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Standard Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers procedures for making and curing cylinder and beam specimens from representative samples of fresh concrete for a construction project.

1.2 The concrete used to make the molded specimens shall be sampled after all on-site adjustments have been made to the mixture proportions, including the addition of mix water and admixtures. This practice is not satisfactory for making specimens from concrete not having measurable slump or requiring other sizes or shapes of specimens.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units shall be regarded separately as standard. The SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated may not be exact equivalents; therefore each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two units may result in nonconformance.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 The text of this standard references notes which provide explanatory material. These notes shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- C 138 Test Method for Unit Weight, Yield, and Air Content (Gravimetric) of Concrete²
- C 143/C 143M Test Method for Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete²
- C 172 Practice for Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete²
- C 173 Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method²
- C 192/C 192M Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Laboratory²
- C 231 Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed

Concrete by the Pressure Method²

C 330 Specification for Lightweight Aggregate for Concrete Masonry Units²

C 403/C 403M Test Method for Time of Setting of Concrete Mixtures by Penetration Resistance²

C 470/C 470M Specification for Molds for Forming Concrete Test Cylinders Vertically²

C 511 Specification for Moist Cabinets, Moist Rooms, and Water Storage Tanks Used in the Testing of Hydraulic Cements and Concretes³

C 617 Practice for Capping Cylindrical Concrete Specimens²

C 1064 Test Method for Temperature of Freshly Mixed Portland-Cement Concrete²

2.2 *American Concrete Institute Publication:*⁴

CP-1 Concrete Field Testing Technician, Grade I

309R Guide for Consolidation of Concrete

3. Significance and Use

3.1 This practice provides standardized requirements for making, curing, protecting, and transporting concrete test specimens under field conditions.

3.2 If the specimens are made and standard cured, as stipulated herein, the resulting strength test data when the specimens are tested are able to be used for the following purposes:

3.2.1 Acceptance testing for specified strength,

3.2.2 Checking adequacy of mixture proportions for strength, and

3.2.3 Quality control.

3.3 If the specimens are made and field cured, as stipulated herein, the resulting strength test data when the specimens are tested are able to be used for the following purposes:

3.3.1 Determination of whether a structure is capable of being put in service,

3.3.2 Comparison with test results of standard cured specimens or with test results from various in-place test methods,

3.3.3 Adequacy of curing and protection of concrete in the structure, or

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.02.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.01.

⁴ Available from American Concrete Institute, P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094.