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Standard Specification for Precast Concrete Water and Wastewater Structures¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the recommended design requirements and manufacturing practices for monolithic or sectional precast concrete water and wastewater structures with the exception of concrete pipe, box culverts, utility structures, septic tanks, and items included under the scope of Specification C 478.

NOTE 1—Water and wastewater structures are defined as solar heating reservoirs, cisterns, holding tanks, leaching tanks, extended aeration tanks, wet wells, pumping stations, grease traps, distribution boxes, oil-water separators, treatment plants, manure pits, catch basins, drop inlets, and similar structures.

NOTE 2—Insulation and sealant requirements should receive special consideration due to special features of the application.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- A 82 Specification for Steel Wire, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement²
- A 184/A 184M Specification for Fabricated Deformed Steel Bar Mats for Concrete Reinforcement²
- A 185 Specification for Steel Welded Wire Fabric, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement²
- A 416/A 416M Specification for Steel Strand, Uncoated Seven-Wire for Prestressed Concrete²
- A 421 Specification for Uncoated Stress-Relieved Steel Wire for Prestressed Concrete²
- A 496 Specification for Steel Wire, Deformed, for Concrete Reinforcement²
- A 497 Specification for Steel Welded Wire Fabric, Deformed, for Concrete Reinforcement²

- A 615/A 615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Billet-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement²
 - A 616/A 616M Specification for Rail-Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement²
 - A 617/A 617M Specification for Axle-Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement²
 - C 33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates³
 - C 39 Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens⁴
 - C 94 Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete³
 - C 150 Specification for Portland Cement⁵
 - C 231 Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method³
 - C 260 Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete³
 - C 330 Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete³
 - C 478 Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Manhole Sections⁶
 - C 494 Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete³
 - C 595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements⁵
 - C 618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use as a Mineral Admixture in Concrete³
 - C 685 Specification for Concrete Made by Volumetric Batching and Continuous Mixing³
 - C 890 Practice for Minimum Structural Design Loading for Monolithic or Sectional Precast Concrete Water and Wastewater Structures⁶
 - C 990 Specification for Joints for Concrete Pipe, Manholes, and Precast Box Sections Using Preformed Flexible Joint Sealants⁶
- 2.2 American Concrete Institute Standard:
ACI318 Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete⁷

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.04.

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

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.07.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.01.

⁶ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.05.

⁷ Available from American Concrete Institute, P.O. Box 19150, Detroit, MI 48219.

2.3 Federal Specification:

SS-S-210A Sealing Compound, Preformed Plastic, for Expansion Joints and Pipe Joints⁸

3. Ordering Information

3.1 Unless otherwise designated by the purchaser before placing an order, a structure designed in accordance with Section 5 of this specification and found to satisfactorily meet the requirements imposed when tested and inspected as described herein shall be acceptable. The test of materials as required shall be done in accordance with applicable ASTM standards. Inspection, when required, shall include checks on fabrication and placing of reinforcement and concrete in accordance with approved design drawings.

4. Materials

4.1 *Cement*—Portland cement shall conform to the requirements of Specification C 150 or shall be portland blast-furnace slag cement or portland-pozzolan cement conforming to the requirements of Specification C 595.

4.2 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to Specification C 33 and lightweight aggregates shall conform to Specification C 330, except that the requirements for grading shall not apply.

4.3 *Water*—Water used in mixing concrete shall be clean and free of injurious amounts of oils, acids, alkalis, salts, organic materials, or other substances incompatible with concrete or steel.

4.4 *Admixtures*—Admixtures shall conform to Specification C 494 or C 618 and shall not be injurious to other products used in the concrete.

4.4.1 *Air-Entraining Admixtures*—Air-entraining admixtures conforming to Specification C 260 shall be used when there is a risk that the concrete may be exposed to freeze-thaw cycles. The concrete mixture shall contain 5.5 ± 1.5 % air by volume as determined by Test Method C 231.

4.5 *Steel Reinforcement*—Steel reinforcement shall conform to Specification A 82 or A 496 for wire; Specification A 185 or A 497 for wire fabric; Specifications A 416/A 416M and A 421 for prestressed wire and strand; or Specification A 184/A 184M, A 615/A 615M, A 616/A 616M or A 617/A 617M for bars.

5. Design Requirements

5.1 *Design Method*—The method of structural design of reinforced concrete as outlined in the ACI—318 Building Code shall be used to design the concrete sections, including the reinforcement required, when the structure is subjected to the loading conditions covered in Practice C 890. Design requirements in excess of these specifications shall be identified by the purchaser.

5.1.1 *Alternative Method to Design*—An alternative method to the design of a structure is acceptable, with the permission of the purchaser, by performing required performance tests on the completed structure to confirm adequate strength.

5.2 *Access Openings*—The structural design shall take into consideration the number, placement, and size of access openings.

5.3 *Floors*—The minimum floor thickness resulting from slope shall be considered as nominal floor thickness in the structure.

5.4 *Knockouts and Sumps*—Knockouts and sumps shall be designed to carry the loads imposed upon them. The basic structure shall be designed to carry all imposed loads with knockouts removed.

5.5 *Placement of Reinforcement*—The minimum concrete cover for reinforcing bars, mats, or fabric shall not be less than 1 in. (25 mm) for water retaining structures and $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (19 mm) for other structures subject to the provisions of Section 7.

5.6 *Concrete Strength*—The minimum compressive strength (f'_c) for design shall be 4000 psi (28 MPa) at 28 days of age.

5.7 *Joints*—Where required, sealed joints in sectional precast concrete structures shall be of such a design to prevent unacceptable leakage when used with a sealant (Note 3) approved by the purchaser and acceptable to the manufacturer. The criteria for unacceptable leakage will be determined by the purchaser's specifications. Where potable water is involved, caution advises selecting a sealant that will not contaminate the water for its intended purposes.

NOTE 3—Refer to Specification C 990 or Federal Specification SS-S-Z10A for guidance.

5.8 *Lifting Devices*—Design of embedded lifting devices shall conform to requirements as specified in 8.4 under Special Loading Considerations of Practice C 890.

6. Manufacture

6.1 *Mixture*—The aggregates, cement, and water shall be proportioned and mixed to produce a homogeneous concrete meeting the requirements of this specification, and in accordance with Specification C 94 or C 685.

6.2 *Forms*—The forms used in manufacture shall be sufficiently rigid and accurate to maintain the dimensions of the structure within the tolerances given in Section 7. All casting surfaces shall be of smooth nonporous material. Form releasing agents used shall not be injurious to the concrete.

6.3 *Reinforcement*—Reinforcement must be securely tied or welded (as allowed by the design) in place to maintain position during concrete placing operations. Where specified all chairs, bolsters, braces, and spacers in contact with forms shall have a corrosion-resistant surface.

6.4 *Concrete Placement*—Concrete shall be placed in the forms at a rate such that the concrete is plastic at all times and consolidates in all parts of the form and around all reinforcement steel and embedded fixtures without segregation of materials.

6.5 *Curing*—The precast concrete sections shall be cured by any method or combination of methods that will develop the specified compressive strength at 28 days or less.

6.6 *Concrete Quality*—The quality of the concrete shall be in accordance with the chapter on concrete quality of ACI 318, current edition, except for frequency of tests, which shall be

⁸ Available from Standardization Documents, Order Desk, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094. Attn: NPODS.