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## Standard Specification for Segmental Retaining Wall Units<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers dry-cast segmental retaining wall units of concrete, machine-made from hydraulic cement, water, and suitable mineral aggregates with or without the inclusion of other materials. The units are intended for use in the construction of mortarless segmental retaining walls.

NOTE 1—When particular features are desired, such as weight classification, higher compressive strength, surface texture, finish, color, or other special features, such properties should be specified separately by the purchaser. Local suppliers should be consulted as to availability of units having the desired features.

1.2 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.3 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:<sup>2</sup>

- C 33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates
- C 140 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units
- C 150 Specification for Portland Cement
- C 331 Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Concrete Masonry Units
- C 595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
- C 618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use as a Mineral Admixture in Concrete
- C 989 Specification for Ground Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag for Use in Concrete and Mortars
- C 1157 Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

- C 1209 Terminology of Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units
- C 1232 Terminology of Masonry
- C 1262 Test Method for Evaluating the Freeze-Thaw Durability of Manufactured Concrete Masonry Units and Related Concrete Units

### 3. Terminology

3.1 Terminology defined in Terminology C 1209 and Terminology C 1232 shall apply for this specification.

#### 3.2 Definitions:

- 3.2.1 *Dry-cast, adj*—manufacturing concrete products using low frequency, high amplitude vibration to consolidate concrete of stiff or extremely dry consistency in a form.
- 3.2.2 *segmental retaining wall unit, n*—unit manufactured of concrete for the construction of dry-stacked earth retaining walls.
- 3.2.3 *segmental retaining wall unit, dry-cast, n*—a segmental retaining wall unit manufactured of concrete using a dry-cast process.

### 4. Materials

4.1 *Cementitious Materials*—Materials shall conform to the following applicable specifications:

4.1.1 *Portland Cements*—Specification C 150.

4.1.2 *Modified Portland Cement*—Portland cement conforming to Specification C 150, modified as follows:

4.1.2.1 *Limestone*—Limestone, with a minimum 85 % Calcium Carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) content, shall be permitted to be added to the cement, provided these requirements of Specification C 150 as modified are met:

- (1) Limitation on Insoluble Residue—1.5 %.
- (2) Limitation on Air Content of Mortar—Volume percent, 22 % max.
- (3) Limitation on Loss of Ignition—7 %.

4.1.3 *Blended Hydraulic Cements*—Specification C 595.

4.1.4 *Hydraulic Cement*—Specification C 1157.

4.1.5 *Pozzolans*—Specification C 618.

4.1.6 *Blast Furnace Slag Cement*—Specification C 989.

4.2 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to the following specifications, except that grading requirements shall not necessarily apply:

4.2.1 *Normal Weight Aggregates*—Specification C 33.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.