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Standard Specification for Perforated Concrete Pipe¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers perforated concrete pipe intended to be used for underdrainage.

1.2 This specification is the inch-pound companion to Specification C444M; therefore, no SI equivalents are presented in the specification.

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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology C822.

4. Classification

4.1 Pipe manufactured according to this specification shall be of two classes known as Type 1 and Type 2, which cover two arrangements of perforations to be used with pipe manufactured according to any of the standard specifications for plain or reinforced concrete pipe, and any of the classifications within those standard specifications.

4.1.1 Type 1 perforated pipe shall have circular perforations conforming to 6.1 and Table 1.

4.1.2 Type 2 perforated pipe shall have slotted perforations conforming to 6.2 and Table 2.

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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.

4.1.3 It is intended that perforated pipe shall be specified by reference to this specification and the specification for the type and class of pipe desired.

NOTE 1—*Example* “Perforated concrete pipe shall conform to the requirements of Specification C444 Type 2, and all applicable requirements of Specification C14, Class 2.”

5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 The acceptability of the pipe shall be determined by the results of all applicable tests (Note 2) prescribed for the type and class of pipe specified, and by inspection to determine whether the pipe conforms to this specification as to design and freedom from defects.

NOTE 2—It is intended that all tests will be applicable except those having to do with permeability and the hydrostatic test.

6. Perforations

6.1 *Type 1*—Perforations shall be circular, not more than $\frac{5}{16}$ in. or less than $\frac{3}{16}$ in. in diameter, and arranged in rows parallel to the axis of the pipe. Perforations shall be 3 in. center-to-center, along rows. The spigot or tongue end shall not be perforated for a length equal to the depth of the socket, or depth of the groove plus $\frac{3}{4}$ in. and perforations shall continue at uniform spacing along the entire length of the barrel. The total number of rows shall be as shown in Table 1. The rows shall be spaced over not more than 165° of circumference. Rows shall be symmetrically arranged with respect to the intended top or bottom of the pipe.

6.2 *Type 2*—Slots shall be circumferential in direction, not more than $\frac{3}{16}$ in. or less than $\frac{1}{8}$ in. in width, and of the lengths shown in Table 2. There shall be two rows of slots, spaced 165° apart, and centered, in the case of elliptically reinforced pipe, about the minor axis of the reinforcing. Slots shall be spaced as shown in Table 2, except as modified herein for plain-end pipe. The distance from the spigot end, or from the shoulder of the tongue end, to the first pair of slots shall be not more than 1 in. greater than the specified slot spacing, nor less than 1 in. less than the specified slot spacing. Slots shall continue at uniform spacing along the length of the barrel.

6.2.1 Slots in plain-end pipe shall be spaced as shown in Table 2 except that smaller spacing shall be used where necessary to provide not less than three equally spaced slots in