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Standard Test Method for Hydraulic Activity of Slag Cement by Reaction with Alkali¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the rapid determination of hydraulic activity of slag cement. This test method measures the accelerated strength development of the slag cement by using sodium hydroxide solution as mixing water and curing at elevated temperature.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory information. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables) shall not be considered as requirements of this standard.

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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use. A specific warning statement is given in Section 6.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[C109/C109M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars \(Using 2-in. or \[50 mm\] Cube Specimens\)](#)

[C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates](#)

[C219 Terminology Relating to Hydraulic and Other Inorganic Cements](#)

[C305 Practice for Mechanical Mixing of Hydraulic Cement Pastes and Mortars of Plastic Consistency](#)

[C670 Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials](#)

[C778 Specification for Standard Sand](#)

[C989/C989M Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 Definitions are given in Terminology [C125](#) and [C219](#).

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *slag, n*—granulated blast-furnace slag as defined in Terminology [C125](#) and ground to cement fineness.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method can be used as a quality-control test for slag production from a single source after adequate correlation with tests stipulated in Specification [C989/C989M](#).

4.2 This test method may be used as an evaluation technique for slag cement, when an appropriate correlation with various finenesses of slag cements from a specific source ground in a specific laboratory mill has been previously developed.

4.3 The hydraulic activity as measured by this test method on slag cement samples can provide guidance to a manufacturer as to fineness level required to maintain a certain level of hydraulic activity.

4.4 While this test method is intended primarily as a quality control test, some studies have shown that the test method is capable of evaluating the hydraulic activity of slag cements from different sources.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Three-Gang Molds for 2-in. or 50-mm Cubes and Compression Test Machine*, as specified in Test Method [C109/C109M \(Note 1\)](#).

NOTE 1—Silicone grease is recommended for protection of mold surfaces from the caustic solution in this test.

5.2 *Mixer*, as specified in Method [C305](#).

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C09 on Concrete and Concrete Aggregates and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C09.27 on Slag Cement.

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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.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard