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Part 1:
Sampling of fresh concrete

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ISO 1920 consists of the following parts under the general title *Testing of concrete*:

- *Part 1: Sampling of fresh concrete*
- *Part 2: Properties of fresh concrete* [ISO 1920-1:2004](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/iso/75fe3712-db67-4c94-950c-9353e6204ead/iso-1920-1-2004)
- *Part 3: Making and curing test specimens*
- *Part 4: Strength of hardened concrete*
- *Part 5: Properties of hardened concrete other than strength*
- *Part 6: Sampling, preparing and testing concrete cores*
- *Part 7: Non-destructive tests on hardened concrete*

Testing of concrete —

Part 1: Sampling of fresh concrete

WARNING — When cement is mixed with water, alkali is released. When sampling, prevent skin contact with wet cement or concrete by wearing suitable protective clothing (gloves, footwear, safety glasses). If wet cement or concrete enters the eye, immediately wash it out thoroughly with clean water and seek medical treatment without delay. Wash wet concrete off the skin immediately.

1 Scope

This part of ISO 1920 specifies procedures for the sampling of fresh concrete. The samples are used for the testing of properties of fresh concrete, or for making test specimens to determine the properties of hardened concrete.

NOTE ISO 1920-1 specifies the properties of fresh concrete and ISO 1920-3 gives the procedures for making and curing test specimens.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1920-2, *Testing of concrete — Part 2: Properties of fresh concrete*

ISO 1920-3, *Testing of concrete — Part 3: Making and curing test specimens*

ISO 1920-4, *Testing of concrete — Part 4: Strength of hardened concrete*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

batch

quantity of concrete, mixed in one cycle of operation of a batch mixer, or the quantity of concrete conveyed ready-mixed in a vehicle, or the quantity discharged over 1 min from a continuous mixer

3.2

composite sample

quantity of concrete consisting of a number of increments, distributed through a batch or mass of concrete, which are thoroughly mixed together

3.3

spot sample

quantity of concrete taken from part of a batch or mass of concrete, consisting of one or more increments that are thoroughly mixed together

3.4

increment

quantity of concrete taken by the single operation of a scoop

4 Principle

4.1 Taking a composite sample

Concrete is sampled from a stream of moving concrete or from a pile in a series of increments according to 6.2. These increments are then thoroughly mixed together.

4.2 Taking a spot sample

Concrete is sampled from a stream of moving concrete or from a pile at a single point.

Spot samples are not representative of the batch and should not be used to manufacture strength specimens.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Scoop, made from non-absorbent material not readily attacked by cement paste, with a size suitable for taking increments of concrete.

5.2 Containers, one or more, made from non-absorbent material not readily attacked by cement paste, for receiving, transporting and remixing the concrete samples.

5.3 Thermometer (when required), to measure the temperature of fresh concrete to an accuracy of ± 1 °C.

5.4 Moist cloth.

6 Sampling procedure

6.1 Sampling plan

Decide whether a spot sample or a composite sample is to be taken.

NOTE This will depend upon the intended use of the sample.

Take a sample that is at least 1,5 times the quantity estimated as being required for the test.

A procedure for monitoring sampling errors is described in Annex A.

6.2 Obtaining a composite sample

Ensure that the apparatus is clean and dampen it with a moist, but not wet, cloth prior to use.

Using the scoop (5.1), take the required number of increments uniformly distributed throughout the batch.

When sampling from a stationary batch mixer or ready-mixed concrete truck, disregard the very first and the very last of the discharge. When sampling from a falling stream, the increments shall be taken in such a way as to represent the whole width and thickness of the stream. If the batch has been deposited in a heap of concrete, take the increments, wherever possible, distributed through the depth of the concrete as well as over the exposed surface. Samples shall not be taken from parts of the concrete that are obviously different from the rest of the pile, such as from areas that are oversanded or stoney.