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Standard Test Method for Bond Strength of Epoxy-Resin Bonding Systems Used With Concrete By Slant Shear¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the bond strength of ~~epoxy-resin-base~~ bonding systems for use with portland-cement concrete. This test method covers bonding hardened concrete to hardened or freshly-mixed concrete.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system are not necessarily exact equivalents; therefore, to ensure conformance with the standard, each system shall be used independently of the other, and values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.3 The text of this standard refers to notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) 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 hazard statement is given in Section 89. (**Warning** —Fresh hydraulic cementitious mixtures are caustic and may cause chemical burns to exposed skin and tissue upon prolonged exposure.²)

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:³

[C39/C39M](#) Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens

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

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

[C150/C150M](#) Specification for Portland Cement

[C192/C192M](#) Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Laboratory

[C470/C470M](#) Specification for Molds for Forming Concrete Test Cylinders Vertically

[C511](#) Specification for Mixing Rooms, Moist Cabinets, Moist Rooms, and Water Storage Tanks Used in the Testing of Hydraulic Cements and Concretes

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² See Section on Safety Precautions, Manual of Aggregate and Concrete Testing, *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.02.

³ 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

- [C595/C595M Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements](#)
- [C617/C617M Practice for Capping Cylindrical Concrete Specimens](#)
- [C881/C881M Specification for Epoxy-Resin-Base Bonding Systems for Concrete](#)
- [C928/C928M Specification for Packaged, Dry, Rapid-Hardening Cementitious Materials for Concrete Repairs](#)
- [C1059/C1059M Specification for Latex Agents for Bonding Fresh To Hardened Concrete](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [C125](#).

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *bonding system, n*—the product resulting from the combination of all the components supplied for use as a bonding material.

3.2.2 *component, n*—a constituent that is intended to be combined with one or more other constituents to form a bonding system.

3.2.3 *contact strength, n*—bond strength measured by slant shear after a specified contact and cure time.

3.2.4 *contact time, n*—specified time between when the bonding system is applied and when the two segments are bonded together and still achieve a specified bond strength after a specified curing time and temperature.

3.2.5 *formulator, n*—the agency responsible for preparing the separate components and for recommending the proportions to be used in preparing the final bonding system.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The bond strength is determined by using the epoxy system bonding material to bond together two equal sections of a ~~75 by 150 mm [3 by 6 in.]~~ 75 mm by 150 mm [3 in. by 6 in.] portland-cement mortar cylinder, each section of which has a diagonally cast bonding area at a 30° angle from ~~vertical—the centerline of the cylindrical specimen.~~ After suitable curing of the bonding agent, system, the test is performed by ~~determining the compressive strength of the composite cylinder.~~ loading the composite cylinder in compression and dividing the maximum load by the area of the bonded surface.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The strength developed by a bonding system that joins two regions of concrete is its most important property.

6. Apparatus

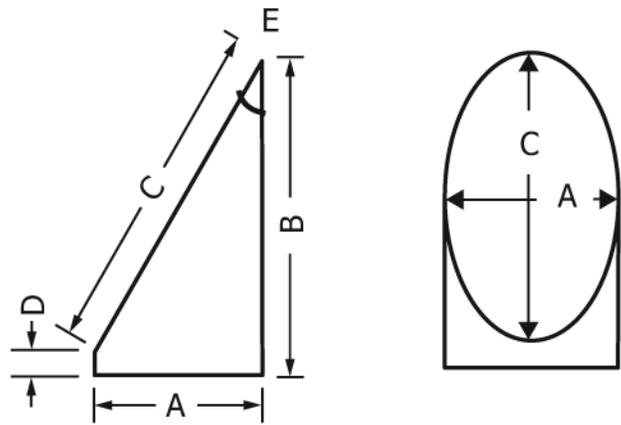
6.1 *Apparatus to Mix Portland-Cement Mortar*—This apparatus shall be as described in Test Method [C109/C109M](#), except for the sections on specimen molds, tamper, and testing machine.

6.2 *Specimen Molds*—The molds shall meet the requirements of Specification [C470/C470M](#) and be 75 mm ± 2 mm [~~3 in.~~ 3 in. ± 1/16 in.] in inside diameter and 150 mm ± 2 mm [~~6 in.~~ 6 in. ± 1/16 in.] in height.

6.3 *Dummy Section*—A dummy section ([Fig. 1](#)) shall be machined of a hard material that is not attacked by portland-cement mortar. It shall fit the mold and be equal to half the volume of the cylinder, but at an angle of 30° from the vertical. Additional dummy sections can be made by casting an epoxy-resin mortar against the machined dummy section contained in a specimen mold. Due precautions, such as waxing, shall be taken to prevent the bonding of the epoxy-resin mortar to the machined dummy section or the mold.

6.4 *Tamping Rod*—A 10-mm [~~3/8-in.~~] diameter tamping rod, as described in Practice [C192/C192M](#).

6.5 *Apparatus for Mixing Epoxy-Resin Bonding System*—A glass, plastic, or metal container of approximately 0.1 L [3 oz] capacity shall be used to hand-mix the bonding system. A tongue depressor or wooden stick of similar dimensions shall be used as a paddle.



	mm	Dimensions	in.
A—Diameter	75 ± 2		[3.00 ± 0.08]
B—Height	140 ± 2		[5.60 ± 0.08]
C—Slant height	150 ± 2		[6.00 ± 0.08]
D—Base height	10 ± 2		[0.40 ± 0.08]
E—Slant angle	0.52 ± .026 rad		[30° ± 1.5°]

FIG. 1 Dummy Section

6.6 *Testing Machine*—The testing machine shall be as described in Test Method C39/C39M.

6.7 *Moist Room*—The moist room shall conform to the requirements of Specification C511.

6.8 *Temperature-Conditioning Chambers*—Rooms or chambers in which the temperature is maintained appropriate to the class of the resin system being tested, in accordance with Specification C881/C881M.

7. Materials

7.1 *Portland Cement Mortar Specimens* Laboratory conditions, materials, proportions, and procedures for mixing the portland-cement mortar shall be in accordance with Test Method C109/C109M. A Type III cement (Specification cement complying with Specification C150/C150M) or a Type IL cement complying with Specification C595/C595M shall be used. The Type of cement used shall be reported.

7.1.1 Lightly oil the dummy section and the cylinder mold. Position the dummy section in the mold with the slant side up. Place the portland-cement mortar in the mold in two layers of approximately equal volume. Rod each layer with 25 strokes of the tamping rod. Distribute the strokes uniformly over the section and rod deeply enough to penetrate into any underlying layer. Rod the bottom layer as deeply as possible. Strike off the surface of the top layer with the trowel, and cover the specimen and mold with a glass or metal plate. Cure the mortar half-cylinder in accordance with Practice C192/C192M for at least 28 days. Then dry the half-cylinder in laboratory air for at least 7 days. As an alternative, a complete 75 by 150 mm [3 by 6-in.] cylinder shall be cast, cured for at least 28 days, and saw-cut at an angle of 30°.

7.1.2 A 75 by 150 mm [3 by 6-in.] 75 mm by 150 mm [3 in. by 6 in.] cylinder of the mortar shall have a compressive strength, when tested in accordance with H.312.3, of at least 31 MPa [4500 psi] at 28-days age (see age, Note 1).

NOTE 1—Calculations for bond strength are determined based on the elliptical bonding surface of the cut cylinder. For an angle of 30° from the vertical this corresponds to exactly twice the surface area of the base of the assembled cylinder. Use of mortar with the minimum compressive strength listed in 7.1.2 will only provide a qualitative pass/fail result for bond strengths exceeding approximately 13 MPa [1900 psi]. If quantitative results are desired it is recommended the mortar compressive strength of the mortar exceed the anticipated bond strength by a factor of 2.5 or more.

7.2 *Bonding System*—The bonding systems covered by this test method shall be furnished in two or more components for combining immediately prior to use in accordance with the written instructions of the manufacturer.



7.3 *Polyethylene Film*—Film thickness of 100 μm [4 mil] cut into $150\text{ mm} \times 500\text{ mm}$ [6 in. \times 30 in.] sections.

7.4 *Masking Tape*.

7.5 *Paraffin Wax*.

8. Specimen Preparation

8.1 Lightly oil the dummy section and the cylinder mold. Position the dummy section in the mold with the slant side up.

8.2 Place the portland-cement mortar in the mold in two layers of approximately equal volume. Rod each layer with 25 strokes of the tamping rod. Distribute the strokes uniformly over the section and rod deeply enough to penetrate into any underlying layer. Rod the bottom layer as deeply as possible. Strike off the surface of the top layer with the trowel, and cover the specimen and mold with a nonabsorbent plate or lid.

NOTE 2—Example materials that have been used for the purpose of a nonabsorbent plate or lid are plastic, glass, or metal.

8.3 Cure the mortar half-cylinder in accordance with Practice C192/C192M for at least 28 days. Then dry the half-cylinder in laboratory air for at least 7 days. As an alternative, a complete 75 mm by 150 mm [3 in. by 6 in.] cylinder shall be cast, cured for at least 28 days, and saw-cut at an angle of $0.52\text{ rad} \pm 0.026\text{ rad}$ [$30^\circ \pm 1.5^\circ$]. Then air dry the saw-cut half-cylinders in laboratory environment for at least 7 days.

9. Hazards

9.1 **Warning**—Epoxy resins contain irritants, especially to the skin, eyes, and respiratory system. Persons handling these materials shall use appropriate protective clothing, including rubber or plastic gloves. If an epoxy resin should contact the skin, it shall be removed immediately with a dry cloth or paper towel, and the area of contact shall be washed thoroughly with soap and water. Solvents shall *not* be used, because they carry the irritant into the skin. Cured epoxy resins are innocuous.

10. Sampling

10.1 Take samples in accordance with Specification C881/C881M.

11. Test Specimens

11.1 ~~Three composite test specimens are required for all Types of resin systems.~~ A test result is the average of three replicate specimens having the same testing conditions.

11.2 *Conditioning*:

11.2.1 *Types I, III, IV, VI, and VII Systems*—Systems, defined in Specification C881/C881M—Condition the resin system components, the mortar sections, and all equipment that will contact the resin to the temperatures specified in Specification C881/C881M.

11.2.1.1 Prepare the test specimens and make provision for maintaining them at the appropriate temperature during the entire cure time. Prepare the surface to be bonded by sandblasting and dry brushing to remove all loose surface material.

11.2.1.2 Use mortar sections and assemblies that have been soaked in water for 24 h. Place the face of the mortar sections to be bonded on an absorbent material for 10 min prior to applying the adhesive. For assembled test specimens, remove all water by shaking. Allow to air dry for 15 min.

11.2.2 *Type II and Type V Systems*—Systems defined in Specification C881/C881M—~~Since~~Because Type II and Type V resins are appropriate for use only at temperatures that permit strength gain of the freshly prepared concrete, only the conditioning temperature for a Class C resin, $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ [$73 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$], need be provided. Prepare the test specimens and make