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Standard Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification pertains to blended hydraulic cements for both general and special applications, using slag or pozzolan, or both, with portland cement or portland cement clinker or slag with lime.

NOTE 1—This specification prescribes ingredients and proportions, with some performance requirements whereas Performance Specification C1157 is a hydraulic cement specification in which performance criteria alone govern the products and their acceptance.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard. Values in SI units [or inch-pound units] shall be obtained by measurement in SI units [or inch-pound units] or by appropriate conversion, using the Rules for Conversion and Rounding given in IEEE/ASTM SI 10, of measurements made in other units [or SI units]. Values are stated in only SI units when inch-pound units are not used in practice.

1.3 The text of this standard refers to notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) are not requirements of the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- C109/C109M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars (Using 2-in. or [50-mm] Cube Specimens)
- C114 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Hydraulic Cement
- C150 Specification for Portland Cement
- C151 Test Method for Autoclave Expansion of Hydraulic Cement
- C157/C157M Test Method for Length Change of Hardened Hydraulic-Cement Mortar and Concrete
- C183 Practice for Sampling and the Amount of Testing of Hydraulic Cement
- C185 Test Method for Air Content of Hydraulic Cement Mortar
- C186 Test Method for Heat of Hydration of Hydraulic Cement
- C187 Test Method for Normal Consistency of Hydraulic Cement
- C188 Test Method for Density of Hydraulic Cement
- C191 Test Methods for Time of Setting of Hydraulic Cement by Vicat Needle
- C204 Test Methods for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by Air-Permeability Apparatus
- C219 Terminology Relating to Hydraulic Cement
- C226 Specification for Air-Entraining Additions for Use in the Manufacture of Air-Entraining Hydraulic Cement
- C227 Test Method for Potential Alkali Reactivity of Cement-Aggregate Combinations (Mortar-Bar Method)
- C265 Test Method for Water-Extractable Sulfate in Hydrated Hydraulic Cement Mortar
- C311 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Fly Ash or Natural Pozzolans for Use in Portland-Cement Concrete
- C430 Test Method for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by the 45- μ m (No. 325) Sieve
- C465 Specification for Processing Additions for Use in the Manufacture of Hydraulic Cements
- C563 Test Method for Approximation of Optimum SO₃ in Hydraulic Cement Using Compressive Strength

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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.

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

C688 [Specification for Functional Additions for Use in Hydraulic Cements](#)
 C821 [Specification for Lime for Use with Pozzolans](#)
 C1012 [Test Method for Length Change of Hydraulic-Cement Mortars Exposed to a Sulfate Solution](#)
 C1157 [Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement](#)
 IEEE/ASTM SI 10 [Standard for Use of the International System of Units \(SI\): the Modern Metric System](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—The terms used in this specification are defined in Terminology C219, except for the following terms:

3.1.1 *binary blended cement, n*—a blended hydraulic cement consisting of portland cement with either a slag cement or a pozzolan.

3.1.2 *ternary blended cement, n*—a blended hydraulic cement consisting of portland cement with either a combination of two different pozzolans, or slag cement and a pozzolan.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification applies to the following types of blended cement that generally are intended for use as indicated.

4.1.1 Blended hydraulic cements for general concrete construction.

4.1.1.1 *Type IS*—Portland blast-furnace slag cement.

4.1.1.2 *Type IP*—Portland-pozzolan cement.

4.1.1.3 *Type IT*—Ternary blended cement.

4.2 *Reporting*:

4.2.1 The naming practice for blended cements shall be made by adding the suffix (X) to the type designation under 4.1.1, where (X) equals the targeted percentage of slag or pozzolan in the product expressed as a whole number by mass of the final blended product, within the allowable variation as stated in 14.3.

4.2.2 The naming practice for ternary blended cements shall be made by adding the suffixes (AX) and (BY) to the Type IT designation under 4.1.1, where:

A is either “S” for slag cement, or “P” for pozzolan,
 whichever is present in larger amount by mass, and

X is the targeted percentage by mass of constituent A, and

B is either “S” for slag cement, or “P” for pozzolan, and

Y is the targeted percentage by mass of constituent B.

Both X and Y values are expressed as a whole number by mass of the final blended product, within the allowable variation as stated in 14.3. If X and Y are the same, list the order is interchangeable, pozzolan content first.

NOTE 2—Examples of the naming practice per 4.2.1 and 4.3 are shown below (all percentages by mass):

Binary blended cement with 80 % portland cement and 20 % slag

cement = IS(20). <https://www.astm.org/standards/c595-c595m-10>

Binary blended cement with 85 % portland cement and 15 % pozzolan

= IP(15).

Ternary blended cement with 70 % portland cement, 20 % slag cement

and 10 % pozzolan = IT(S20)(P10).

Ternary blended cement with 65 % portland cement, 25 % of one

pozzolan and 10% of another pozzolan = IT(P25)(P10). pozzolan and 10 % of another pozzolan = IT(P25)(P10).

Ternary blended cement with 60 % portland cement and 20 % of

slag cement and 20 % pozzolan = Type IT(P20)(S20).

4.2.3 A simplified naming practice is used in this standard for practicality and clarity when referring to specific requirements for binary and ternary blended cements that are applicable to a range of products or in ternary blended cements when requirements are applicable to only one constituent within a specific range (%). (See Note 3)

NOTE 3—Examples of the simplified naming practices per 4.2.3 are shown below:

1) An example when requirements are applicable to a range of products can be found in Table 1, where the maximum SO₃ content of 3 % applies to: binary blended cements with slag cement contents <70 %, indicated as IS(<70); ternary blended cements with a pozzolan content less than the slag cement content and the slag cement content is less than 70 %, indicated as IT(P<S<70).

2) An example when requirements are applicable to only one constituent within a specific range (%) of that constituent can be found in 8.2, where testing is required only when the slag cement content is <25 %. Because the requirement is based on the slag cement content only with no relation to the pozzolan content, a simplified naming practice is employed and the range of ternary blended cements are indicated as Type IT(S<25).

4.3 *Special Properties*:

4.3.1 Air-entraining cement, when desired by the purchaser, shall be specified by adding the suffix (A) to any of the above types. The air-entraining option is specified in combination with any of the other special properties where required.

NOTE 4—A given mass of blended cement has a larger absolute volume than the same mass of portland cement. This should be taken into consideration in purchasing cements and in proportioning concrete mixtures.

4.3.2 Moderate sulfate resistance or moderate heat of hydration, or both, when desired by the purchaser, shall be specified by

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Cement Type ^{A,B}	Applicable Test Method	IS(< 70), IT(P<S<70)	IS(≥ 70), IT(S≥70)	IP, IT(P>=S)
Magnesium oxide (MgO), max, %	C114	6.0
Sulfate reported as SO₃, max, %^C	C114	3.0	4.0	4.0
Sulfate reported as SO ₃ , max, % ^B	C114	3.0	4.0	4.0
Sulfide reported as S ²⁻ , max, %	C114	2.0	2.0	...
Insoluble residue, max, %	C114	1.0	1.0	...
Loss on ignition, max, %	C114	3.0	4.0	5.0

^AThe chemical requirements in this table are applicable to all air-entrained cement equivalents.

^BThe requirements of Type IT(P>S) shall apply to ternary blended cements with equal pozzolan and slag cement contents.

^CWhen it has been demonstrated by Test Method C563 that the optimum SO₃ exceeds a value 0.5 % less than the specification limit, an additional amount of SO₃ is permissible provided that, when the cement with the additional calcium sulfate is tested by Test Method C265, the calcium sulfate in the hydrated mortar at 24 ± ¼ h, expressed as SO₃, does not exceed 0.50 g/L. When the manufacturer supplies cement under this provision, he will, upon request, supply supporting data to the purchaser.

adding the suffix (MS) or (MH), respectively, to the type designation under 4.1.1.

4.3.3 High sulfate resistance, when desired by the purchaser, shall be specified by adding the suffix (HS) to the type designation under 4.1.1.

NOTE 5—Special characteristics attributable to slag or pozzolan will vary based on quantities contained within the blended cements.

4.3.4 Low heat of hydration, when desired by the purchaser, shall be specified by adding the suffix (LH) to the type designation under 4.1.1.

5. Ordering Information

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

5.1.1 Specification number,

5.1.2 Type or types required,

5.1.2.1 Indicate allowable slag or pozzolan % maximum or minimum, or both, if required.

5.1.3 Optional special properties required (see 4.3):

5.1.3.1 MS if moderate sulfate resistance is required;

5.1.3.2 HS if high sulfate resistance is required;

5.1.3.3 MH if moderate heat of hydration is required;

5.1.3.4 LH if low heat of hydration is required;

5.1.3.5 A if air entraining is required;

5.1.3.6 Accelerating addition, if required;

5.1.3.7 Retarding addition, if required;

5.1.3.8 Water reducing addition, if required;

5.1.3.9 Water reducing and accelerating addition, if required; and

5.1.3.10 Water reducing and retarding addition, if required.

5.1.4 Certification, if desired (see Section 14).

NOTE 6—It is important to check for availability of various options. Some multiple options are mutually incompatible or unattainable.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Blast-Furnace Slag*—Blast-Furnace slag shall be the nonmetallic product, consisting essentially of silicates and aluminosilicates of calcium and other bases, that is developed in a molten condition simultaneously with iron in a blast furnace.

6.2 *Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag*—Granulated blast-furnace slag shall be the glassy granular material formed when molten blast-furnace slag is rapidly chilled, as by immersion in water.

6.3 *Slag Cement*—See Terminology C219.

6.4 *Portland Cement*—See Terminology C219. For purposes of this specification, portland cement meeting the requirements of Specification C1157 or Specification C150 are suitable. Portland cement or other hydraulic materials, or both, containing high free lime are not prohibited from use as long as the autoclave test limits for the blended cement are met.

6.5 *Portland Cement Clinker*—Portland cement clinker shall be partially fused clinker consisting primarily of hydraulic calcium silicates.

6.6 *Pozzolan*—Pozzolan shall be a siliceous or siliceous and aluminous material, which in itself possesses little or no cementitious value but which will, in finely divided form and in the presence of moisture, chemically react with calcium hydroxide at ordinary temperatures to form compounds possessing cementitious properties.

6.7 *Hydrated Lime*—Hydrated lime used as part of a blended cement shall meet the requirements of Specification C821, except that when interground in the production process there shall be no minimum fineness requirement.

6.8 *Air-Entraining Addition*—When air-entraining cement is specified, an addition meeting the requirements of Specification C226 shall be used.

6.9 When processing additions are used in the manufacture of cement, they shall have been shown to meet the requirements of Specification C465 in the amounts used or greater, (see Section 14.2).

6.10 When functional additions (used at the sole option of the purchaser) are used they shall have been shown to meet the requirements of Specification C688 when tested with the cement to be used, in the amount used or greater, (see Section 14.2).

6.11 *Other Additions*—The cement covered by this specification shall contain no additions except as provided for above except that water or calcium sulfate (see Terminology C219), or both, if added, shall be in amounts so that the limits shown in Table 1 for sulfate reported as SO₃ and loss on ignition are not exceeded.

6.12 *Binary Blended Cement*—Binary blended cement shall be a hydraulic cement consisting of an intimate and uniform blend (see Note 7) produced either by intergrinding portland cement clinker with a pozzolan or a granulated blast-furnace slag, or a slag cement, or by blending portland cement with a pozzolan or a slag cement, or a combination of intergrinding and blending. The maximum constituent requirements of 6.14 and 6.16 shall apply.

6.13 *Ternary Blended Cement*—Ternary blended cement shall be a hydraulic cement consisting of an intimate and uniform blend (see Note 7) ~~produced either by intergrinding portland cement clinker with 1) two different pozzolans, 2) granulated blast-furnace slag or slag cement and a pozzolan; or by blending portland cement with 1) two different pozzolans or 2) slag cement and a pozzolan, or 3) a combination of intergrinding and blending. The maximum constituent requirements of 6.14 and 6.16 shall apply.~~ produced either by intergrinding portland cement clinker with 1) two different pozzolans, 2) granulated blast-furnace slag or slag cement and a pozzolan; or by blending portland cement with 1) two different pozzolans or 2) slag cement and a pozzolan, or 3) a combination of intergrinding and blending. Ternary cement type IT(P≥S) and Type IT(P<S<70) shall have a maximum pozzolan content of 40 % by mass of the blended cement and the total content of pozzolan and granulated blast-furnace slag or slag cement shall be less than 70 % by mass of the blended cement.

6.14 *Portland Blast-Furnace Slag Cement*—Portland blast-furnace slag cement shall be a hydraulic cement in which the slag cement constituent is up to 95 % by mass of the blended cement. Binary or ternary blended cement with a slag cement content equal to or exceeding 70 % by mass, is permitted to contain hydrated lime.

NOTE 7—The attainment of an intimate and uniform blend of two or more types of fine materials is difficult. Consequently, adequate equipment and controls must be provided by the manufacturer. The purchasers should assure themselves of the adequacy of the blending operation.

6.15 *Air-Entraining Portland Blast-Furnace Slag Cement*—Air-entraining portland blast-furnace slag cement shall be portland blast-furnace slag cement to which sufficient air-entraining addition has been added so that the resulting product complies with the air content of mortar requirements.

6.16 *Portland-Pozzolan Cement*—Portland-pozzolan cement shall be a hydraulic cement in which the pozzolan constituent is up to 40 % by mass of the blended cement.

6.17 *Air-Entraining Portland-Pozzolan Cement*—Air-entraining portland-pozzolan cement shall be portland-pozzolan cement to which sufficient air-entraining addition has been added so that the resulting product complies with the air content of mortar requirements.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 Cement of the type specified shall conform to the applicable chemical requirements prescribed in Table 1.

7.2 If the purchaser has requested the manufacturer to state in writing the composition of the blended cement purchased, the composition of the cement furnished shall conform to that shown in the statement within the following tolerances (see Note 8).

	Tolerance, ± %
Silicon dioxide (SiO ₂)	3
Aluminum oxide (Al ₂ O ₃)	2
Calcium oxide (CaO)	3

NOTE 8—This means that if the manufacturer's statement of the composition says "SiO₂: 32 %," the cement when analyzed, shall be found to contain between 29 and 35 % SiO₂.

8. Physical Properties

8.1 *Blended Cement*—Blended cement of the type specified shall conform to the applicable physical requirements prescribed in Table 2.

8.2 *Pozzolan or Slag*—Pozzolan or granulated blast-furnace slag or slag cement that is to be blended with cement shall be tested in the same state of subdivision as that in which it is to be blended. Pozzolan shall conform to the fineness requirement and the activity index requirement of Table 3. Slag cement that is to be used for portland blast-furnace slag cements Type IS(< 25) or ternary blended cements Type IT(S<25) shall conform to the activity index requirement of Table 3. Such pozzolan, or granulated blast-furnace slag, or slag cement that is to be interground with portland cement clinker shall, before testing for conformance with requirements of Table 3, be ground in the laboratory to a fineness at which it is believed to be present in the finished cement. It is the manufacturer's responsibility to decide on the fineness at which the testing is to be carried out, and when requested to do so by a purchaser, to report the information upon which the decision was based.

8.3 Pozzolan for use in the manufacture of portland-pozzolan cement, Type IP(< 15) and IP(< 15)-A or ternary blended cements Type IT(P<15) and Type IT(P<15)-A, shall meet the requirements of Table 3 when tested for mortar expansion of pozzolan as