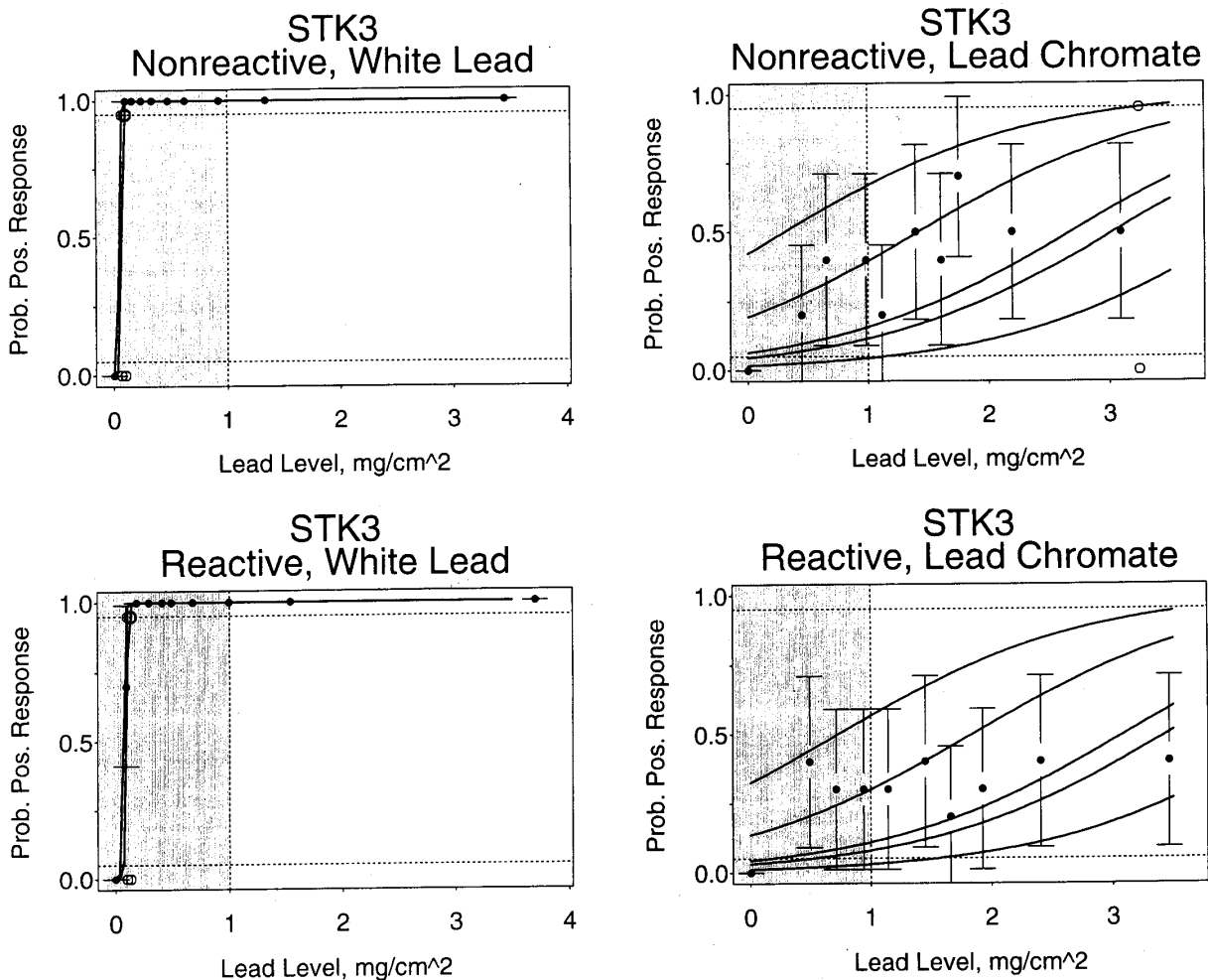


Figure 3. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 3 (STK3) for Each Operator. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

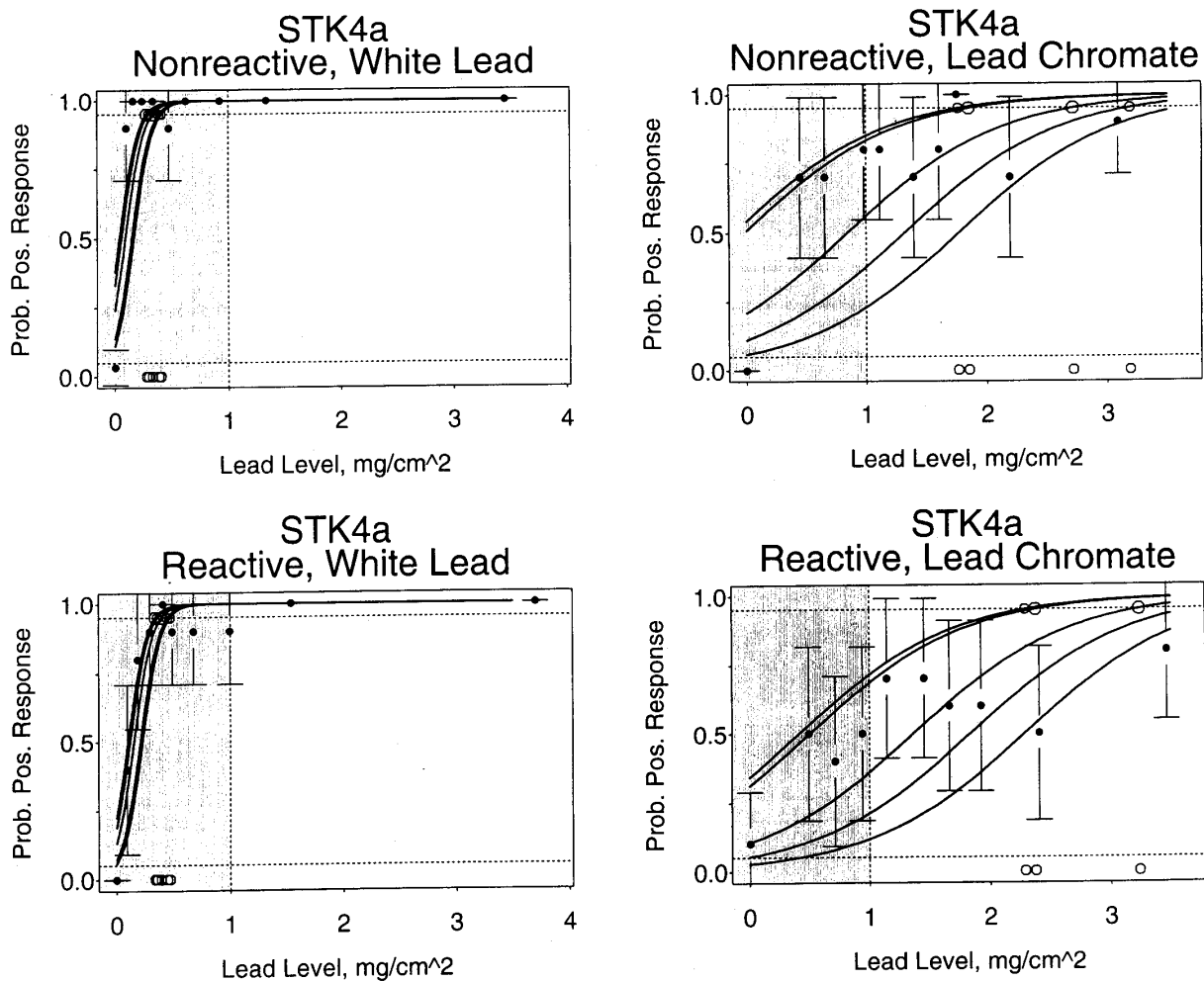


Figure 4A. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 4 for Each Operator; Data Are For the STK4a Procedure. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)



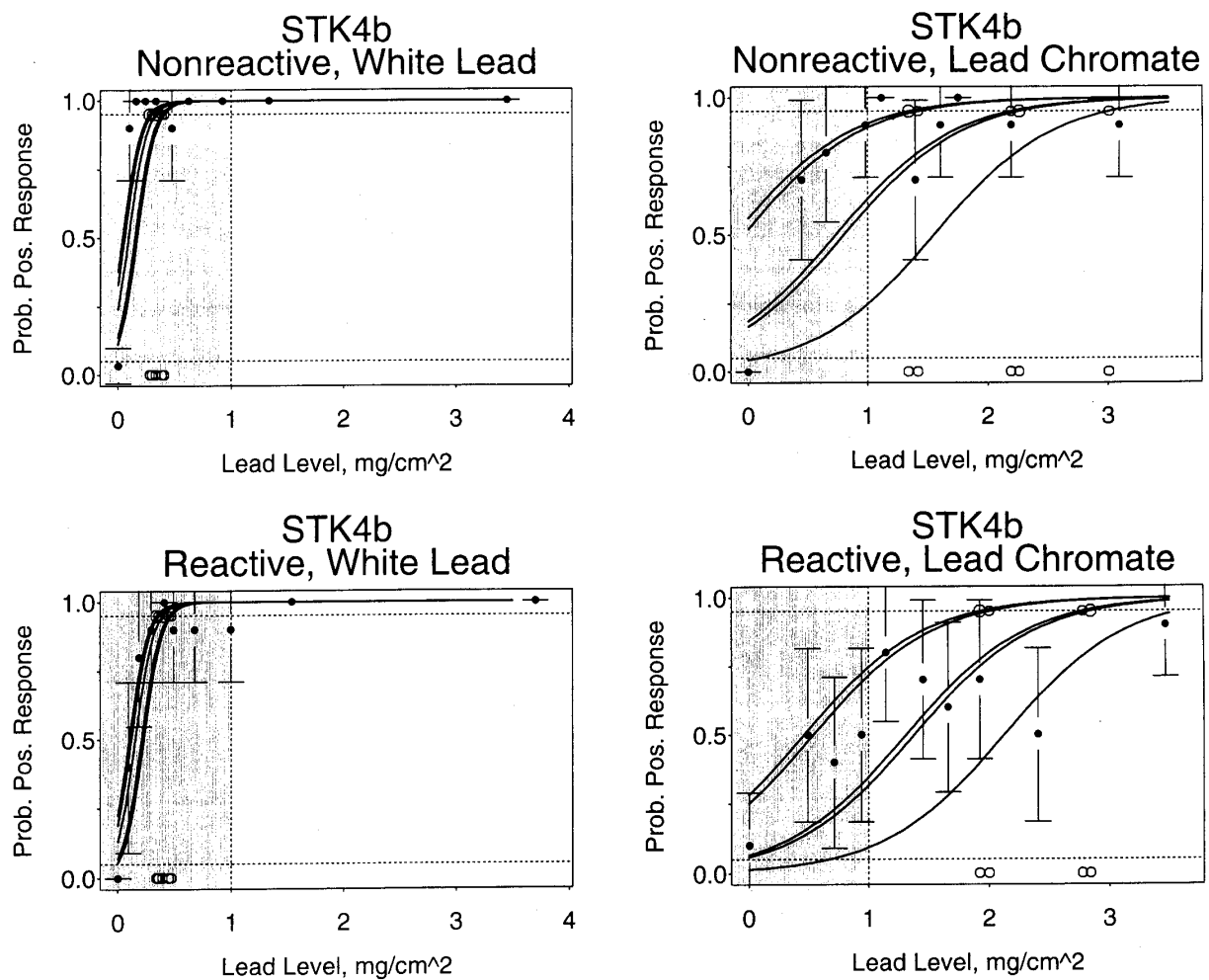


Figure 4B. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 4 for Each Operator; Data Are For the STK4b Procedure. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

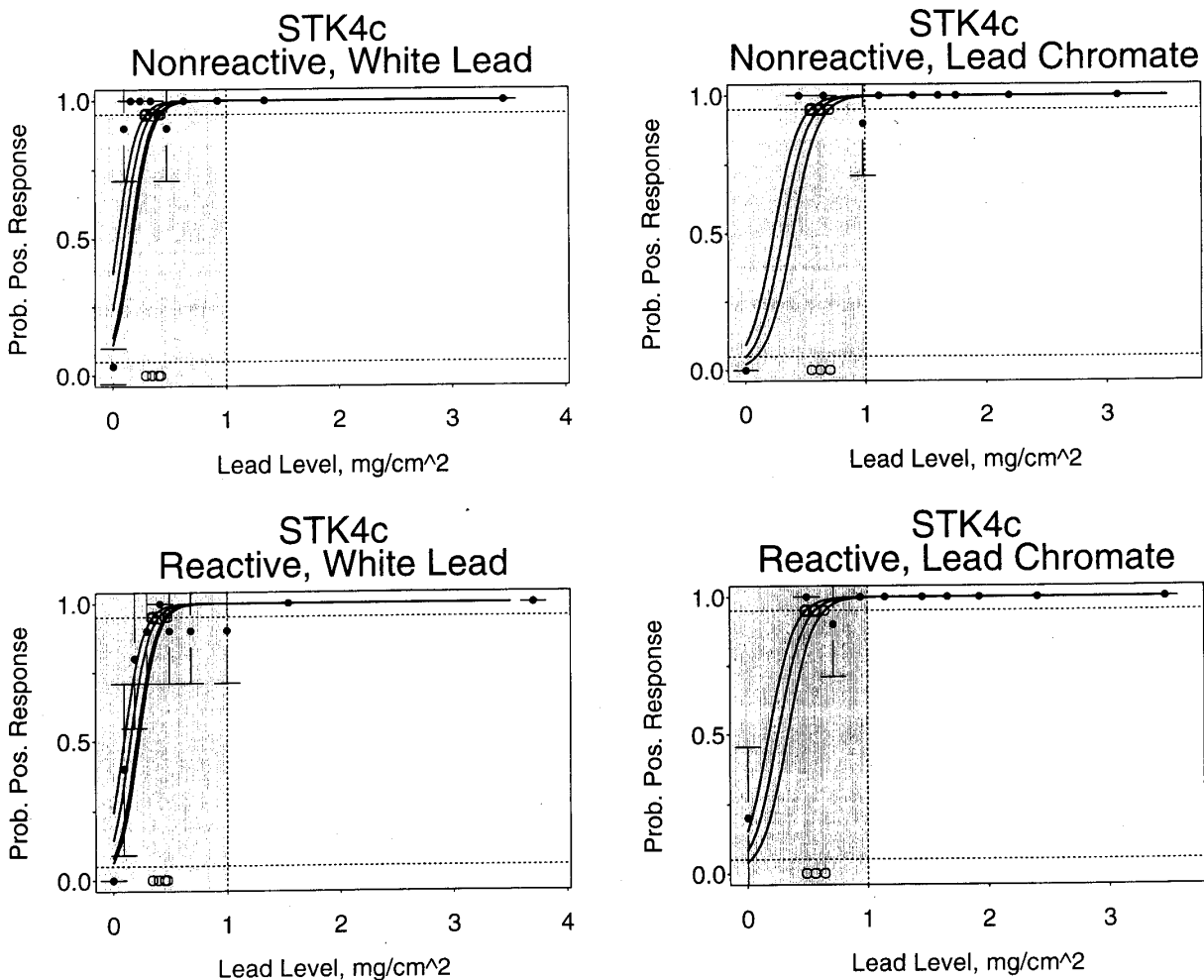


Figure 4C. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 4 for Each Operator; Data Are For the STK4c Procedure. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

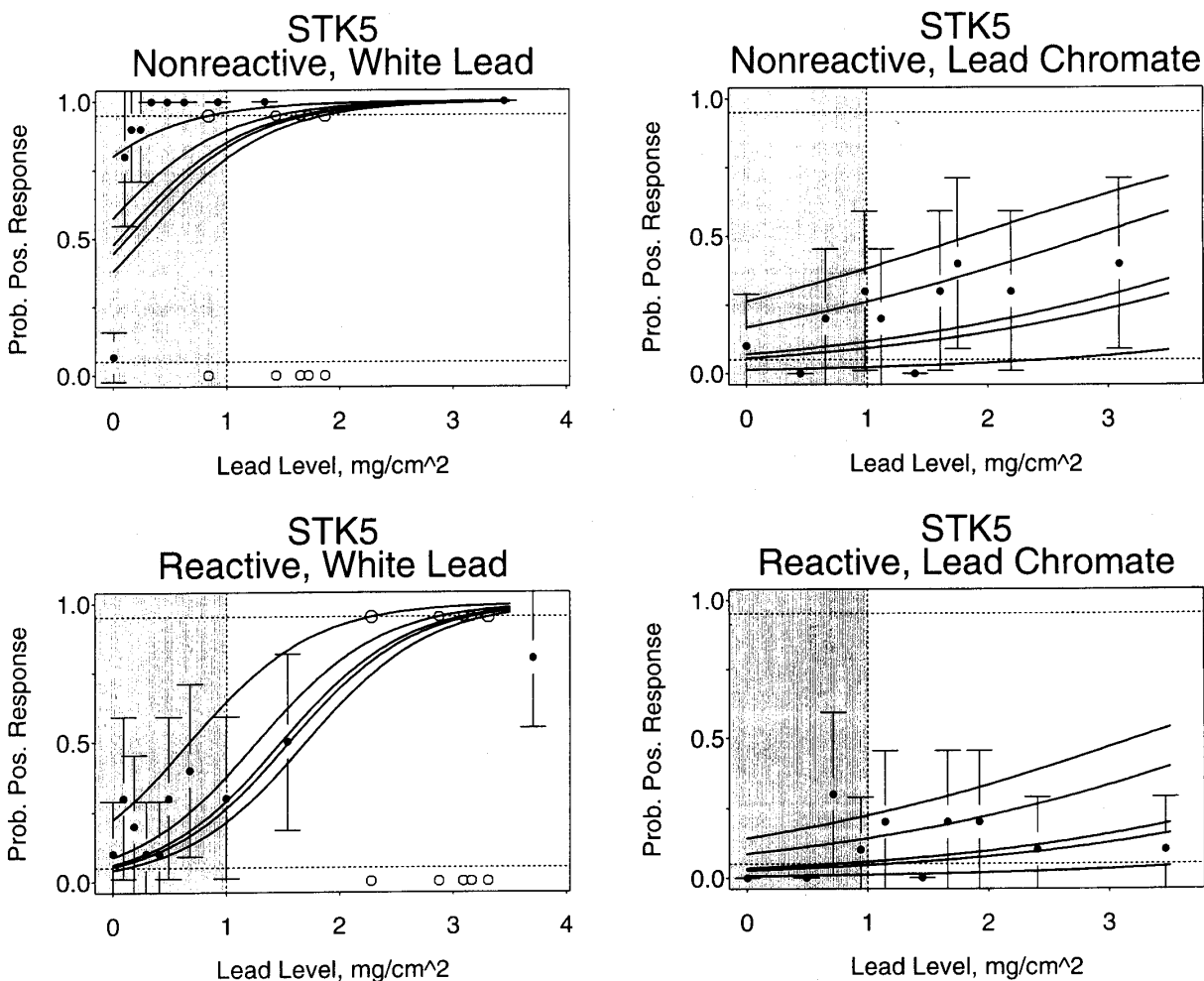


Figure 5. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 5 (STK5) for Each Operator. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

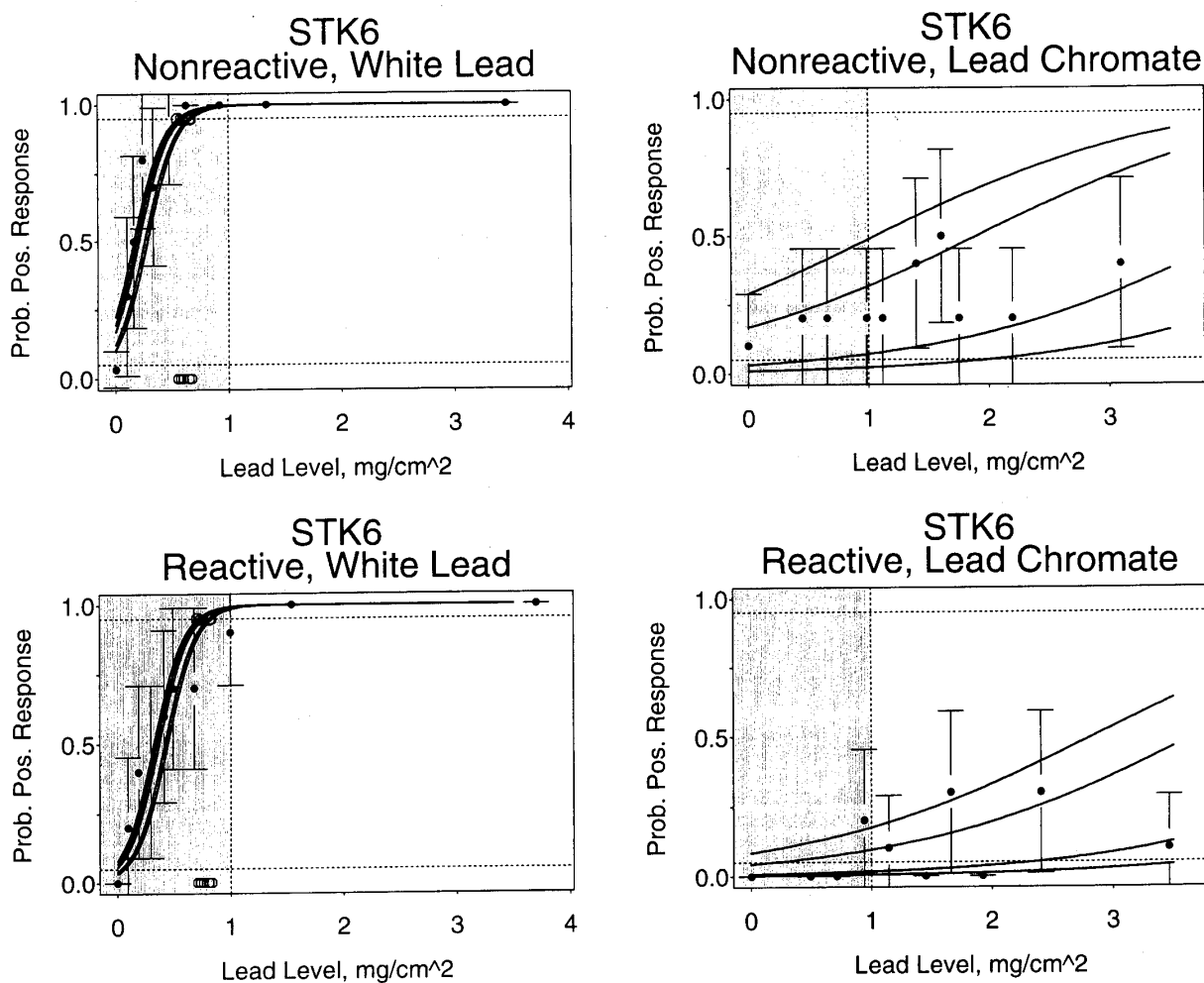


Figure 6. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 6 (STK6) for Each Operator. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

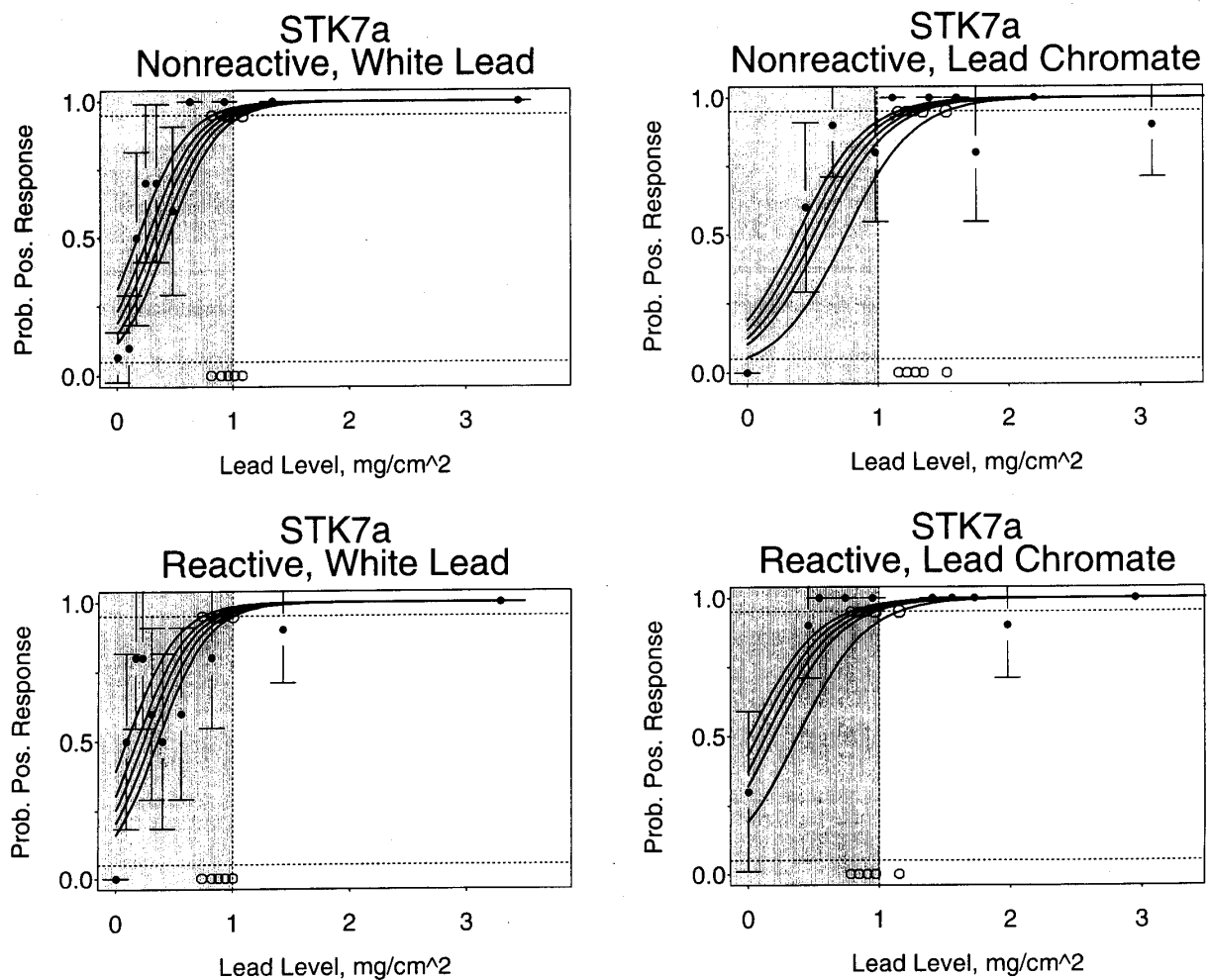


Figure 7A. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 7 for Each Operator; Data Are For the STK7a Procedure. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

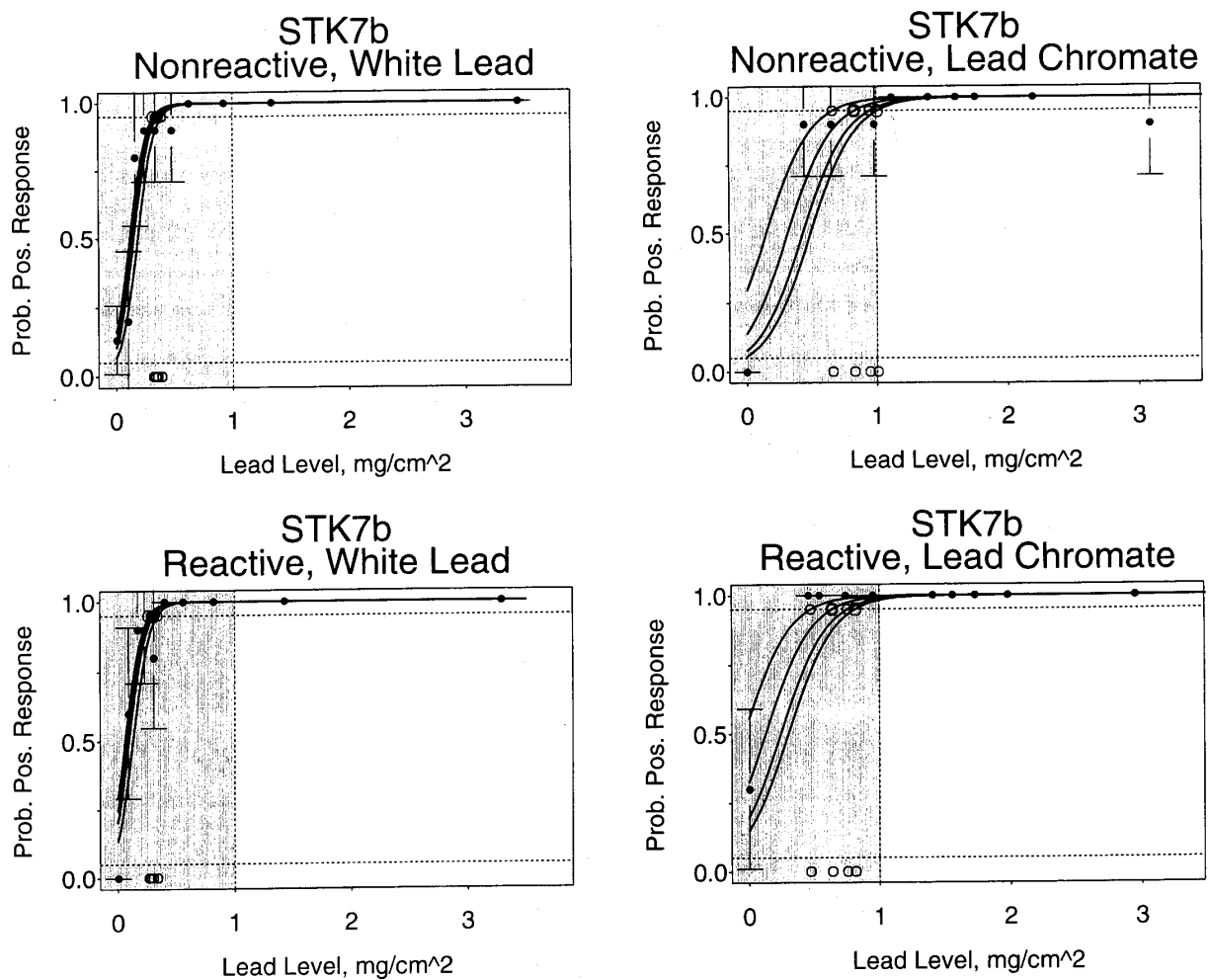


Figure 7B. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 7 for Each Operator; Data Are For the STK7b Procedure. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

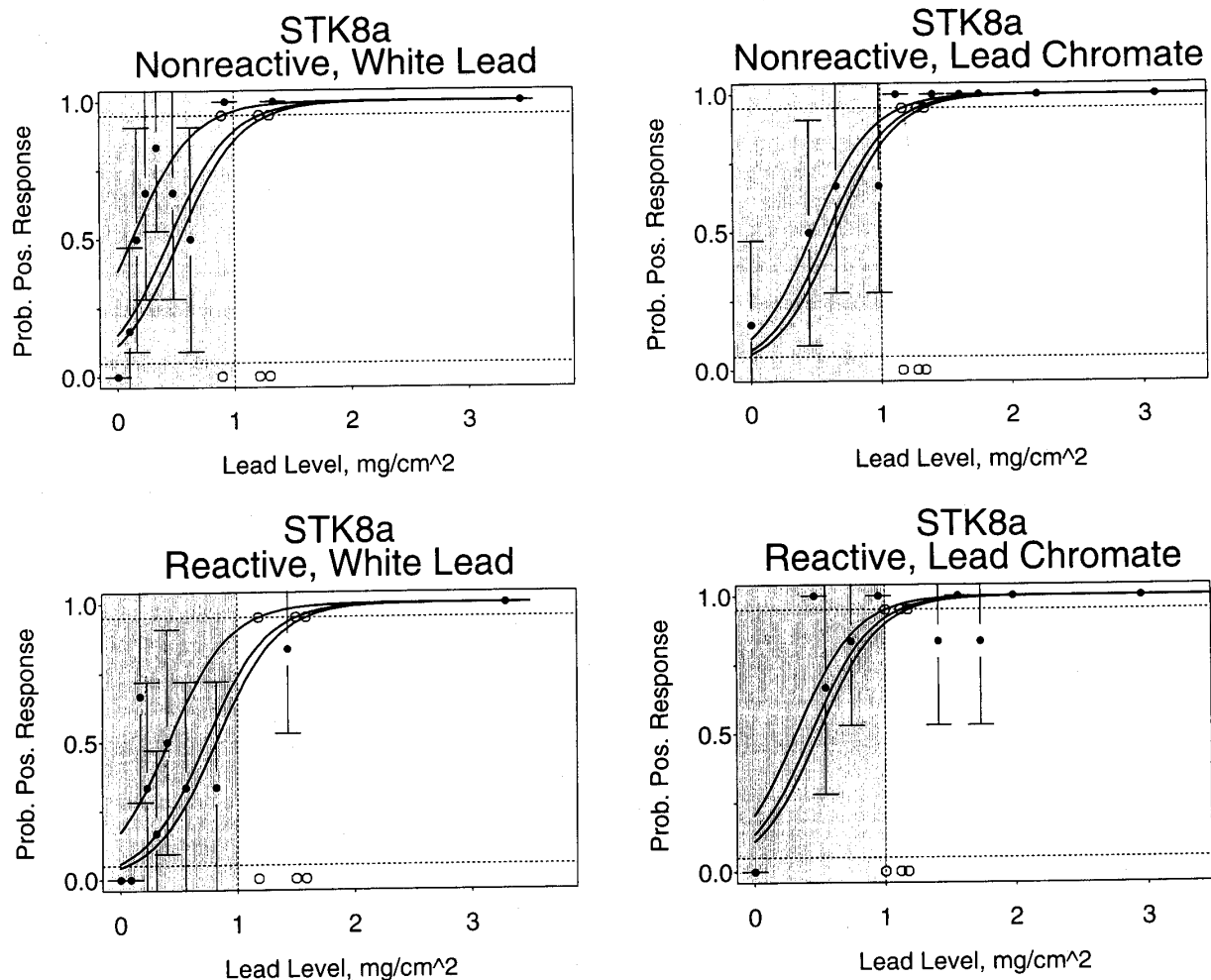


Figure 8A. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 8 for Each Operator; Data Are For the STK8a Procedure. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)

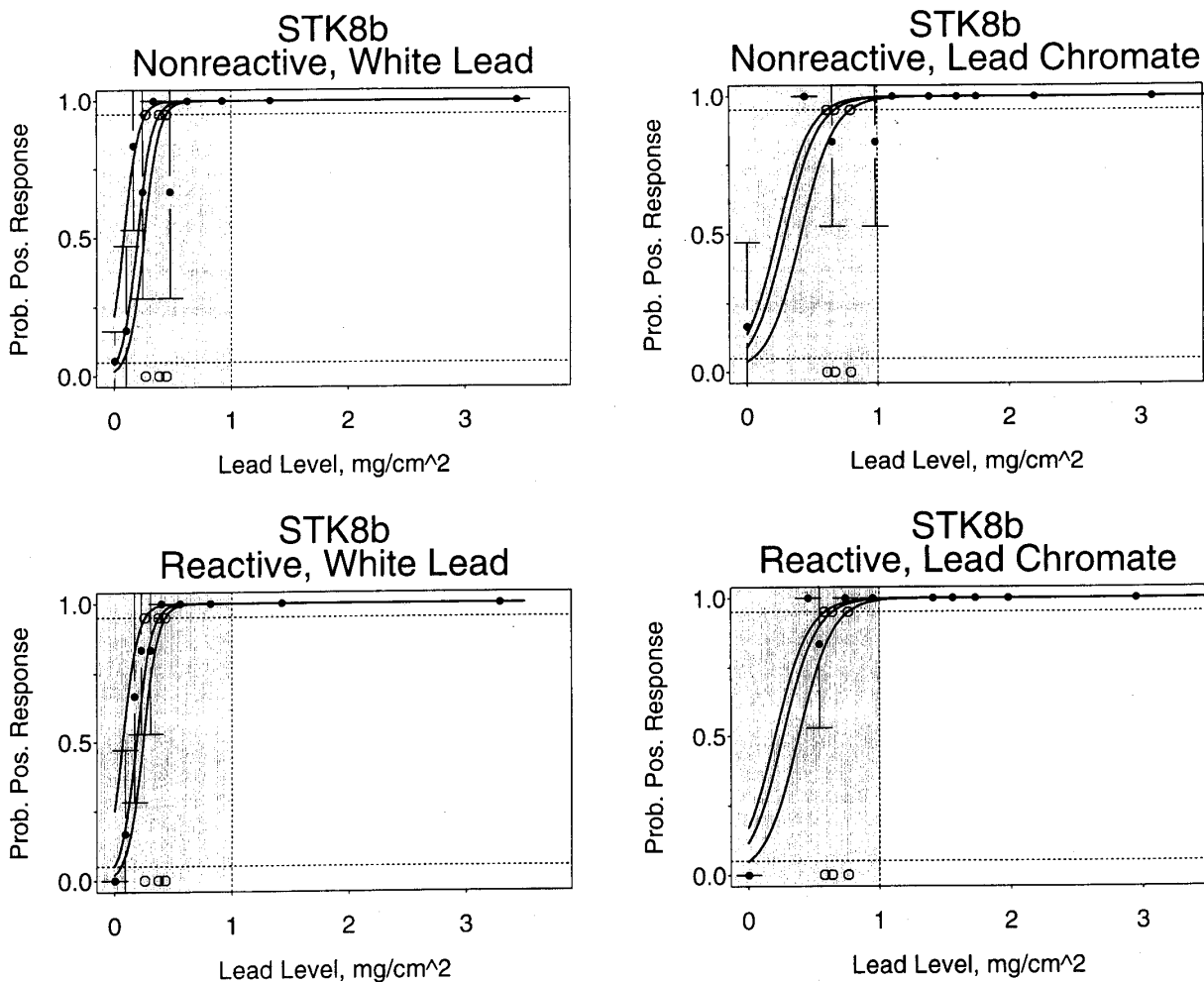


Figure 8B. Probability of a Positive Response Versus Lead Level for Spot Test Kit 8 for Each Operator; Data Are For the STK8b Procedure. (The filled circles represent the proportions of positive responses at a given lead level, and the error bars are the associated 95 % binomial confidence intervals. The two horizontal dashed lines represent the 0.5 and 0.95 probabilities of a positive response. Circles are the 0.95 probability point for each operator; they are repeated above the horizontal axis for clarity.)



5.3.1 Ideal Test Kit Performance for Detecting Lead-Based Paint. In advance of discussing the plots in Figures 1 through 8B, it is useful to review the ideal performance [8] of a test kit used for detecting lead-based paint. Figure 9 illustrates such ideal performance. Note in the figure that the probability of a positive response is essentially 0 and 1 at lead levels less than, and greater than, a lead level of  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ , respectively. That is, the transition from a negative to a positive response (i.e., inflection point) occurs at about the  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  lead-based paint lead level. This transition is sharp, as denoted by the steepness of the curve at the inflection point. If this sharp transition from a negative to a positive response were to occur at lead level significantly less than  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  (i.e., the curve in Figure 9 is shifted to the left), then the test kit might be used as a negative screen for lead-based paint. Similarly, if this transition were to occur at a lead level greater than  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  (i.e., the curve in Figure 9 is shifted to the right), then the test kit might be used as a positive screen for lead-based paint.

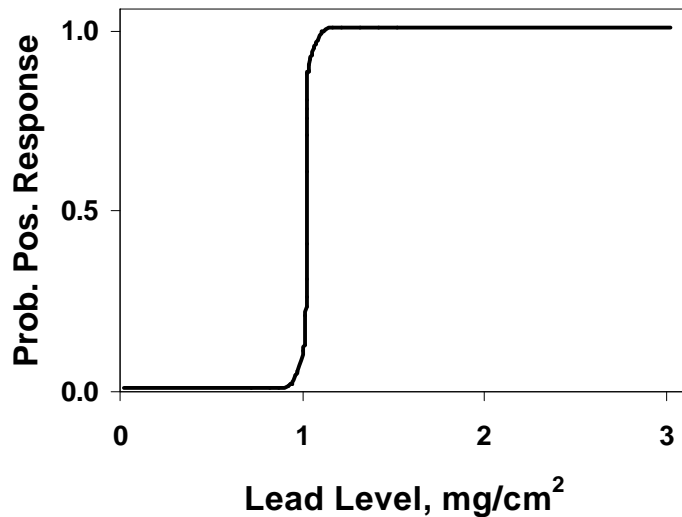


Figure 9. Example of the Ideal Performance of a Spot Test Kit for Determining Lead-Based Paint.

**5.3.2 Effect of Spot Test Kit.** In examining the plots in Figures 1 through 8B in relation to Figure 9, it is evident that none of the spot test kits gave a response curve that had a sharp transition at about the Federal level of  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  at which a paint is classified as lead-based [2,3]. This finding indicated that none of the test kits can be used for determining lead-based paint (i.e., minimum lead level of  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ ). It is also shown in the plots that there were major differences among some test kits in their ability to determine lead in the paint specimens. For example, for white lead, the 95 % probabilities for STK2, STK3, STK4a/b/c, STK6, STK7a/b and STK8a/b ranged from about  $0.1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  to  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . In contrast, for STK1 and STK5, these values were in the range of about  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  to  $3 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ .

The steepness of the regression curve over a relatively narrow range of lead levels is a measure of a spot test kit's sensitivity in transitioning from negative to positive responses. Qualitatively, the better performing kits have sharper transitions (i.e., steeper slopes at the transition points) and, thus, more sharply define a lead level from which differences, negative or positive, can be most readily detected. In examining Figures 1 through 8B it can be seen that, in general, those kits that had 95 % probabilities of a positive response of  $<1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  had response curves with steeper slopes at the inflection point than those having 95 % probabilities which were  $>1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . In particular, observe that, for white lead, STK2, STK3, STK4a/b/c, STK6, STK7b, and STK8b had quite steep slopes. Because the 95 % probabilities generally occurred at lead levels less than  $0.5 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ , these kits might be used as negative screens for lead-based paint.

**5.3.3 Effect of Lead Pigment Type.** For the majority of the spot test kits, lead pigment type had a major effect on the results. Generally, white lead was readily detected, whereas lead chromate was detected with difficulty. This was consistent with results of the false negative and false positive tabulations in Section 5.1 and the analysis given in Section 5.2.3. An example of the effect of lead pigment type is illustrated in Figure 3 for STK3. Note, in the two plots for white lead, the very sharp (i.e., steep slope) transition from a negative to a positive response with the lead levels of the 95 % probability of positive response being about  $0.1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . In contrast, the response curves for lead chromate make a gradual transition from negative to positive response and the lead levels of the 95 % probability of positive response are greater than  $3.5 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ .

Another clear illustration of the effect of lead pigment type on kit response is given in Figure 2 for STK2. This is the kit in which paint chips were immersed in vinegar overnight before adding the sulfide reagent (Table 2). Notice in Figure 2 the reasonably sharp transition from a negative to positive response at about  $0.2 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  with specimens having white lead; whereas the transition was extremely gradual for specimens with lead chromate. This finding indicates that vinegar is a more effective agent for leaching white lead than lead chromate from paint chips.

**5.3.4 Effect of Spot Test Kit Procedure.** Comparisons of Figures 4A, 4B, and 4C for STK4, Figures 7A and 7B for STK7, and Figures 8A and 8B for STK8 illustrate the effect of test procedure on spot test kit response. This effect was most apparent for STK4. Observe in Figure 4A that the STK4a procedure readily detected white lead, but had difficulty in detecting lead chromate. Moreover, there was little improvement in STK4 performance for lead chromate when the STK4b procedure was used (Figure 4B). However, the STK4c procedure readily detected the lead chromate. Observe in Figure 4C the sharpness of the transition from a negative to positive response with the 95 % probability of a positive response occurring at a lead level of about  $0.7 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . These features were clearly absent in the lead chromate plots in Figures 4A and 4B.

The logistic plots for STK4a/b/c for lead chromate are consistent with the false negative tabulations discussed in Section 5.1. They also support a suggestion that, when an STK4a result is negative, the STK4c test procedure should be performed regardless of the suspected lead pigment type, because of the STK4c enhanced sensitivity to lead. Presently, the STK4 manufacturer's instructions direct the user to follow the STK4c test procedure only if the STK4a result is negative and lead chromate is suspected.

The change in test procedure for STK7 and STK8 for detecting lead chromate was not as dramatic as for STK4. However, the STK7b and STK8b procedures had the 95 % probability of a positive response occurring at lead levels of less than, or equal to, about 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. This was not always the case for the STK7a and STK8a procedures. This is important because, if the 95 % probability of a positive response occurs with acceptable certainty at lead levels less than 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, these kits may be useful as negative screens (Section 5.4).

The comparisons of STK7a with STK7b (Figures 7A and 7B), and STK8a with STK8b (Figures 8A and 8B) imply that the preferential procedure for using the STK7 and STK8 kits is to deposit the sulfide reagent on a chip. Note in Figures 7a and 8a that, in a majority of cases for lead chromate, the 95 % probability of a positive response is greater than 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>—suggesting that STK7a and STK8a not be used. This modeling result was in contrast to the false negative and false positive results given in Table 10B. Qualitatively, the tabulation in Table 10B suggested that the STK7a/b and STK8a/b procedures might be used as negative screens for lead-based paint, because all four procedures gave relatively low percents of false negatives for lead chromate. Comments provided by the operators during the STK7 and STK8 tests indicated that placing the sulfide reagent on a chip that had been removed from the notch was no more difficult than cutting the notch and placing the reagent on it. Most operators generally felt they could better judge kit response using the STK7b or STK8b procedures than they could using the STK7a or STK8a procedures.

**5.3.5 Effect of Operator.** Differences in operator response is roughly estimated by observing the spread among the various response curves in a given plot. For white lead, only STK1 was found to have a significant operator effect (Table 13). Note in Figure 1 the relatively large spread between operator response curves. In contrast, for lead chromate, the majority of the spot test kits (i.e., STK1, STK2, STK3, STK4a/b, STK5, and STK6) showed operator effects.

The plots in Figures 1 through 8B illustrate the conclusion from the F-statistic analysis given in Section 5.2.4. that the response of those kits that were relatively sensitive to low levels of lead were not influenced by operator. For example, compare in Figure 4A that, for STK4 which was sensitive to white lead, but performed poorly for lead chromate, the slight spread among operator response curves for white lead and the relatively large spread for lead chromate.

**5.3.6 Effect of Substrate.** In examining Figures 1 through 8B, the feature indicating a substrate effect is that the 95 % probability of a positive response occurs at higher (or lower) lead levels for the reactive substrate than for the nonreactive substrate. In these cases, the reactivity of the substrate has decreased (or increased) the sensitivity of the spot test kit to detecting lead. A clear example of a substrate effect is given in Figure 5 for STK5 with white lead. Observe that, for the nonreactive substrate, the lead level of the 95 % probability of a positive response always occurred at < 2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>. On the other hand, for the reactive substrate, the lead level of the 95 % probability of a positive response was generally about 3 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Analysis using the logistic regression model indicated that, for white lead, a statistically significant substrate effect was only present for STK5, although the effect was only marginally insignificant for STK1. As was found in analyzing the data for other effects, these two spot test kits were again those that had the highest percents of false negatives for white lead at the 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level. For lead chromate, substrate effects were found in four of the 12 cases (STK1, STK4b, STK6, and STK7a). Thus, included among the eight cases where a substrate effect was not found were STK4c, STK7b, and STK8b, which are the three spot test kits that have shown possibility for use as negative screens for lead chromate specimens.

In their field investigation using a specific rhodizonate spot test kit (STK4 in the present study), Ashley et al. [20] found no substrate effect on response. They attributed this finding to their notching procedure, which was to cut through the paint film to the substrate, but not into it, to minimize contact between the substrate material and the reagent solution. They assumed that the majority of their leaded specimens were white-lead pigmented. Their finding of no substrate effect is the same as that in the present study for STK4 for white lead.

In contrast to the results in the present NIST study and the Ashley et al. study [20], the QuanTech study [21] found a substrate effect in the field, but only for spot test kits used with reactive substrates. The observations were believed to result from increased reagent interaction with the reactive field substrate and, possibly, the age and brittleness of the paint for the field samples. The QuanTech authors indicated that the performance of test kits on reactive substrates in the field may be highly variable and difficult to predict. Consequently, they suggested that spot test kits not be used on reactive substrates. However, they did not consider this to be a practical limitation on spot test use, because rhodizonate kits can be used with metal substrates, and sulfide kits with plaster substrates.

5.3.7 Comparison of NIST Laboratory Data with EPA/HUD Field Data. The spot test kit phase of the EPA/HUD field study [8] included field tests conducted with five spot test kits used in the present laboratory study. The five test kits common to both were STK3, STK4, STK6, STK7, and STK8\*. Also, some paint-film substrates were common to both. However, the EPA/HUD study did not include lead pigment type or operator as variables. It was of interest to compare applicable EPA/HUD field results with the NIST laboratory results for the five common test kits.

For STK3, STK4, STK6, STK7, and STK8 test kits, the NIST data were pooled over operators, that is, the logistic model (Eq 1) was fit without the  $M_2C_2$  term. The results are plotted in Figures 10 through 14. The EPA/HUD data are also plotted in these figures using the enhanced logistic model of the EPA/HUD study [8]. The STK4 comparison was made using the NIST STK4b data, because the HUD/EPA field data were obtained using a procedure that involved a time delay in judging the characteristic color change. Similarly, the STK7 and STK8 comparisons were made using the NIST STK7b and STK8b data, because the EPA/HUD data were obtained from procedures that included chips. No EPA/HUD data were available for STK6 on the reactive substrate, so this comparison

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\* STK5 was also included in the EPA/HUD study [8], but was used according to a procedure by which the specimen surface was sanded prior to performing the test. Because the EPA/HUD procedure for STK5 did not include cutting a notch in the paint-film, this kit was not considered to be common to both the EPA/HUD and NIST studies.

could not be made. Note in Figures 10 through 14 that the EPA/HUD curves, for a given test kit and substrate type, are plotted identically for white lead and lead chromate. This allows for the comparisons to be made for both types of lead pigments, although the pigment types in the EPA/HUD study were not determined. In reviewing the results of the comparisons in Figures 10 through 14, it is evident that, for any given lead level somewhat greater than zero, the probability of a positive response in the EPA/HUD field study was noticeably less than that observed in the NIST laboratory study for white lead, but greater than that in the NIST laboratory study for lead chromate. That is, the results of the laboratory study, wherein the specimens were of known pigment type having extreme solubilities, for the most part bracketed the EPA/HUD field findings.

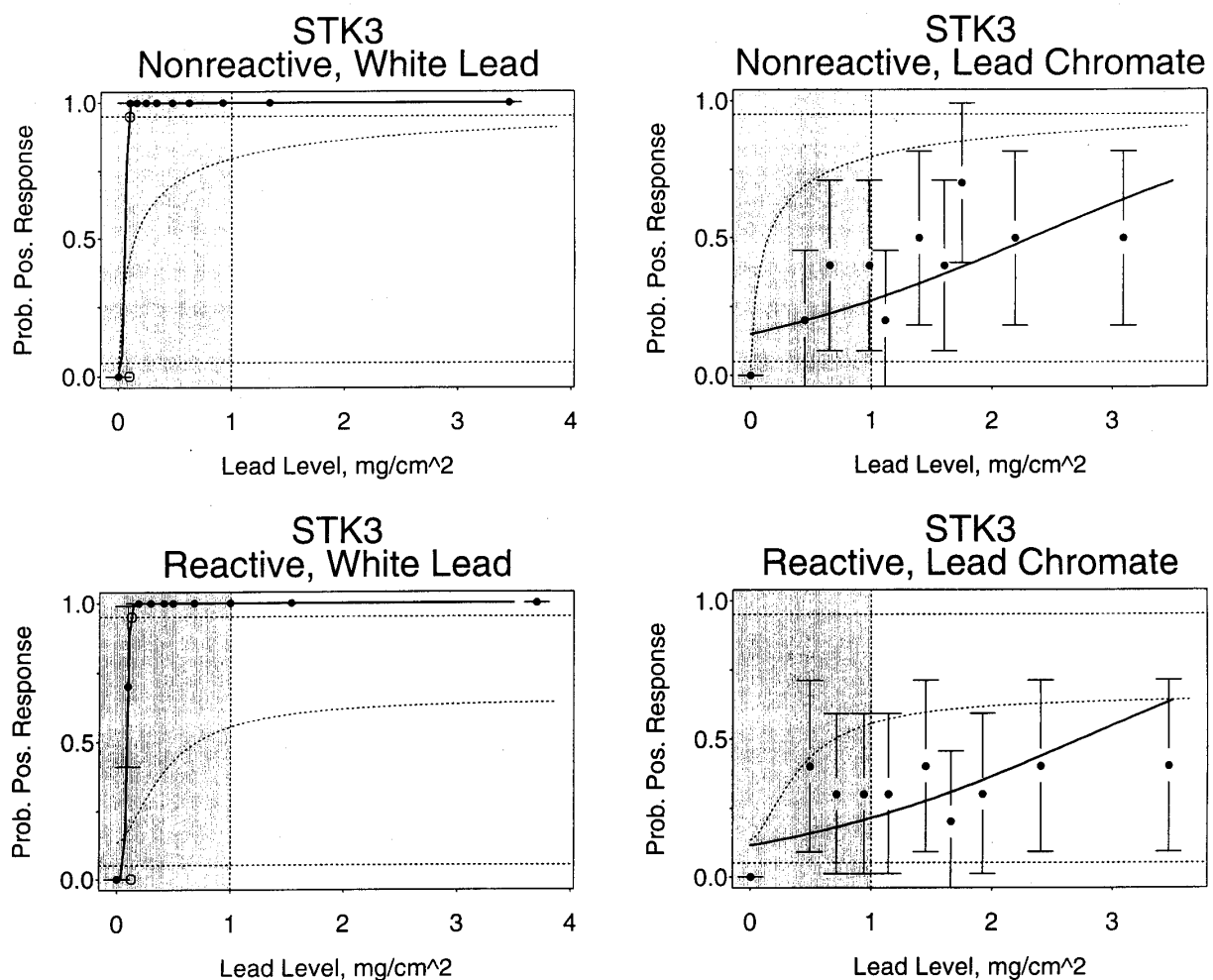


Figure 10. Comparison of the Results of the NIST Laboratory Data With Those of the EPA/HUD Field Data [8] for Spot Test Kit 3. (The solid and dashed curves represent the NIST and EPA/HUD data, respectively.)

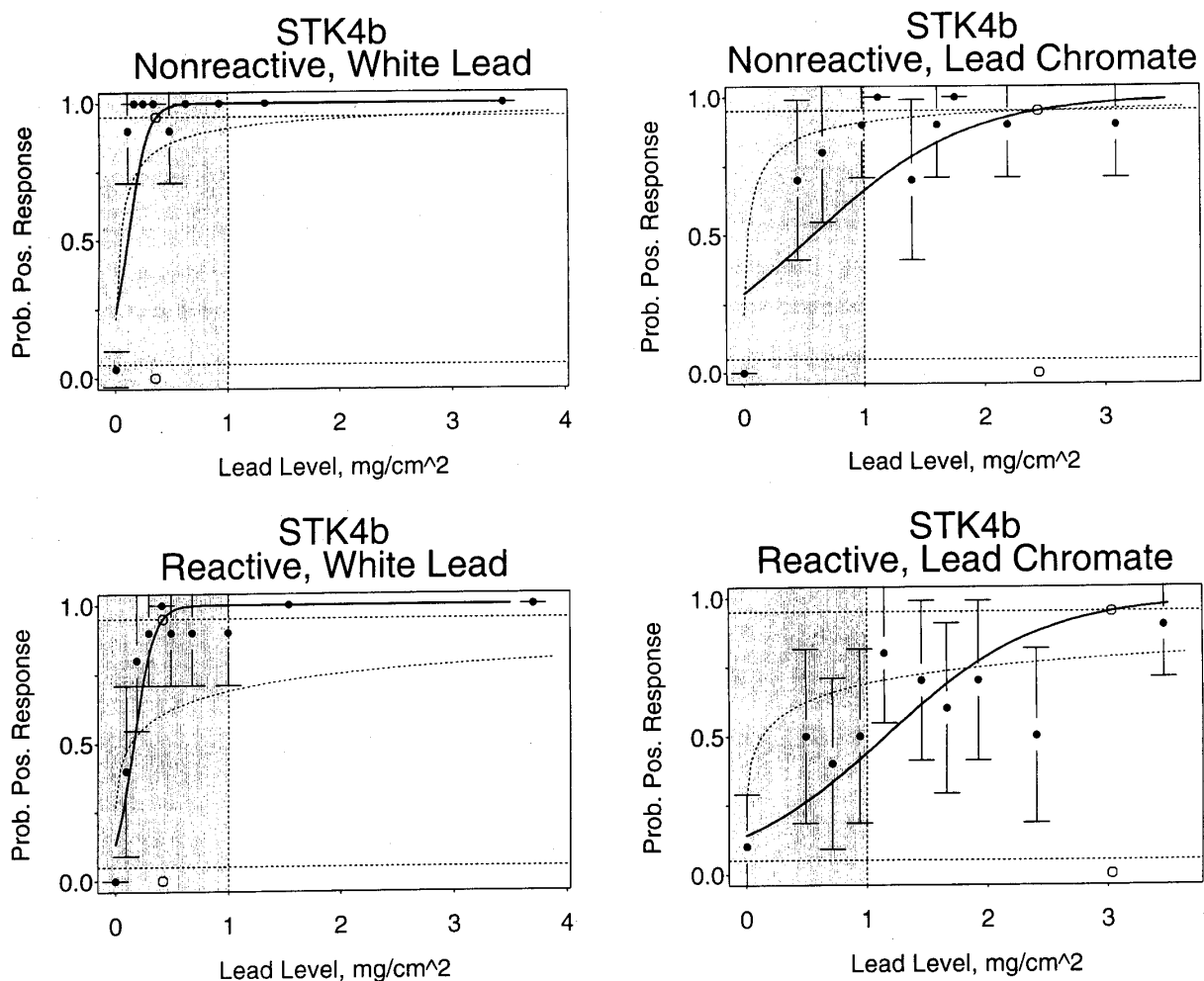


Figure 11. Comparison of the Results of the NIST Laboratory Data With Those of the EPA/HUD Field Data [8] for Spot Test Kit 4. The Comparison was Made for the STK4b Procedure. (The solid and dashed curves represent the NIST and EPA/HUD data, respectively.)

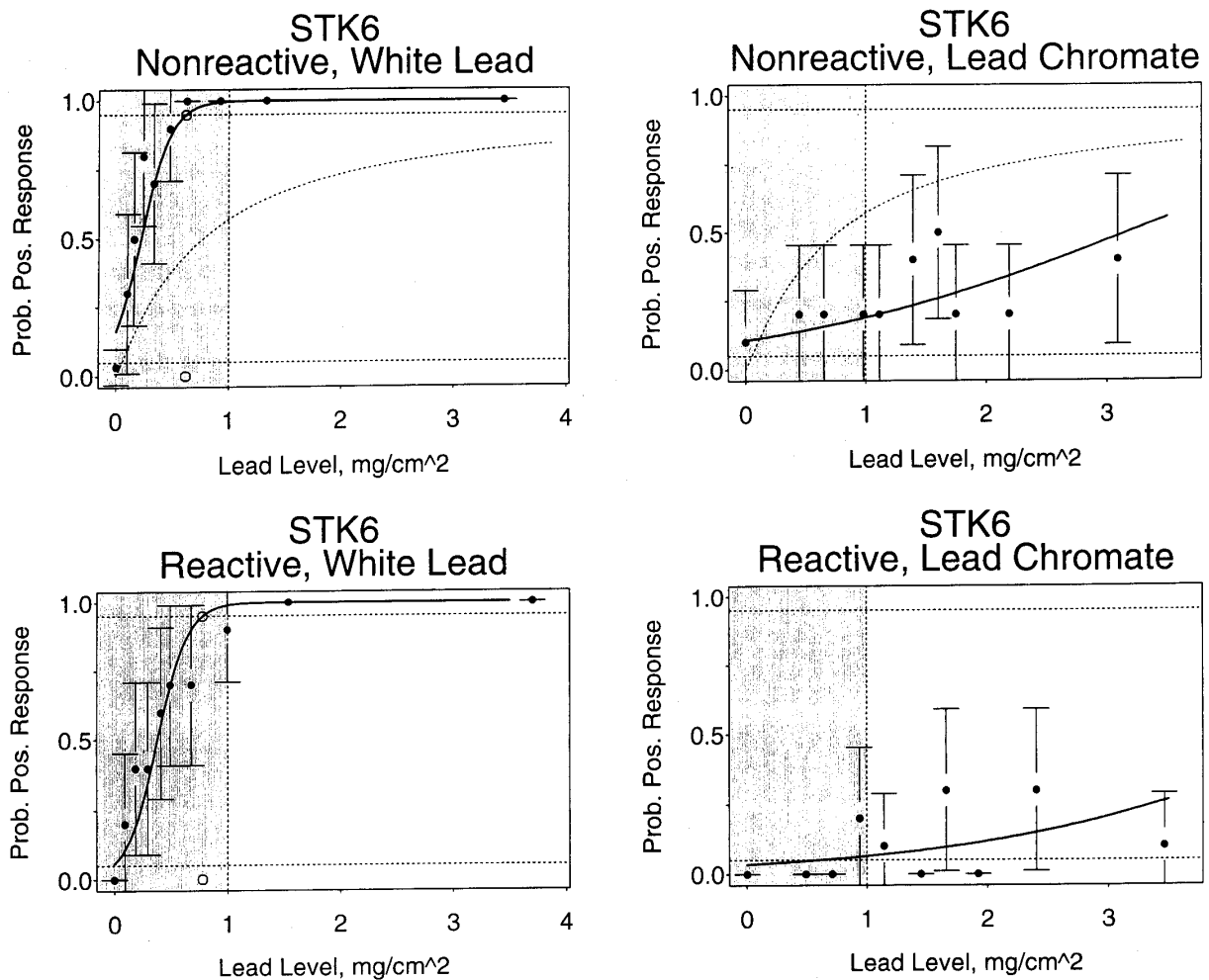


Figure 12. Comparison of the Results of the NIST Laboratory Data With Those of the EPA/HUD Field Data [8] for Spot Test Kit 6. The EPA/HUD Study did not Include Data for a Reactive Substrate. (The solid and dashed curves represent the NIST and EPA/HUD data, respectively.)



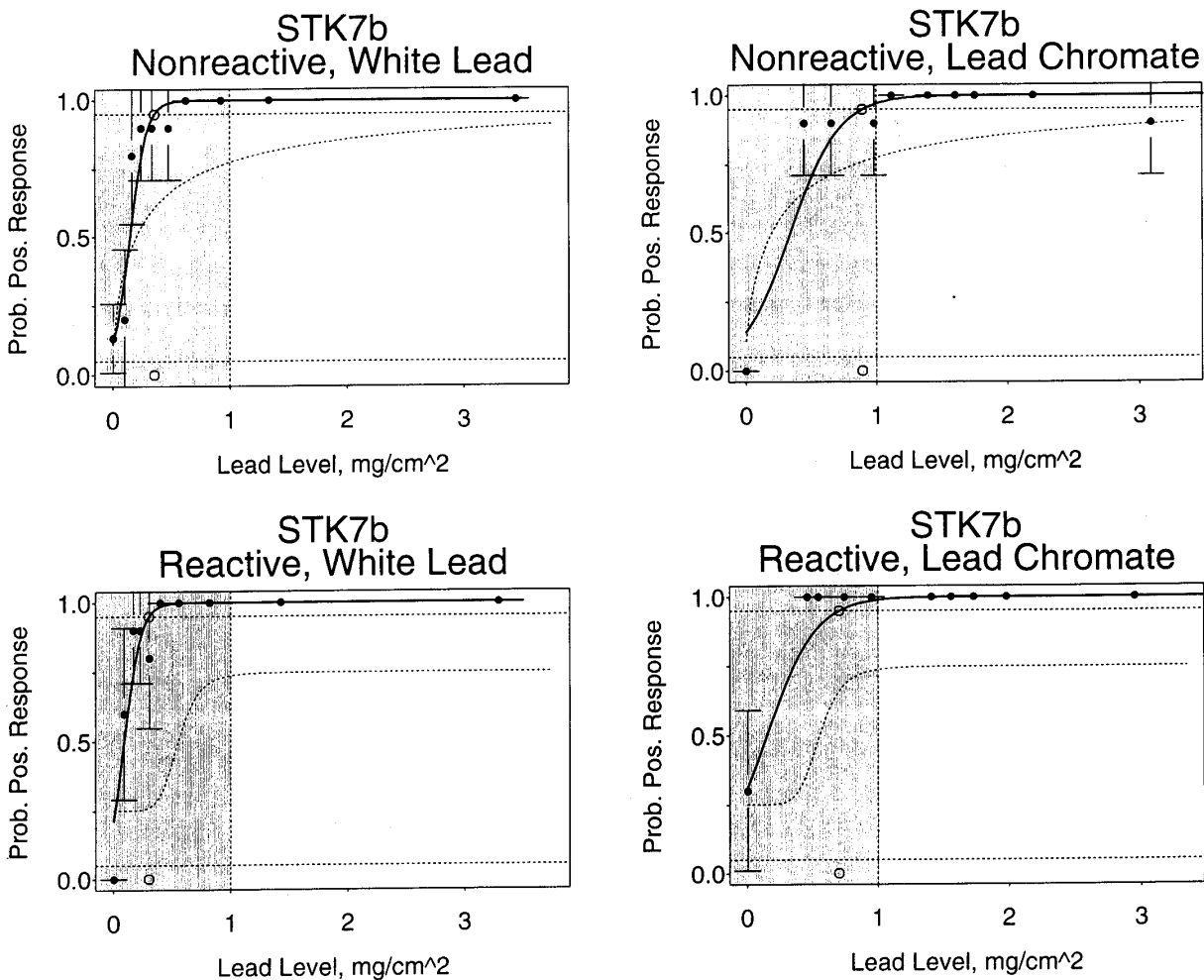


Figure 13. Comparison of the Results of the NIST Laboratory Data With Those of the EPA/HUD Field Data [8] for Spot Test Kit 7. The Comparison was Made for the STK7b Procedure. (The solid and dashed curves represent the NIST and EPA/HUD data, respectively.)

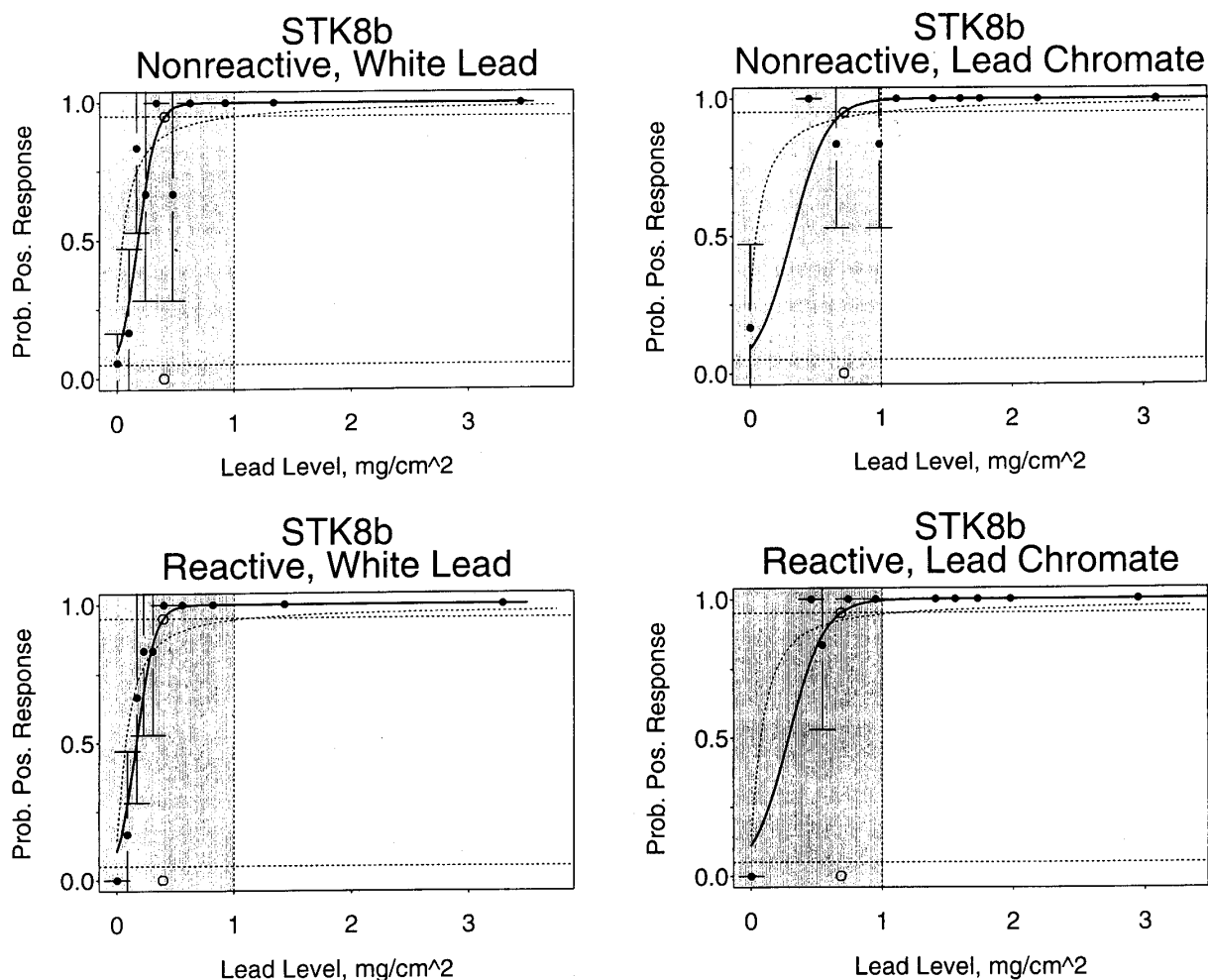


Figure 14. Comparison of the Results of the NIST Laboratory Data With Those of the EPA/HUD Field Data [8] for Spot Test Kit 8. The Comparison was Made for the STK8b Procedure. (The solid and dashed curves represent the NIST and EPA/HUD data, respectively.)

#### 5.4 Upper Confidence Limits on the Lead Level Having a 95 % Probability of a Positive Response

The false negative and false positive data in the present study qualitatively suggested that some of the spot test kits might be used as negative screens for lead-based paint. One way of quantitatively comparing the utility of spot test kits for practical use as negative screens for lead-based paint is via 95 % upper confidence limits on the lead level for which there is a 95 % probability of a positive response. This approach was taken, but the confidence limits were calculated for an “average” operator (i.e., an operator with an operator effect of zero). Because relatively few operators were included in the study, the between-operator variability could not be estimated very precisely. Thus, calculated limits for a “typical, randomly selected” operator would be *very* high lead levels, and not useful. For this reason, the compromise approach of an “average” operator was taken. In determining the confidence limits, a non-informative prior Bayesian approach was used, with the calculations done using Gibbs sampling and the BUGS (Bayesian analysis Using Gibbs Sampling) statistics package\*. Coefficients from the logistic regression fits (Eq 1) were used as starting values for the Bayesian analyses [34].

A separate model was fit for each kit, and for white lead and for lead chromate. The substrate effect was treated as a fixed effect in the regression model (except for STK2), and the operator effect was modeled as random. The posterior distribution of the 95th percentile of the response probability was simulated, and the 95th percentile of this distribution estimated.

The results of these calculations are presented in Table 14. For completeness of the data set, the results of the calculations for STK2 are included (in the column labeled “nonreactive”) although the STK2 test specimens did not have a substrate. The numbers in Table 14 represent the 95 % upper confidence bound on the lead level for which there is a 95 % probability of a positive response. If a kit produces a negative result, there is 95 % confidence that the lead level of the specimen is below the value given in Table 14. Using Table 14 practically, if a value is less than, or equal to, one, then the calculation suggests that the spot test kit may be used as a negative screen in relation to the Federal level of 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> at which a paint is classified as lead-based. As a practical consequence of this analysis, the following criterion is proposed for acceptance of a spot test kit as a negative screen for lead-based paint: Upon evaluation of spot test kit response, the probability of a negative response (with 95 % confidence) at a lead level of 1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> is  $\leq 5\%$ . This may be equivalently stated that the lead level at which there is a 95 % probability of a positive response (with 95 % confidence) should be  $\leq 1$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

As seen in Table 14, the values suggest that, for white lead on either a reactive or nonreactive substrate, most of the spot test kits can possibly be used as negative screens. Only STK1, STK5, STK7a and STK8a had 95 % confidence limits greater than one—implying that they are not useful as negative screens even for white lead. In contrast, for lead chromate on either a reactive or nonreactive substrate, only STK4c, STK7b, and STK8b had 95 % confidence limits that were 1 or less—suggesting that these three kits have possible use as negative screens for both white lead and lead chromate.

A practical concern regarding acceptance of spot test kits for use as negative screens for lead-based paint is kit response in cases where lead is essentially not present in the paint specimen.

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\*Spiegelhalter, et al., MRC Biostatistics Unit, Institute of Public Health, Cambridge, UK; available free at [www.mrc-bsu.com.ac.uk/bugs](http://www.mrc-bsu.com.ac.uk/bugs).

Table 14. Lead level corresponding to a 95 % probability of a positive response for an “average” operator<sup>a</sup>

Spot Test Kit	Lead Level, mg/cm <sup>2</sup>			
	Lead Pigment Type			
	White Lead		Lead Chromate	
	Substrate Type <sup>b</sup>		Substrate Type <sup>b</sup>	
	Reactive	Nonreactive	Reactive	Nonreactive
STK1	1.9	2.3	6.2	8.4
STK2 <sup>b</sup>	---	0.4 <sup>c</sup>	---	89.8 <sup>c</sup>
STK3	0.1	0.1	8.1	7.7
STK4a	0.5	0.4	4.1	3.5
STK4b	0.5	0.4	3.6	2.8
STK4c	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7
STK5	3.9	2.1	24.6	21.6
STK6	0.9	0.7	14.3	11.6
STK7a	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.5
STK7b	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.0
STK8a	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.5
STK8b	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.9

<sup>a</sup>Values in the table are 95 % upper confidence limits on lead levels corresponding to a 95 % probability of a positive response for an average operator.

<sup>b</sup>For sulfide-based and rhodizonate-based kits, the reactive substrates were steel and plaster panels, respectively. For both kit types, the nonreactive substrate was wood.

<sup>c</sup>Although STK2 tests were performed on samples without substrates, the results of the STK2 confidence limit analysis are presented in this table for completeness of the data set. This allows ready comparison of the STK2 results with those of the other spot test kits.

Specifically, the percent of positive results at the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level should be low or, similarly, the evaluation of kit response should show that the probability of a positive result at the 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead level is acceptable. This is because, in practice, false-positive results may needlessly spur test kit users into taking further, but unnecessary, investigative action for the presence of lead. The subject of false-positive response and acceptance of spot test kits for use as negative screens for lead-based paint is addressed by Cox et al. [21].

With regard to STK4c, the lead chromate finding in Table 14 is consistent with the false negative-false positive analysis (Section 5.1), indicating the improved performance of STK4 when the STK4c procedure was used. With regard to STK7 and STK8, the manufacturers' instructions include testing paint chips, but generally for cases where the substrate is metal. These two kits do not generally require a chip test in cases where a notch test was negative (as was done in the present study). The results in Table 14 suggest that the manufacturers' instructions for STK4, STK7, and STK8 be revised to emphasize the STK4c, STK7b, and STK8b procedures included in this study.

In discussing screens for lead-based paint, it is worth repeating that the present finding that some spot test kits may be useful as negative screens for lead-based paint is consistent with that of the

previously-mentioned Ashley et al. [20] field study. They found that a specific rhodizonate-based spot test kit (STK4 in the present study) was, for most specimens, capable of detecting lead in paint at levels well below the  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  level with a low percent (about 5 %) of false negatives.

Consequently, they suggested that rhodizonate-based spot test kits show promise for potential use for in-situ lead screening in paint. They also indicated that only a few of their specimens may have had lead pigments in a highly insoluble form (e.g., lead chromate).

In summary, the analyses presented herein showed that, if spot test kits are to be used as negative screens for lead-based paint that may contain either a readily-dissolved lead pigment or one that is difficult to dissolve, then only STK4c, STK7b, and STK8b (of the kits used in the study) met the proposed acceptance criterion. On the other hand, if the kits are intended as negative screens only for readily dissolved white lead pigments, then the analyses indicated that STK2, STK3, STK4a/b/c, STK6, STK7b, and STK8b met the proposed criterion. The difference in response of most of the spot test kits to white lead and to lead chromate raises a question regarding the relative extent to which paints based on white lead and lead chromate pigments were formerly used in practice. Answering this question was beyond the scope of the present study. However, it is important because it impacts on decisions regarding which spot test kits may possibly be used as negative screens. Obviously, if the amount of lead chromate (or any other difficult-to-dissolve pigment) based paint in older housing is considered significant, then the results of this controlled laboratory study imply that the choice of spot test kits for negative screens is particularly limited.

As a final comment, the color of the tested paint specimen was not a variable in this study. Thus, the effect of paint-film color on spot test kit response in a controlled laboratory study is not known. Practical concerns have been expressed that rhodizonate kits have limitations for testing red or pink paints and, similarly, sulfide kits have limitations with black and other dark colored paints [6]. The results of this study have shown that at least one rhodizonate kit and two sulfide kits may perform as negative screens. Thus, if the color of the test paint is of concern, a sulfide kit might be used with red paints and the rhodizonate kit with black or dark paints.

## 6. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A laboratory study was conducted to determine the reliability of commercial spot test kits for detecting the presence and absence of lead in paint in residences. The majority of the spot tests were conducted by certified lead inspectors or risk assessors. Eight spot test kits—four sulfide-based and four rhodizonate-based—were used to conduct more than 3000 tests in an experiment investigating the effects of lead level, lead pigment type, operator, paint-film substrate, overlayer paint type, and overlayer paint thickness. Test specimens, prepared in the laboratory using either white lead or lead chromate pigments mixed in an alkyd paint, had ten lead levels ranging from  $0 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  to  $3.5 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . Most of the specimens consisted of leaded-paint films adhered to substrates considered to be reactive or nonreactive to the test kit. A reactive substrate could conceivably affect the response of the spot test kit to lead; whereas a nonreactive substrate would not have an effect. For all spot test kits, the nonreactive substrate was wood. For sulfide kits, the reactive substrate was steel and, for rhodizonate kits, it was gypsum plaster. One sulfide kit was designed to test paint chips and, thus, the specimens for this kit were not adhered to substrates when tested. All leaded-paint films were overlaid with multiple applications of a nonleaded paint, either a latex or an oil. These overlayers had film thicknesses that were either thin (about 0.2 mm or 0.009 in) or thick (about 1 mm or 0.04 in). Five operators, three of whom were certified lead inspectors or risk assessors, and two of whom had completed risk assessor training, participated in the testing. All

operators were trained to conduct the spot tests using detailed protocols developed from the kit manufacturers' instructions.

The analyses and discussion of the spot test results addressed: (1) false negatives and false positives obtained during testing, (2) effects of the experimental design factors (e.g., lead pigment type, operator, substrate, and overlayer type and thickness) on test kit response, and (3) logistic modeling relating the probability of a positive response to lead level. The logistic regression models were found to fit the response data well. They provided a basis for calculating the 95 % upper confidence limits on the lead level for which there was a 95 % probability of a positive response. In turn, these calculations provided a basis for conclusions as to which spot test kits might possibly be used as negative screens for lead-based paint. The main conclusions were as follows:

- Currently available spot test kits cannot be used to determine lead-based paint, which is defined as a paint having lead at levels equal to, or greater than,  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . This finding was consistent with conclusions from several previously published field studies. As was found in the field studies, the spot test kits in this controlled laboratory study generally gave relatively high percents of false positives at the lead-based paint level of  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . That is, the spot test kits were generally sensitive to lead in paint at much lower levels.
- Major differences existed among the responses of the spot test kits. Based on the results of the study, a criterion against which a spot test kit may be considered as acceptable for use as a negative screen for the presence of lead-based paint was proposed. This criterion is: Upon evaluation of spot test kit response, the probability of a negative response (with 95 % confidence) at a lead level of  $1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$  is  $\leq 5\%$ . Equivalently, the lead level at which there is a 95 % probability of a positive response (with 95 % confidence) should be  $\leq 1 \text{ mg/cm}^2$ . Judged against this criterion, some of the spot test kits in the study may be acceptable for use as negative screens for lead-based paint. However, qualification as a negative screen depends upon the type of lead pigment in the test specimen. For white lead specimens, six kits—three sulfide-based (STK2, STK7b, and STK8b) and three rhodizonate-based (STK3, STK4a/b/c, and STK6)—gave percents of false negatives of  $\leq 2\%$  and met the proposed negative screen criterion for lead-based paint. For lead chromate specimens, three of these six kits—two sulfide-based (STK7b and STK8b) and one rhodizonate-based (STK4c)—had percents of false negatives of  $\leq 2\%$  and met the proposed negative screen criterion.
- Test procedure had an important effect on spot test kit response. The three spot test kits (STK4c, STK7b, and STK8b) most likely to qualify as negative screens for lead-based paint having either white lead or lead chromate pigments had alternative steps in their test procedures. The test kit responses depended on which procedure was used.
- The type of lead pigment had a significant effect on the response of the spot test kits. White lead was readily detected at low lead levels, whereas lead chromate was not. The significance of lead pigment type was not unexpected, as the two pigments were incorporated into the design as being relatively readily dissolved (white lead) and dissolved with difficulty (lead chromate). The observed pigment-type effect supported the assumption that the presence of a lead pigment that is relatively difficult to dissolve may be difficult to detect using spot test kits.
- The other factors—overlayer type, overlayer thickness, operator, and substrate—did not generally show significant effects in cases where the spot test kits appeared to be candidates for use as negative screens for lead-based paint. The findings have practical benefits because these factors

(perhaps with the exception of operator) are uncontrollable in practice. Based on this laboratory study, variations of these factors in practice might not be expected to affect spot test kit response when the kits are used properly. The lack of a substrate effect was in contrast to the QuanTech finding of a substrate effect for both rhodizonate and sulfide kits for field samples on reactive substrates. However, the QuanTech authors have suggested that the substrate effect observed in the field should not be a practical limitation on spot test use, because rhodizonate kits can be used with metal substrates, and sulfide kits with plaster substrates.

- An exception to the lack of an overlayer type effect was present for one rhodizonate kit (STK6). In this case, the test procedure included grinding paint chips in a small vial and then extracting lead with a leaching agent. This spot test kit was more responsive to specimens having latex paint overlayers than those with oil-based paint overlayers. Apparently, latex overlayers were more readily separated from the leaded-paint film during the grinding step than oil-based paint overlayers. Thus, the lead was more accessible to the leaching agent for latex paint overlayers than for oil-based paint overlayers. The finding illustrates that the more the spot test kit reagent can access lead in the paint, then the more likely the spot test kit will give a positive response.
- A comparison of the NIST laboratory data with those from an EPA/HUD field study (for kits that were common to both) showed that the results of the laboratory study, having specimens prepared with relatively soluble white lead and difficult-to-dissolve lead chromate, generally bracketed the EPA/HUD field findings. For any lead level somewhat greater than zero, the NIST laboratory study had greater probabilities of a positive response than the EPA/HUD field study for white lead specimens and smaller probabilities of a positive response than the EPA/HUD field study for lead chromate.

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## APPENDIX A. ADDITIONAL TABULATIONS OF FALSE NEGATIVES AND FALSE POSITIVES

This Appendix provides tabulations of false negatives and false positives at the 0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> lead levels. They are provided for those readers who have interest in the percents of false negatives and false positives at lead levels other than 0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 1.0 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> that were discussed in the main text.

Table A1. False negatives and false positives<sup>a</sup> at a lead level of 0.5 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

Lead Pigment Type	Kit	Total No. of Observations	False Negatives		Total No. of Observations	False Positives	
			No.	%		No.	%
White Lead	STK1	80	18	23	160	54	34
	STK2	48	0	0	96	73	76
	STK3	80	0	0	160	97	61
	STK4a	80	2	3	160	90	56
	STK4b	80	2	3	160	90	56
	STK4c	80	2	3	160	91	57
	STK5	80	20	25	160	60	38
	STK6	80	4	5	160	57	36
	STK7a	80	7	9	160	63	39
	STK7b	80	0	0	160	86	54
	STK8a	48	12	25	96	28	29
	STK8b	48	0	0	96	43	45
Lead Chromate	STK1	160	83	52	80	15	19
	STK2	99	41	41	45	23	51
	STK3	165	102	62	75	5	7
	STK4a	165	50	30	75	11	15
	STK4b	165	40	24	75	11	15
	STK4c	165	2	1	75	18	24
	STK5	165	132	80	75	4	5
	STK6	165	132	80	75	4	5
	STK7a	160	7	4	80	20	25
	STK7b	160	3	2	80	26	33
	STK8a	96	9	9	48	10	21
	STK8b	96	3	3	48	14	29

<sup>a</sup> A false negative has been defined as a test result that is negative for lead, but the true value is above the selected lead level [8]. Conversely, a false positive is a test result that is positive for lead, but the true value is below the selected lead level.

Table A2. False negatives and false positives<sup>a</sup> at a lead level of 0.7 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>

Lead Pigment Type	Kit	Total No. of Observations	False Negatives		Total No. of Observations	False Positives	
			No.	%		No.	%
White Lead	STK1	60	10	17	180	66	37
	STK2	39	0	0	105	82	78
	STK3	60	0	0	180	117	65
	STK4a	60	1	2	180	109	61
	STK4b	60	1	2	180	109	61
	STK4c	60	1	2	180	110	61
	STK5	60	14	23	180	74	41
	STK6	60	1	2	180	74	41
	STK7a	60	3	5	180	79	44
	STK7b	60	0	0	180	106	59
	STK8a	36	5	14	108	33	31
	STK8b	36	0	0	108	55	51
Lead Chromate	STK1	140	71	51	100	23	23
	STK2	87	35	40	57	29	51
	STK3	145	89	61	95	12	13
	STK4a	145	42	29	95	23	24
	STK4b	145	33	23	95	24	25
	STK4c	145	1	1	95	37	39
	STK5	145	116	80	95	8	8
	STK6	145	114	79	95	6	6
	STK7a	140	6	4	100	39	39
	STK7b	140	2	1	100	45	45
	STK8a	84	5	6	60	18	30
	STK8b	84	1	1	60	24	40

<sup>a</sup>A false negative has been defined as a test result that is negative for lead, but the true value is above the selected lead level [8]. Conversely, a false positive is a test result that is positive for lead, but the true value is below the selected lead level.

## APPENDIX B. TABULATIONS OF THE RESULTS OF MODELING TEST KIT RESPONSE VERSUS LEAD LEVEL

This Appendix tabulates a summary of the results of the modeling of the probability of a positive response versus lead level (Section 5.3). The tabulations are according to test kit (i.e., STK1 through STK8) and lead pigment type (i.e., white lead and lead chromate). Each summary page gives the following information:

### Coefficients:

Included here are the model coefficients, the corresponding standard errors, and the t-values, which are the ratios of the coefficients to the standard errors.

### Null Deviance and Residual Deviance:

These parameters are useful for assessing goodness of fit.

### Correlation of Coefficients:

These matrices are given for completeness of the analysis summaries, but were not discussed in the text.

## Kit 1, White Lead

### Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.36275317	0.2510672	-5.4278429
oper.w1	0.09249875	0.3208699	0.2882749
oper.w2	-2.03519621	0.4565424	-4.4578470
oper.w3	1.15978049	0.3279986	3.5359315
oper.w4	0.56908888	0.3185882	1.7862838
conc.w	2.81525229	0.4990840	5.6408381
subs.w	-0.48183649	0.1658948	-2.9044694

Null Deviance: 332.4439 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 222.3124 on 233 degrees of freedom

### Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	-0.1016292					
oper.w2	0.4369074	-0.3333857				
oper.w3	-0.2189427	-0.1711617	-0.3855269			
oper.w4	-0.1748419	-0.1721133	-0.3591690	-0.1416527		
conc.w	-0.7295886	0.0527451	-0.3376222	0.2134241	0.1355702	
subs.w	0.0695350	0.0063270	0.1052444	-0.1060210	-0.0425805	-0.1149824

# Kit 1, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.4489221	0.2560654	-5.6584062
oper.y1	-0.2430896	0.3025390	-0.8034986
oper.y2	-0.7333256	0.3225611	-2.2734473
oper.y3	0.5068933	0.2920885	1.7354103
oper.y4	0.7126115	0.2932821	2.4297815
conc.y	0.8489410	0.1759965	4.8236237
subs.y	-0.6400111	0.1528018	-4.1885060

Null Deviance: 319.5228 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 263.7064 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	0.0324432					
oper.y2	0.1317794	-0.2683962				
oper.y3	-0.0931776	-0.2396354	-0.2718523			
oper.y4	-0.1190714	-0.2401426	-0.2753511	-0.2025401		
conc.y	-0.8078911	-0.0361860	-0.1021392	0.0783474	0.1089637	
subs.y	0.1502625	0.0340557	0.0848762	-0.0672471	-0.0966374	-0.1457449



## Kit 2, White Lead

### Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.1804607	0.4326228	-5.0400965
oper.w1	-0.1473719	0.3872902	-0.3805206
oper.w2	0.2947438	0.3844623	0.7666391
conc.w	10.5928333	1.8544102	5.7122384

Null Deviance: 191.5223 on 143 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 86.13381 on 140 degrees of freedom

### Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2
oper.w1	0.0520290		
oper.w2	-0.1048234	-0.4963491	
conc.w	-0.7771057	-0.0575497	0.1159460

## Kit 2, Lead Chromate

### Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-9.544071	6.8545425	-1.3923717
oper.y1	-5.717279	13.2656615	-0.4309833
oper.y2	2.858639	6.6517885	0.4297550
conc.y	2.087765	0.6529088	3.1976368

Null Deviance: 49.8631 on 143 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 27.77106 on 140 degrees of freedom

### Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2
oper.y1	0.9687697		
oper.y2	-0.9660087	-0.9971500	
conc.y	-0.2490057	-0.0124999	0.0124643

### Kit 3, White Lead

#### Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-8.441500	1.9339947	-4.3648001
oper.w1	1.812415	1.5395534	1.1772346
oper.w2	1.812415	1.5395534	1.1772346
oper.w3	-1.208277	1.2135703	-0.9956383
oper.w4	-1.208277	1.2135703	-0.9956383
conc.w	118.407095	25.5725027	4.6302506
subs.w	1.518890	0.8106739	1.8736136

Null Deviance: 276.3147 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 9.125448 on 233 degrees of freedom

#### Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	-0.2601287					
oper.w2	-0.2601287	-0.1795750				
oper.w3	0.2200021	-0.3469345	-0.3469345			
oper.w4	0.2200021	-0.3469345	-0.3469345	-0.0598738		
conc.w	-0.9364413	0.3132712	0.3132712	-0.2649470	-0.2649470	
subs.w	-0.3896507	0.0402728	0.0402728	-0.0340605	-0.0340605	0.5208314

### Kit 3, Lead Chromate

#### Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.5236989	0.3494064	-7.222819
oper.y1	2.0026503	0.3359171	5.961740
oper.y2	-1.7852240	0.5166200	-3.455585
oper.y3	-0.3739769	0.3667327	-1.019753
oper.y4	0.8842392	0.3213585	2.751567
conc.y	1.0014342	0.1935945	5.172845
subs.y	0.2139908	0.1774439	1.205963

Null Deviance: 286.1155 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 204.6798 on 233 degrees of freedom

#### Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	-0.4265081					
oper.y2	0.3556155	-0.3923925				
oper.y3	0.0192313	-0.1518673	-0.3483555			
oper.y4	-0.2810453	0.0137474	-0.3759985	-0.1477675		
conc.y	-0.8318418	0.3429577	-0.1857015	-0.0698450	0.1647647	
subs.y	-0.2062771	0.0800818	-0.0383997	-0.0186834	0.0333789	0.1819493

# Kit 4a, White Lead

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.6311033	0.3210389	-5.0807035
oper.w1	0.5424358	0.4222753	1.2845549
oper.w2	-0.8251505	0.4504299	-1.8319175
oper.w3	-0.5816834	0.4393685	-1.3239077
oper.w4	0.1069457	0.4225396	0.2531023
conc.w	12.3185812	1.9078078	6.4569300
subs.w	0.3748677	0.2273511	1.6488493

Null Deviance: 293.2149 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 136.7059 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	-0.1213784					
oper.w2	0.1788882	-0.2770057				
oper.w3	0.1193589	-0.2649106	-0.2323634			
oper.w4	-0.0409804	-0.2276917	-0.2623978	-0.2571303		
conc.w	-0.7333541	0.1421814	-0.2090339	-0.1412369	0.0439170	
subs.w	-0.3454980	0.0329095	-0.0474296	-0.0338954	0.0066425	0.2841521

# Kit 4a, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.6056028	0.2906222	-5.5247083
oper.y1	1.3653126	0.3466097	3.9390491
oper.y2	-1.5845883	0.3650811	-4.3403733
oper.y3	-0.8767432	0.3301881	-2.6552838
oper.y4	-0.1307868	0.3145738	-0.4157586
conc.y	1.5722936	0.2336738	6.7285818
subs.y	0.4116489	0.1709843	2.4075247

Null Deviance: 332.1104 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 224.4295 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	-0.2109410					
oper.y2	0.2948437	-0.3358094				
oper.y3	0.1370830	-0.2840340	-0.1897881			
oper.y4	-0.0286215	-0.2299576	-0.2374611	-0.2174719		
conc.y	-0.8214856	0.2658138	-0.3145753	-0.1802346	-0.0090692	
subs.y	-0.2620000	0.0940479	-0.1085483	-0.0633909	-0.0051266	0.2558601

# Kit 4b, White Lead

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.6311033	0.3210389	-5.0807035
oper.w1	0.5424358	0.4222753	1.2845549
oper.w2	-0.8251505	0.4504299	-1.8319175
oper.w3	-0.5816834	0.4393685	-1.3239077
oper.w4	0.1069457	0.4225396	0.2531023
conc.w	12.3185812	1.9078078	6.4569300
subs.w	0.3748677	0.2273511	1.6488493

Null Deviance: 293.2149 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 136.7059 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	-0.1213784					
oper.w2	0.1788882	-0.2770057				
oper.w3	0.1193589	-0.2649106	-0.2323634			
oper.w4	-0.0409804	-0.2276917	-0.2623978	-0.2571303		
conc.w	-0.7333541	0.1421814	-0.2090339	-0.1412369	0.0439170	
subs.w	-0.3454980	0.0329095	-0.0474296	-0.0338954	0.0066425	0.2841521

# Kit 4b, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.7664972	0.3151361	-5.6055058
oper.y1	1.2605363	0.3672616	3.4322571
oper.y2	-1.9464044	0.4027584	-4.8326841
oper.y3	-0.2977721	0.3372528	-0.8829346
oper.y4	-0.4361002	0.3389206	-1.2867326
conc.y	2.0180261	0.2851039	7.0782128
subs.y	0.5884613	0.1863793	3.1573318

Null Deviance: 328.4312 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 202.1229 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	-0.2272930					
oper.y2	0.3740769	-0.3525461				
oper.y3	0.0138009	-0.2412518	-0.2096741			
oper.y4	0.0458495	-0.2517148	-0.1947915	-0.2105939		
conc.y	-0.8296673	0.2777952	-0.4119777	-0.0520826	-0.0883697	
subs.y	-0.3250772	0.1167252	-0.1768140	-0.0216312	-0.0362746	0.3369428



# Kit 4c, White Lead

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.52569090	0.3122666	-4.8858602
oper.w1	0.69914204	0.4199514	1.6648167
oper.w2	-0.84842893	0.4450508	-1.9063643
oper.w3	-0.61120851	0.4343032	-1.4073314
oper.w4	0.06135336	0.4178145	0.1468435
conc.w	11.90263652	1.8578956	6.4065154
subs.w	0.30423930	0.2223688	1.3681747

Null Deviance: 291.5004 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 139.2484 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	-0.1400064					
oper.w2	0.1781837	-0.2819451				
oper.w3	0.1207004	-0.2684036	-0.2294360			
oper.w4	-0.0338179	-0.2276012	-0.2599229	-0.2555191		
conc.w	-0.7237190	0.1707958	-0.2122192	-0.1461507	0.0346331	
subs.w	-0.3171832	0.0351755	-0.0404881	-0.0296083	0.0031934	0.2508397

# Kit 4c, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.5778262	0.5164363	-4.9915665
oper.y1	0.5822743	0.7405648	0.7862570
oper.y2	-0.1271855	0.7776655	-0.1635478
oper.y3	-0.9101776	0.8186281	-1.1118328
oper.y4	-0.1271855	0.7776655	-0.1635478
conc.y	9.5613154	1.6093192	5.9412175
subs.y	-0.2814054	0.3856290	-0.7297309

Null Deviance: 267.7013 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 51.73587 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	-0.1910693					
oper.y2	0.0561476	-0.2479740				
oper.y3	0.2390222	-0.2967274	-0.2437658			
oper.y4	0.0561476	-0.2479740	-0.2711067	-0.2437658		
conc.y	-0.6640143	0.2223067	-0.0411471	-0.3240393	-0.0411471	
subs.y	-0.1046787	-0.0109302	-0.0018779	0.0233438	-0.0018779	-0.0788685

## Kit 5, White Lead

Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.1420205	0.2431321	-4.6971200
oper.w1	0.1234607	0.3255567	0.3792295
oper.w2	-0.2703599	0.3267309	-0.8274699
oper.w3	-0.4026677	0.3284992	-1.2257799
oper.w4	-0.6720811	0.3342511	-2.0107075
conc.w	1.8389256	0.3724323	4.9376100
subs.w	1.3217702	0.1955425	6.7595048

Null Deviance: 332.7106 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 222.6637 on 233 degrees of freedom

Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
\oper.w1	-0.0234052					
oper.w2	0.0286565	-0.2401542				
oper.w3	0.0478629	-0.2413588	-0.2324778			
oper.w4	0.0902547	-0.2454535	-0.2322303	-0.2289999		
conc.w	-0.7116047	0.0146776	-0.0390115	-0.0569376	-0.0936648	
subs.w	-0.4747806	0.0136787	-0.0724531	-0.0979361	-0.1441788	0.4337426

## Kit 5, Lead Chromate

### Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.8608463	0.4007503	-7.1387256
oper.y1	0.8821125	0.3812244	2.3138931
oper.y2	-0.3667745	0.4885731	-0.7507055
oper.y3	-0.1109643	0.4568446	-0.2428929
oper.y4	-1.8479362	0.8108532	-2.2790023
conc.y	0.5557294	0.1943368	2.8596193
subs.y	0.3855487	0.2043058	1.8871155

Null Deviance: 206.3371 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 171.5106 on 233 degrees of freedom

### Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	-0.3306883					
oper.y2	-0.0340191	-0.0717824				
oper.y3	-0.1015288	-0.0188681	-0.1520064			
oper.y4	0.4274186	-0.4950682	-0.4606204	-0.4665471		
conc.y	-0.7429199	0.0572509	-0.0365153	-0.0253045	-0.0467767	
subs.y	-0.2837647	0.0325136	-0.0221996	-0.0159935	-0.0270795	0.1990343

## Kit 6, White Lead

### Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.28271898	0.3366412	-6.7808670
oper.w1	-0.48906890	0.3996509	-1.2237402
oper.w2	0.26172511	0.3796488	0.6893874
oper.w3	0.08221315	0.3823295	0.2150322
oper.w4	0.43731040	0.3782489	1.1561446
conc.w	7.59510499	1.0811972	7.0247175
subs.w	0.60052472	0.2132966	2.8154449

Null Deviance: 329.8884 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 168.2766 on 233 degrees of freedom

### Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	0.1193364					
oper.w2	-0.0667350	-0.2619113				
oper.w3	-0.0243329	-0.2605846	-0.2378031			
oper.w4	-0.1060110	-0.2631845	-0.2237147	-0.2328847		
conc.w	-0.8142665	-0.1193474	0.0669697	0.0230995	0.1085301	
subs.w	-0.4193873	-0.0432574	0.0241429	0.0080342	0.0398858	0.4034980

## Kit 6, Lead Chromate

Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-3.5533449	0.4852844	-7.322191
oper.y1	-0.6357992	0.5583144	-1.138783
oper.y2	-0.6357992	0.5583144	-1.138783
oper.y3	1.1976612	0.4034159	2.968800
oper.y4	1.9109444	0.3960849	4.824583
conc.y	0.8422438	0.2186348	3.852286
subs.y	0.7533830	0.2356750	3.196704

Null Deviance: 206.3371 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 148.2332 on 233 degrees of freedom

Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	0.0536150					
oper.y2	0.0536150	-0.2298895				
oper.y3	-0.3872963	-0.1162826	-0.1162826			
oper.y4	-0.5219782	-0.1071460	-0.1071460	0.2355157		
conc.y	-0.7870674	-0.0734037	-0.0734037	0.1342675	0.2502228	
subs.y	-0.4283817	-0.0535577	-0.0535577	0.0881546	0.1844558	0.2946974

# Kit 7a, White Lead

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.24789770	0.2397445	-5.20511411
oper.w1	0.24506593	0.3256436	0.75255878
oper.w2	-0.29022988	0.3322600	-0.87350235
oper.w3	0.63778134	0.3283704	1.94226183
oper.w4	-0.01897972	0.3273825	-0.05797416
conc.w	4.59230556	0.7302960	6.28827950
subs.w	-0.17935896	0.1651177	-1.08624890

Null Deviance: 328.4312 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 219.6261 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	-0.0520838					
oper.w2	0.0449045	-0.2491494				
oper.w3	-0.0975308	-0.2300101	-0.2523516			
oper.w4	-0.0086125	-0.2406110	-0.2493214	-0.2398661		
conc.w	-0.7249254	0.0546375	-0.0549672	0.1211055	0.0026965	
subs.w	-0.0426301	-0.0084133	0.0119862	-0.0266185	0.0025227	0.0037335

# Kit 7a, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.30990630	0.3099309	-4.2264462
oper.y1	0.08857063	0.4343508	0.2039150
oper.y2	0.56694322	0.4437499	1.2776187
oper.y3	0.32613661	0.4380523	0.7445152
oper.y4	-0.14619429	0.4326567	-0.3378991
conc.y	3.79834687	0.5320681	7.1388361
subs.y	-0.70789912	0.2237735	-3.1634621

Null Deviance: 284.239 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 136.017 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	-0.0187903					
oper.y2	-0.0893257	-0.2479923				
oper.y3	-0.0560810	-0.2491260	-0.2393729			
oper.y4	0.0211768	-0.2497742	-0.2560868	-0.2532618		
conc.y	-0.7092349	0.0279227	0.1453851	0.0888448	-0.0358893	
subs.y	0.0654757	-0.0071285	-0.0691156	-0.0373876	0.0213456	-0.2101573



# Kit 7b, White Lead

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.70624487	0.3259626	-5.2344801
oper.w1	-0.04463219	0.4431382	-0.1007185
oper.w2	-0.54687477	0.4557300	-1.1999974
oper.w3	0.19862514	0.4405957	0.4508104
oper.w4	0.43751402	0.4402536	0.9937772
conc.w	14.35786754	2.1657840	6.6294088
subs.w	-0.38299780	0.2224430	-1.7217793

Null Deviance: 296.5251 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 129.0506 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	oper.w3	oper.w4	conc.w
oper.w1	0.0070003					
oper.w2	0.1218043	-0.2532509				
oper.w3	-0.0460784	-0.2476723	-0.2598660			
oper.w4	-0.0940642	-0.2444202	-0.2652648	-0.2331859		
conc.w	-0.7317995	-0.0089382	-0.1472482	0.0555924	0.1147823	
subs.w	-0.0231392	0.0035611	0.0342230	-0.0128427	-0.0297421	-0.0445877

# Kit 7b, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.4121608	0.3423518	-4.1248817
oper.y1	-0.5237775	0.5245856	-0.9984595
oper.y2	1.0939000	0.5209603	2.0997761
oper.y3	0.1467141	0.5132734	0.2858401
oper.y4	0.1467141	0.5132734	0.2858401
conc.y	5.7264090	0.8865833	6.4589631
subs.y	-0.5424765	0.2601750	-2.0850445

Null Deviance: 263.1269 on 239 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 99.0'4916 on 233 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	oper.y3	oper.y4	conc.y
oper.y1	0.1053265					
oper.y2	-0.1972383	-0.2746982				
oper.y3	-0.0439092	-0.2615457	-0.2108035			
oper.y4	-0.0439092	-0.2615457	-0.2108035	-0.2443067		
conc.y	-0.6574002	-0.1454922	0.2738465	0.0666388	0.0666388	
subs.y	-0.0243484	0.0454522	-0.1031796	-0.0074171	-0.0074171	-0.0999075

# Kit 8a, White Lead

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-1.9530873	0.3510377	-5.5637539
oper.w1	-0.2984542	0.3206671	-0.9307289
oper.w2	0.9278152	0.3141042	2.9538454
conc.w	3.8332350	0.7505190	5.1074453
subs.w	0.5464517	0.2339381	2.3358817

Null Deviance: 197.8449 on 143 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 123.3189 on 139 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	conc.w
oper.w1	0.0688350			
oper.w2	-0.2826036	-0.4461746		
conc.w	-0.7582744	-0.0686413	0.2559359	
subs.w	-0.3091048	-0.0385199	0.1220282	0.2442332

# Kit 8a, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.10669189	0.4719555	-4.4637507
oper.y1	-0.32967393	0.4086949	-0.8066505
oper.y2	-0.08313053	0.4058255	-0.2048431
conc.y	4.28701657	0.7412016	5.7838737
subs.y	-0.33922045	0.2878099	-1.1786268

Null Deviance: 181.8984 on 143 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 78.52158 on 139 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	conc.y
oper.y1	0.0998914			
oper.y2	0.0256904	-0.4888234		
conc.y	-0.7939533	-0.1286980	-0.0331173	
subs.y	0.0462506	0.0280854	0.0094564	-0.0731874

# Kit 8b, White Lead

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.7048879	0.5711524	-4.7358428
oper.w1	-0.3109273	0.4374891	-0.7107086
oper.w2	1.5214190	0.4901877	3.1037477
conc.w	15.7459466	3.0870443	5.1006545
subs.w	-0.0901047	0.3065075	-0.2939722

Null Deviance: 189.4789 on 143 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 68.97782 on 139 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.w1	oper.w2	conc.w
oper.w1	0.1013268			
oper.w2	-0.4852529	-0.4427492		
conc.w	-0.8442879	-0.1122770	0.5202764	
subs.w	-0.0834844	0.0176580	-0.0395779	0.0745626

# Kit 8b, Lead Chromate

## Coefficients:

	Value	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	-2.3320579	0.5822608	-4.0051777
oper.y1	0.1631747	0.5563792	0.2932796
oper.y2	0.6224517	0.5705703	1.0909290
conc.y	7.7748472	1.5356701	5.0628370
subs.y	-0.1200420	0.3949996	-0.3039040

Null Deviance: 164.1129 on 143 degrees of freedom

Residual Deviance: 45.27508 on 139 degrees of freedom

## Correlation of Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	oper.y1	oper.y2	conc.y
oper.y1	-0.0395947			
oper.y2	-0.2299963	-0.4519739		
conc.y	-0.7423684	0.0763243	0.2912796	
subs.y	-0.1548276	-0.0059087	-0.0179666	0.1371209