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Standard Test Methods for Concrete Pipe, Manhole Sections, or Tile[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover testing of concrete pipe, manhole sections, and tile. The test methods described are used in production testing and acceptance testing to evaluate the properties provided for in the specifications.

1.2 The test methods appear in the following order:

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1.3 The test specimens shall not have been exposed to a temperature below 40°F for the 24 h immediately preceding the test.

1.4 If any test specimen fails because of mechanical reasons such as failure of testing equipment or improper specimen preparation, it shall be discarded and another specimen taken.

1.5 Specimens shall be selected in accordance with the specifications for the type of pipe or tile being tested.

1.6 A complete metric companion to Test Methods C497 has been developed—C497M; therefore, no metric equivalents are presented in these methods.

1.7 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

C31/C31M Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field

C39/C39M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens

C42/C42M Test Method for Obtaining and Testing Drilled Cores and Sawed Beams of Concrete

C617 Practice for Capping Cylindrical Concrete Specimens

C670 Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials

C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products

C1231/C1231M Practice for Use of Unbonded Caps in Determination of Compressive Strength of Hardened Cylindrical Concrete Specimens

D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

E4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology C822.

4. External Load Crushing Strength Test by the Three-Edge Bearing Test Method

4.1 *Summary of Test Method*—The test specimen is tested in a machine designed to apply a crushing force upon the specimen in a plane through the vertical axis extending along the length of the specimen.

4.2 *Significance and Use*—The crushing test shall be either a quality control test performed to establish that the finished, shippable pipe has sufficient strength to withstand the crushing loads stated in the specifications or a proof of design test performed to prove the adequacy of design.

4.3 *Apparatus:*

[1] These test methods are under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C13 on Concrete Pipe and are the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C13.09 on Methods of Test.

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[2] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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