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Standard Specification for Aggregates for Masonry Grout¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers aggregate for use in grout for masonry.

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

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 8 of the standard. *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:²

- C 33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates
- C 40 Test Method for Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregates for Concrete
- C 87 Test Method for Effect of Organic Impurities in Fine Aggregate on Strength of Mortar
- C 88 Test Method for Soundness of Aggregates by Use of Sodium Sulfate or Magnesium Sulfate
- C 117 Test Method for Materials Finer Than 75- μ m (No. 200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing
- C 123 Test Method for Lightweight Pieces in Aggregate
- C 127 Test Method for Specific Gravity and Absorption of Coarse Aggregate
- C 128 Test Method for Specific Gravity and Absorption of Fine Aggregate
- C 136 Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates

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² 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 142 Test Method for Clay Lumps and Friable Particles in Aggregates
- C 144 Specification for Aggregate for Masonry Mortar
- C 270 Specification for Mortar for Unit Masonry
- C 476 Specification for Grout for Masonry
- D 75 Practice for Sampling Aggregates
- D 448 Classification for Sizes of Aggregate for Road and Bridge Construction

3. General Characteristics

3.1 Aggregates shall consist of natural sand or manufactured sand, used alone or in combination with coarse aggregate as described in this specification. Manufactured sand is the product obtained by crushing stone, gravel, or air-cooled iron blast-furnace slag. Coarse aggregate shall consist of crushed stone, gravel, or air-cooled iron blast-furnace slag processed to assure suitable gradation.

NOTE 1—Care should be taken to ensure a suitable particle shape, since excessive quantities of flat and elongated particles have historically caused problems with workability.

4. Grading

4.1 Grading shall conform to the requirements in Table 1 or shall comply with the requirements of 4.2.

NOTE 2—Size No. 1 is that specified for concrete sand in Specification C 33; Size No. 2 is that specified for masonry mortar in Specification C 144; and Sizes 8 and 89 are standard sizes as given in Specification D 448.

4.2 Aggregates of gradations other than those covered by Table 1 are permitted if all of the requirements of 4.2.1, 4.2.2, and 4.2.3 are met.

4.2.1 One hundred percent of the fine aggregate shall pass the 9.5-mm ($\frac{3}{8}$ -in.) sieve and no more than 5 % natural sand or 10 % for manufactured sand shall pass the 75- μ m (No. 200) sieve.

4.2.2 One hundred percent of the coarse aggregate shall pass the 12.5-mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ -in.) sieve and no more than 5 % shall pass the 600- μ m (No. 30) sieve.

4.2.3 The compressive strength of grout shall be specified and meet the requirements of Specification C 476.