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Standard Specification for Blended Supplementary Cementitious Materials¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers blended supplementary cementitious materials that result from the blending or intergrinding of two or three ASTM compliant supplementary cementitious materials, for use in concrete or mortar where hydraulic or pozzolanic action, or both, is desired. The supplementary cementitious materials include slag cement conforming to Specification C989, natural pozzolans and coal fly ash conforming to Specification C618 and silica fume conforming to Specification C1240.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

NOTE 1—The incorporation of supplementary cementitious materials as separate additions or as a manufactured blend may significantly alter the properties of fresh and hardened concrete. The user should be aware of these changes and is referred to the *ACI Manual of Concrete Practice*² for information and guidelines. Specific reference is made to:

ACI 232.1R	Use of Natural Pozzolans in Concrete
ACI 232.2R	Use of Fly Ash in Concrete
ACI 233R	Slag Cement in Concrete and Mortar
ACI 234R	Guide for the Use of Silica Fume in Concrete

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:³

- C114 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Hydraulic Cement
- C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates

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² Available from American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, <http://www.concrete.org>.

³ 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.

- C150 Specification for Portland Cement
- C151 Test Method for Autoclave Expansion of Hydraulic Cement
- C183 Practice for Sampling and the Amount of Testing of Hydraulic Cement
- C311 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Fly Ash or Natural Pozzolans for Use in Portland-Cement Concrete
- C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
- C989 Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars
- C1240 Specification for Silica Fume Used in Cementitious Mixtures

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of other terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology C125.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *slag cement, n*—granulated blast furnace slag that is ground to cement fineness with or without additions and meets Specification C989.

3.2.2 *supplementary cementitious material, n*—a slag cement or pozzolan that contributes to the properties of concrete or mortar through hydraulic or pozzolanic activity, or both.

3.2.3 *silica fume, n*—as defined in Specification C1240.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification applies to a hydraulic or pozzolanic material composed of a blend of multiple supplementary cementitious materials as defined in Table 1. The supplementary cementitious materials of the blend are identified in accordance with the Type listed in the first column of Table 1. For the purpose of conformance to the requirements of this specification, the blend is classified according to the predominant supplementary cementitious material. For blended supplementary cementitious materials that have no predominant constituent, the manufacturer selects the blend type.

4.2 The naming practice for reporting blended supplementary cementitious materials is as follows:

$$SCM_b - A_{xx}/B_{yy}/C_{zz}$$

TABLE 1 Classification of Supplementary Cementitious Materials

Type	Name
N	Class N Pozzolan meeting Specification C618
F	Class F fly ash meeting Specification C618
C	Class C fly ash meeting Specification C618
SF	Silica Fume meeting Specification C1240
S	Slag cement meeting Specification C989

where:

SCMb = designation of the product as a blended supplementary cementitious material,

A = targeted mass % of the predominant supplementary cementitious material in the blended supplementary cementitious material expressed by mass of the final blended supplementary cementitious material,

xx = predominant supplementary cementitious material—use Type designation in accordance with [Table 1](#),

B = targeted mass % of the secondary supplementary cementitious material in the blended supplementary cementitious material expressed by mass of the final blended supplementary cementitious material,

yy = secondary supplementary cementitious material—use Type designation in accordance with [Table 1](#),

C = targeted mass % of the tertiary supplementary cementitious material in the blended supplementary cementitious material expressed by mass of the final blended supplementary cementitious material. This would be required only for ternary mixtures, and

zz = tertiary supplementary cementitious material—use Type designation in accordance with [Table 1](#)

NOTE 2—Examples of the naming practice are as follows:

A binary mixture of 65 % Class C fly ash and 35 % slag cement would be:

$$SCMb - 65C/35S$$

A ternary mixture of 60 % Class F fly ash, 35 % slag cement and 5 % silica fume would be:

$$SCMb - 60F/35S/5SF$$

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following:

5.1.1 Specification number,

5.1.2 The composition of the blend using the naming convention in [4.2](#).

5.1.3 Any optional requirements as delineated in [Table 2](#).

NOTE 3—In advance of ordering, it is important to check for market availability of blended supplementary cementitious materials.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 All individual constituents used in the manufacture of the blended supplementary cementitious material shall conform to their applicable specification.

6.2 All blended supplementary cementitious materials shall consist of a uniform mixture of constituents within the limits specified in [Section 9](#).

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 The individual constituents and the blended supplementary cementitious material shall be chemically analyzed using

applicable analytical methods of Test Methods [C311](#) or Test Methods [C114](#). Analyze for major and minor oxides present in greatest quantity that together, including loss-on-ignition constituents at least 98 % of the total mass of the material.

7.2 There are no chemical requirements for the blended supplementary cementitious material but the chemical composition of the constituents and of the blended supplementary cementitious material are necessary to verify blend proportions.

8. Physical and Optional Properties

8.1 Blended supplementary cementitious materials shall conform to the physical requirements in [Table 3](#), where the blend type is in accordance with [Section 4](#).

8.2 Blended supplementary cementitious materials shall conform to the optional requirements in [Table 2](#), only when specifically requested by the purchaser. The blend type is in accordance with [Section 4](#).

9. Permissible Variations in Blending Accuracy

9.1 The amount of pozzolan or slag cement in the finished blended supplementary cementitious material shall not vary from the target value by more than ± 2.5 percentage points for silica fume and not more than ± 5 percentage points for other supplementary cementitious materials, with a 99 % probability of compliance.

NOTE 4—To satisfy the 99 % probability of compliance, the blending process must be capable of producing a blend containing silica fume such that the standard deviation of the measured mass percentage of silica fume in the blend is less than 1 %. For constituents other than silica fume, the standard deviations of their measured mass percentages have to be less than 1.9 %.

9.2 The chemical composition of the individual constituents and of the finished blended supplementary cementitious material shall be determined in accordance with [Section 7](#). The composition of the blend in terms of mass percentage of the constituents shall be calculated.

NOTE 5—[Appendix X1](#) provides an example to illustrate how the composition of the blend can be calculated from the various measured chemical compositions.

10. Sampling

10.1 The manufacturer shall sample and test the finished blended supplementary cementitious material in order to verify compliance with this specification.

10.1.1 Upon request of the purchaser, the manufacturer shall furnish the sampling procedure used to certify compliance with this specification.

10.2 If the purchaser desires to verify product compliance with this specification, appropriate sampling and testing procedures shall be used. For guidance, refer to standard Practice [C183](#).

11. Storage and Inspection

11.1 The blended supplementary cementitious materials shall be protected from the detrimental effects of exposure to the environment and stored in such a manner as to permit easy access for proper inspection and identification.