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Standard Test Method for Flow of Grout for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete (Flow Cone Method)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method covers a procedure, used both in the laboratory and in the field, for determining the time of efflux of a specified volume of fluid hydraulic cement grout through a standardized flow cone and used for preplaced-aggregate (PA) concrete; however, the test method may also be used for other fluid grouts.

1.2 It is for use with neat grout and with grouts containing fine aggregate all passing a 2.36-mm (No. 8) sieve.

1.3 This test method is intended for use with grout having an efflux time of 35 s or less.

1.4 When efflux time exceeds 35 s, flowability is better determined by flow table, found in Test Method C109/C109M, using 5 drops in 3 s.

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

1.6 *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

C109/C109M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars (Using 2-in. or [50-mm] Cube Specimens)

C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete 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.

C219 Terminology Relating to Hydraulic Cement
C938 Practice for Proportioning Grout Mixtures for
Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminologies C125 and C219.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The time of efflux of a specified volume of grout from a standardized flow cone is measured.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is applicable to the determination of the fluidity of various fluid grout mixtures.

6. Interferences

6.1 The presence of solid particles retained on the 2.36-mm (No. 8) sieve or lumps of unmixed material in the grout may cause the grout to flow unevenly through the discharge tube of the flow cone or stop the flow completely. Uneven flow will result in slower transit of the grout, thereby indicating a false consistency.

7. Apparatus

7.1 *Flow Cone*, with dimensions as shown in Fig. 1. The discharge tube shall be stainless steel. The body can be stainless steel, cast aluminum, or other essentially noncorroding metal.

NOTE 1—Cones with high-density polyethylene bodies are acceptable for field use in situations where precision as described in this test method is not required.

7.2 *Receiving Container*, capacity 2000 mL, minimum.

7.3 *Ring Stand* or other device, capable of supporting the flow cone in a vertical, steady position over the receiving container.

7.4 *Level*, carpenter's or similar.

7.5 *Stop Watch*, least reading of not more than 0.2 s.

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