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Standard Test Method for Insoluble Residue in Carbonate Aggregates¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers determination of the percentage of insoluble residue in carbonate aggregates using hydrochloric acid solution to react the carbonates.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. Regarding sieves, per Specification E11, “The values stated in SI units shall be considered standard for the dimensions of the wire cloth openings and the diameter of the wires used in the wire cloth. The values stated in inch-pound units shall be considered standard with regard to the sieve frames.” When sieve mesh sizes are referenced, the alternate inch-pound designations are provided for information purposes and enclosed in parentheses.

1.3 *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. Specific precaution statements are given in Section 7.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

- C136 Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
- C294 Descriptive Nomenclature for Constituents of Concrete Aggregates
- C670 Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials
- D3666 Specification for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Testing and Inspecting Road and Paving Materials
- D4753 Guide for Evaluating, Selecting, and Specifying Balances and Standard Masses for Use in Soil, Rock, and Construction Materials Testing

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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.

E11 Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves

3. Significance and Use

3.1 The amount and size distribution of noncarbonate (insoluble) material in carbonate aggregates is of interest to those conducting research on the polish susceptibility of stone used in pavements or on the friction properties of pavement surfaces. In addition, some agencies utilize the test for acceptance purposes to delineate carbonate aggregates that polish excessively and become slippery and those that will not.

NOTE 1—The quality of the results produced by this standard are dependent upon the competence of the personnel performing the procedure and the capability, calibration, and the maintenance of the equipment used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Practice D3666 are generally considered capable of competent and objective testing/sampling/inspection/etc. Users of this standard are cautioned that compliance with Practice D3666 alone does not completely assure reliable results. Reliable results depend on many factors: following the suggestions of Practice D3666 or similar acceptable guideline provides a means of evaluating and controlling some of those factors.

4. Apparatus

4.1 *Sieves*, U.S. standard 8-in. diameter, conforming to Specification E11 in the following sizes:

9.5-mm	($\frac{3}{8}$ -in.)
4.75-mm	(No. 4)
2.36-mm	(No. 8)
1.18-mm	(No. 16)
600- μ m	(No. 30)
300- μ m	(No. 50)
150- μ m	(No. 100)
75- μ m	(No. 200)

4.2 *Balance*—A balance having a minimum capacity of 15 kg and meeting the requirements of Specification D4753, Class GP5.

4.3 *Oven*, of appropriate size capable of being maintained at $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$.

4.4 *Agitation Equipment*, such as a jar mill or a magnetic stirrer.

4.5 *Bunsen Burner or Hot Plate*.

4.6 *Receiving Tank*, of nonreactive material to receive wash water and residue washed through the 8-in. diameter sieves.

4.7 *Rapid Filter Paper*, acid-resistant.

4.8 *Safety Eyeglasses, Rubber Gloves, Aprons, and so forth*.

4.9 *Borosilicate Glass Containers*, for performing acid leaching test.

4.10 *pH Paper or pH Meter*.

5. Reagent

5.1 *Purity of Reagents*—Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society, where such specifications are available.³ Use of other grades is permitted, provided it is first ascertained that the reagent is of sufficiently high purity to permit its use without lessening the accuracy of the determination.

5.2 *Hydrochloric Acid (6 N)*—Prepare a 6 N solution of hydrochloric acid (HCl).

6. Samples

6.1 Samples shall be representative of the sources from which they are obtained and shall be reduced to appropriate size by use of sample splitters or by quartering in accordance with the Sampling Section of Test Method C136.

6.1.1 Normally, the aggregate used in the test sample shall be retained after washing over the 4.75-mm (No. 4) sieve, and passing the 9.5-mm (3/8-in.) sieve.

6.1.2 Test separate fractions or combined aggregate gradings as appropriate.

6.2 Dry sample aggregates to constant mass at $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$.

6.3 Use an oven-dry sample having a minimum mass of 500 g.

7. Procedure for Determining Only the Plus 75 μm (No. 200) Size Fraction of Insoluble Residue

7.1 For many applications, only the plus 75- μm (No. 200) size insoluble residue fraction is of interest. This section provides a procedure for determination of the amount and size distribution of only the plus 75- μm (No. 200) size insoluble residue. If the total amount of insoluble residue is desired, follow the procedure in Section 8 and only such portions of Section 7 as are indicated in Section 8.

7.2 Prepare and test samples in triplicate for each aggregate sampled.

7.3 **Warning**—Hydrogen chloride gas is released during this procedure. Exercise extreme care to prevent corrosive gas from entering the laboratory atmosphere. The hydrogen chloride gas that may be produced in the chemical reaction can be destructive to laboratory equipment and can also be a definite safety hazard to laboratory personnel. Under no circumstances shall the test be performed without proper and adequate ventilation. Operators shall be required to wear a mask when performing this test.

³ *Reagent Chemicals, American Chemical Society Specifications*, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC. For Suggestions on the testing of reagents not listed by the American Chemical Society, see *Annual Standards for Laboratory Chemicals*, BDH Ltd., Poole, Dorset, U.K., and the *United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary*, U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc. (USPC), Rockville, MD.

7.4 Place an aggregate sample weighing a minimum of 500 g in a suitable borosilicate glass container. The container shall be vented to allow gas from the reaction to escape and to be drawn away. Slowly add 1000 mL of 6 N hydrochloric acid (HCl) allowing for excessive effervescence or foaming to subside before further addition of solution. Agitate the container and contents gently by hand until excessive effervescence has subsided.

7.5 Place the container and contents on an agitating device.

7.6 Check the container periodically, and when the reaction appears to have subsided (no obvious bubbling) decant the solution and add approximately 300 mL of the 6 N HCl and check for a reaction. Collect all decant solution in a receiving tank for future use only if determination of the total residue content is desired as in Section 8.

7.6.1 If a reaction (bubbling) is observed, continue agitation until the reaction subsides and repeat the procedure beginning at 7.6.

7.7 When no reaction is observed, heat the container gently over a bunsen burner or hot plate. Some carbonate materials will require heating to temperatures of up to 110°C and maintaining this temperature level for approximately 1 h in order to completely react the carbonate fraction.

7.7.1 If no reaction is observed upon heating, proceed with the remainder of the test procedure.

7.7.2 If a reaction is observed upon heating, continue the agitation and repeat the procedure beginning at 7.7.

7.8 When the reaction has stopped, decant the acid solution and add water to the aggregate in the glass container to thoroughly dilute the acid. The residue in the container shall have a pH as indicated by pH paper or pH meter of more than 5.5.

7.9 Wash the diluted solution and residue from the aggregate sample over a preweighed 75- μm (No. 200) sieve placed over a receiving tank.

7.10 Thoroughly rinse the material on the 75- μm (No. 200) sieve and into the receiving tank. Dry the sieve and the residue in a $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ oven.

7.11 When the sieve and residue have cooled to room temperature, weigh the sieve plus the residue and subtract the original mass of the dry clean sieve to obtain the mass of the plus 75- μm (No. 200) sieve size residue.

7.12 Visually inspect the residue to determine if there is particle agglomeration because of the presence of plastic clay fractions.

7.12.1 If agglomeration has occurred, physical reduction of the agglomerated particles shall be performed by use of a mortar and rubber-tipped pestle. Exercise care to prevent crushing of individual particle grains during this process.

7.12.2 If no agglomeration has occurred, proceed with the remainder of the test procedure.

7.13 Dry sieve the residue from the aggregate sample over preweighed nested sieves. The nested sieves shall be of the following series: