



Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Horizontal Concrete Surfaces¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers three procedures for determining the relative abrasion resistance of horizontal concrete surfaces. The procedures differ in the type and degree of abrasive force they impart, and are intended for use in determining variations in surface properties of concrete affected by mixture proportions, finishing, and surface treatment. They are not intended to provide a quantitative measurement of the length of service that may be expected from a specific surface.

1.2 The values stated in SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of each other.

1.3 *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.*

NOTE 1—Other procedures are available for measuring the abrasion resistance of concrete surfaces in addition to the three procedures contained in this test method. Consideration should be given to Test Methods C 944 and C 418. The test method most closely representing service conditions should be used.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- C 418 Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Concrete by Sandblasting²
- C 670 Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials²
- C 944 Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Concrete or Mortar Surfaces by the Rotating-Cutter Method²

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The three test methods provide simulated abrasion conditions, which can be used to evaluate the effects on abrasion resistance of concrete, concrete materials, and curing

or finishing procedures. They may also be used for quality acceptance of products and surface exposed to wear. They are not intended to provide a quantitative measurement of length of service.

3.2 The equipment used by each of these procedures is portable and thus suitable for either laboratory or field testing. The three procedures determine the relative wear of concrete surfaces as follows:

3.2.1 *Procedure A*—The revolving-disk machine operates by sliding and scuffing of steel disks in conjunction with abrasive grit.

3.2.2 *Procedure B*—The dressing-wheel machine operates by impact and sliding friction of steel dressing wheels.

3.2.3 *Procedure C*—The ball-bearing machine operates by high-contact stresses, impact, and sliding friction from steel balls.

NOTE 2—Diagrams of three machines meeting these specifications are shown in Fig. 1, Fig. 2, and Fig. 3.³

PROCEDURE A—REVOLVING DISKS

4. Apparatus

4.1 The function of the apparatus is dependent upon the abrasive action of the flat faces of three 60-mm (2³/₈-in.) diameter, cold-rolled steel revolving disks, each attached to motor-driven vertical shafts which also revolve about a vertical axis. The inside diameter of the resulting circular and abraded track shall be approximately 150 mm (6 in.) and the outside diameter 275 mm (11 in.). Crossed slots 90° to each other and cut 5 mm (3/₁₆ in.) deep and 6 mm (1/₄ in.) wide are located symmetrically in the abrasive flat faces.

4.2 The disks are free floating inasmuch as they are self-supporting and are driven transversely along a circular path at 12 rev/min (12 rpm) while being individually turned on their own axis at 280 rev/min (280 rpm). Cups attached at the top of the shaft of each disk shall be loaded with lead shot to produce a uniform total load of 22 N (5 lbf) on each abrading disk face.

4.3 The abrasive grit shall consist of 250 μ [No. 60] silicon carbide. This is fed from a storage cup mounted on the revolving circular plate through a 3-mm (1/₈-in.) orifice passing through the plate. The flow of abrasive shall be controlled to a rate of 4 to 6 g/min by an adjusting needle located in the

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³ These machines are available from White Machine Co., 9591 York Alpha Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133; Spirit Fabricating, Ltd., 9260 Valley View Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056.

