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Standard Test Method for Density of Hydraulic Cement¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers determination of the density of hydraulic cement. Its particular usefulness is in connection with the design and control of concrete mixtures.

1.2 The density of hydraulic cement is defined as the mass of a unit volume of the solids.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

C 114 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Hydraulic Cement²

C 670 Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials³

3. Apparatus

3.1 *Le Chatelier flask*—The standard flask which is circular in cross section with shape and dimensions conforming essentially to Fig. 1 (Note 1). The requirements in regard to tolerance, inscription and length, spacing, and uniformity of graduation will be rigidly observed. There shall be a space of at least 10 mm between the highest graduation mark and the lowest point of grinding for the glass stopper.

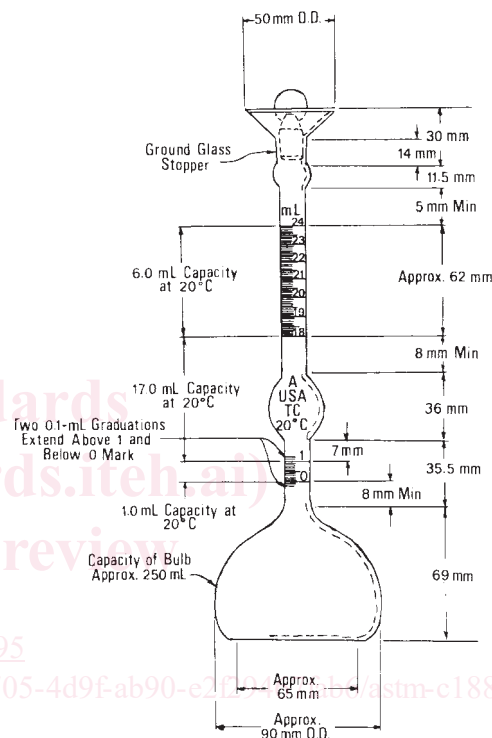
3.1.1 The material of construction shall be best quality glass, transparent and free of striae. The glass shall be chemically resistant and shall have small thermal hysteresis. The flasks shall be thoroughly annealed before being graduated. They shall be of sufficient thickness to ensure reasonable resistance to breakage.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.01.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.02.



NOTE 1—Variations of a few millimetres in such dimensions as total height of flask, diameter of base, etc., are to be expected and will not be considered sufficient cause for rejection. The dimensions of the flask shown in Fig. 1 apply only to new flasks and not to flasks in use which meet the other requirements of this test method.

FIG. 1 Le Chatelier Flask for Density Test

3.1.2 The neck shall be graduated from 0 to 1 mL and from 18 to 24 mL in 0.1-mL graduations. The error of any indicated capacity shall not be greater than 0.05 mL.

3.1.3 Each flask shall bear a permanent identification number and the stopper, if not interchangeably ground, shall bear the same number. Interchangeable ground-glass parts shall be marked on both members with the standard-taper symbol, followed by the size designation. The standard temperature shall be indicated, and the unit of capacity shall be shown by the letters "mL" placed above the highest graduation mark.