

**SECTION 03 30 53
(SHORT-FORM) CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE**

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. This section specifies cast-in-place structural concrete and material and mixes for other concrete.

1.2 TOLERANCES

- A. ACI 117.
- B. Slab Finishes: ACI 117, F-number method in accordance with ASTM E1155.

1.3 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- A. ACI SP-66 ACI Detailing Manual
- B. ACI 318 - Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete.

1.4 APPLICABLE PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications listed below form a part of this specification to extent referenced. Publications are referenced in text by basic designation only.
- B. American Concrete Institute (ACI):
 - 117R-06.....Tolerances for Concrete Construction and Materials
 - 211.1-91(R2002).....Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight, and Mass Concrete
 - 211.2-98(R2004).....Proportions for Structural Lightweight Concrete
 - 301-05.....Specification for Structural Concrete
 - 305R-06.....Hot Weather Concreting
 - 306R-2002.....Cold Weather Concreting
 - SP-66-04ACI Detailing Manual
 - 318/318R-05.....Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete
 - 347R-04.....Guide to Formwork for Concrete
- C. American Society for Testing And Materials (ASTM):
 - A185-07.....Steel Welded Wire, Fabric, Plain for Concrete Reinforcement
 - A615/A615M-08.....Deformed and Plain Billet-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
 - A996/A996M-06.....Standard Specification for Rail-Steel and Axle-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
 - C31/C31M-08.....Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field
 - C33-07.....Concrete Aggregates

C39/C39M-05.....	Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens
C94/C94M-07.....	Ready-Mixed Concrete
C143/C143M-05.....	Standard Test Method for Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete
C150-07.....	Portland Cement
C171-07.....	Sheet Material for Curing Concrete
C172-07.....	Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete
C173-07.	Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method
C192/C192M-07.....	Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Laboratory
C231-08.....	Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method
C260-06.....	Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
C330-05.....	Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete
C494/C494M-08.....	Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
C618-08.....	Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
D1751-04.	Preformed Expansion Joint Fillers for Concrete Paving and Structural Construction (Non-extruding and Resilient Bituminous Types)
D4397-02.....	Polyethylene Sheeting for Construction, Industrial and Agricultural Applications

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 FORMS

Wood, plywood, metal, or other materials, approved by COTR, of grade or type suitable to obtain type of finish specified.

2.2 MATERIALS

- A. Portland Cement: ASTM C150, Type I or II.
- B. Aggregate: ASTM C33.
- C. Lightweight Aggregate for Structural Concrete: ASTM C330, Table 1
- D. Mixing Water: Fresh, clean, and potable.
- E. Chemical Admixtures: ASTM C494.
- F. Reinforcing Steel: ASTM A615 or ASTM A996, deformed. See structural drawings for grade.
- G. Welded Wire Fabric: ASTM A185.
- H. Expansion Joint Filler: ASTM D1751.
- I. Sheet Materials for Curing Concrete: ASTM C171.

2.3 CONCRETE MIXES

- A. Design of concrete mixes using materials specified shall be the responsibility of the Contractor as set forth under Option C of ASTM C94.
- B. Compressive strength at 28 days shall be not less than 25mpa 3000 psi.
- C. Establish strength of concrete by testing prior to beginning concreting operation. Test consists of average of three cylinders made and cured in accordance with ASTM C192 and tested in accordance with ASTM C39.
- D. Maximum slump for vibrated concrete is 100 mm (4 inches) tested in accordance with ASTM C143.
 - 1. If trial mixes are used, the proposed mix design shall achieve a compressive strength 8.3 MPa (1200 psi) in excess of f'c. For concrete strengths above 35 Mpa (5000 psi), the proposed mix design shall achieve a compressive strength 9.7 MPa (1400 psi) in excess of f'c.
 - 2. For concrete exposed to high sulfate content soils maximum water cement ratio is 0.44.

2.4 BATCHING & MIXING

- A. Store, batch, and mix materials as specified in ASTM C94.
 - 1. Job-Mixed: Concrete mixed at job site shall be mixed in a batch mixer in manner specified for stationary mixers in ASTM C94.
 - 2. Ready-Mixed: Ready-mixed concrete comply with ASTM C94, except use of non-agitating equipment for transporting concrete to the site will not be permitted. With each load of concrete delivered to project, ready-mixed concrete producer shall furnish, in duplicate, certification as required by ASTM C94.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 FORMWORK

- A. Installation conform to ACI 347. Sufficiently tight to hold concrete without leakage, sufficiently braced to withstand vibration of concrete, and to carry, without appreciable deflection, all dead and live loads to which they may be subjected.
- B. Treating and Wetting: Treat or wet contact forms as follows:
 - 1. Coat plywood and board forms with non-staining form sealer. In hot weather cool forms by wetting with cool water just before concrete is placed.
 - 2. Clean and coat removable metal forms with light form oil before reinforcement is placed. In hot weather cool metal forms by thoroughly wetting with water just before placing concrete.
 - 3. Use sealer on reused plywood forms as specified for new material.

- C. Inserts, sleeves, and similar items: Flashing reglets, masonry ties, anchors, inserts, wires, hangers, sleeves, boxes for floor hinges and other items specified as furnished under this and other sections of specifications and required to be in their final position at time concrete is placed shall be properly located, accurately positioned and built into construction, and maintained securely in place.

3.2 REINFORCEMENT

- A. Details of concrete reinforcement, unless otherwise shown, in accordance with ACI 318 and ACI SP-66. Support and securely tie reinforcing steel to prevent displacement during placing of concrete.

3.3 PLACING CONCRETE

- A. Remove water from excavations before concrete is placed. Remove hardened concrete, debris and other foreign materials from interior of forms, and from inside of mixing and conveying equipment. Obtain approval of Resident Engineer before placing concrete. Provide screeds at required elevations for concrete slabs.
- B. Before placing new concrete on or against concrete which has set, existing surfaces shall be roughened and cleaned free from all laitance, foreign matter, and loose particles.
- C. Convey concrete from mixer to final place of deposit by method which will prevent segregation or loss of ingredients. Do not deposit in work concrete that has attained its initial set or has contained its water or cement more than 1 1/2 hours. Do not allow concrete to drop freely more than 1500 mm (5 feet) in unexposed work nor more than 900 mm (3 feet) in exposed work. Place and consolidate concrete in horizontal layers not exceeding 300 mm (12 inches) in thickness. Consolidate concrete by spading, rodding, and mechanical vibrator. Do not secure vibrator to forms or reinforcement. Vibration shall be carried on continuously with placing of concrete.
- D. Hot weather placing of concrete: Follow recommendations of ACI 305R to prevent problems in the manufacturing, placing, and curing of concrete that can adversely affect the properties and serviceability of the hardened concrete.
- E. Cold weather placing of concrete: Follow recommendations of ACI 306R, to prevent freezing of thin sections less than 300 mm (12 inches) and to permit concrete to gain strength properly, except that use of calcium chloride shall not be permitted without written approval from Resident Engineer.

3.4 PROTECTION AND CURING

- A. Protect exposed surfaces of concrete from premature drying, wash by rain or running water, wind, mechanical injury, and excessively hot or cold

temperature. Curing method shall be subject to approval by Resident Engineer.

3.5 FORM REMOVAL

- A. Forms remain in place until concrete has a sufficient strength to carry its own weight and loads supported. Removal of forms at any time is the Contractor's sole responsibility.

3.6 FINISHES

A. Slab Finishes:

1. Floating: Allow water brought to surface by float used for rough finishing to evaporate before surface is again floated or troweled. Do not sprinkle dry cement on surface to absorb water.
2. Float Finish: Equipment pads, except as specified, shall be screened and floated to a smooth dense finish. After first floating, while surface is still soft, surfaces shall be checked for alignment using a straightedge or template. Correct high spots by cutting down with a trowel or similar tool and correct low spots by filling in with material of same composition as floor finish. Remove any surface projections on floated finish by rubbing or dry grinding. Refloat the slab to a uniform sandy texture.

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