



Standard Specification for Grout for Masonry¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers two types of grout, fine and coarse grout, for use in the construction of masonry structures. Grout is specified by: (1) proportions or (2) strength requirements.

1.2 The text of this specification references 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 specification.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- C 5 Specification for Quicklime for Structural Purposes²
- C 143/C 143M Test Method for Slump of Hydraulic-Cement Concrete³
- C 150 Specification for Portland Cement²
- C 207 Specification for Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes²
- C 260 Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete³
- C 404 Specification for Aggregates for Masonry Grout⁴
- C 595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements²
- C 618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use as a Mineral Admixture in Concrete²
- C 989 Specification for Ground Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag for Use in Concrete and Mortars³
- C 1019 Test Method for Sampling and Testing Grout⁴
- C 1157 Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement²

3. Materials

3.1 Materials used as ingredients in grout shall conform to the requirements specified in 3.1.1-3.1.8.

3.1.1 *Cementitious Materials*—Cementitious materials shall conform to one of the following specifications:

3.1.1.1 *Portland Cement*—Type I, IA, II, IIA, III, and IIIA of Specification C 150.

3.1.1.2 *Blended Cements*—Type IS, IS(MS), IS-A, IS-A(MS), IP, or IP-A of Specification C 595 or types GU, HE, MS, or HS of Specification C 1157.

3.1.1.3 *Quicklime*—Specification C 5.

3.1.1.4 *Hydrated Lime*—Type S of Specification C 207.

3.1.1.5 *Coal Fly Ash or Raw Calcined Natural Pozzolan*—Specification C 618. Addition rates shall be in an amount governed by the portland-pozzolan cement category of Specification C 595. The grout produced with blends of portland cement and fly ash or raw calcined natural pozzolan shall have the compressive strength specified (5.2).

3.1.1.6 *Granulated Blast Furnace Slag*—Specification C 989. Addition rates shall be as governed by the portland blast furnace slag cement category of Specification C 595. Grouts produced with blends of portland cement and granulated blast furnace slag shall have the compressive strength specified (5.2).

3.1.2 *Air-Entraining Admixtures*—Air-entraining admixtures shall conform to Specification C 260.

3.1.3 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to Specification C 404.

3.1.4 *Water*—Water shall be clean and potable.

3.1.5 *Admixtures*—Integral waterproofing compounds, accelerators, or other admixtures not mentioned definitely in the specification shall not be used in grout for use in reinforced masonry without approval from the purchaser.

3.1.6 *Pumping Aids*—Pumping aids are permitted to be used in cases where the brand, quality, and quantity are approved in writing by the purchaser or are definitely stipulated in the specification.

3.1.7 *Antifreeze Compounds*—No antifreeze liquids, salts, or other substances shall be used in grout to lower the freezing point.

3.1.8 *Storage of Materials*—Cementitious materials and aggregates shall be stored in such a manner as to prevent deterioration or intrusion of foreign material or moisture. Any material that has become unsuitable for good construction shall not be used.

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

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

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.05.

NOTE 1—If the grout is to be used to bond masonry units to reinforcing