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Standard Test Method for Flowability and Bearing Area of Chemical-Resistant Polymer Machinery Grouts[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the measure of flowability of chemical-resistant polymer machinery grouts as evaluated in a 2-in. (5-cm) or 1-in. (2.5-cm) pour thickness. The test method provides for the assessment of upper surface plate contact area (bearing area). These grouts will typically be two- or three-component formulations that may be used for installations where grout thickness will range from 1 to 6 in. (2.5 to 15 cm) underneath the base or plates being grouted.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

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]

C904 Terminology Relating to Chemical-Resistant Nonmetallic Materials

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definition of terms used in this test method, see Terminology C904.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Polymer machinery grout of a flowable consistency is poured into a hopper at one end of a shallow plastic trough with a clear plastic cover plate.

4.2 A movable gate is raised, allowing the grout to flow from the hopper into the trough. The times for the grout to first contact the end plate and to establish full length contact with the top cover plate are recorded and used as indices of flowability.

4.3 After the grout hardens, the mold and top plate are removed. The top surface of the grout is wire brushed to expose any surface air bubbles or voids, and a visual estimate is made of the percentage of grout top surface area that is in contact with the plate. Visual guides are provided for comparative purposes (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2).

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Chemical-resistant polymer machinery grouts are used to provide precision support for machinery or equipment.

5.2 The machinery or equipment or support bases or plates, or combination thereof, are positioned to the precise elevation and location required. The bases or plates are typically placed on prepared foundations and supported on temporary shims or support bolts (jack screws). Forms are installed to contain the flowable grout. The grout is poured around the perimeter in such a manner as to allow the grout to flow around and under the equipment base or plates. The grout subsequently hardens to provide a strong rigid support layer capable of withstanding the stresses transferred by the equipment to the foundation.

5.3 In addition to the required physical properties of the grout, the flow and bearing area achieved are important considerations for effective grout installation. The two characteristics measured by this test method are flow and bearing area.

5.4 The flow test simulates typical application conditions for a flowable polymer machinery grout. It may be used to evaluate the suitability of a particular grout for a specific application, to compare the flowability and bearing area of two or more grouts, or to evaluate the effects of formulation changes, temperature, mixing techniques, or other factors on flowability.

5.5 The estimated amount of upper grout surface contact in percent can be used to compare two or more grouts or show the effects of temperature, formulation changes, or other factors on bearing area. Because of the limited accuracy in estimating the

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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.

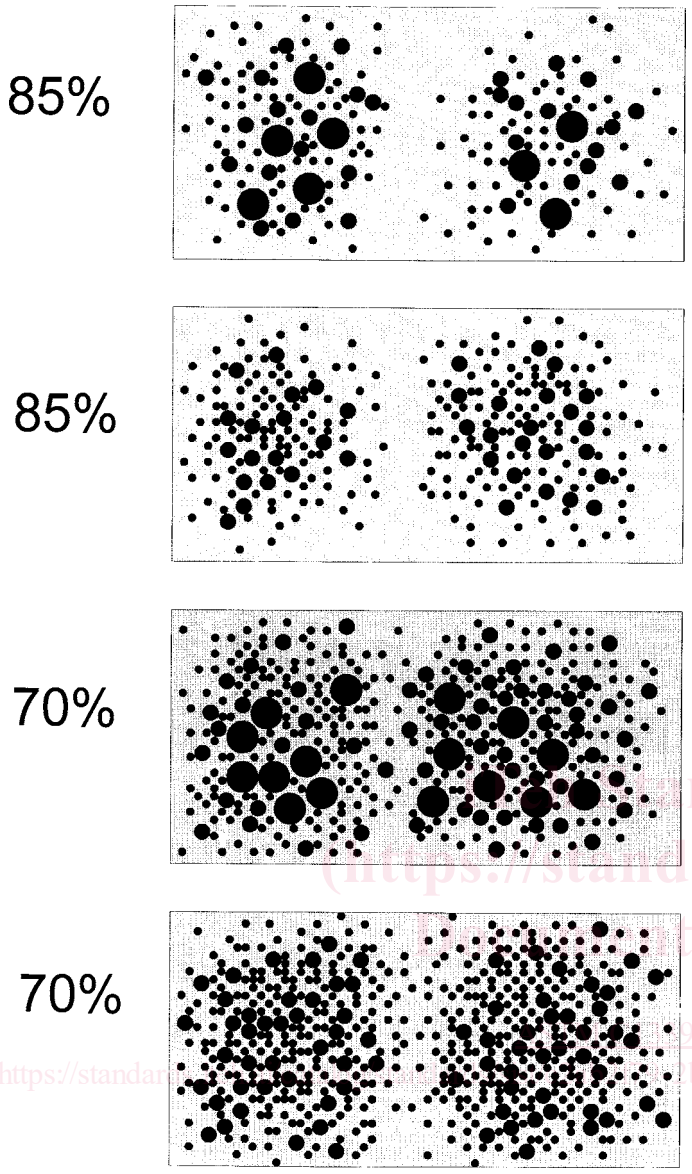

FIG. 1 Grout Top Surface

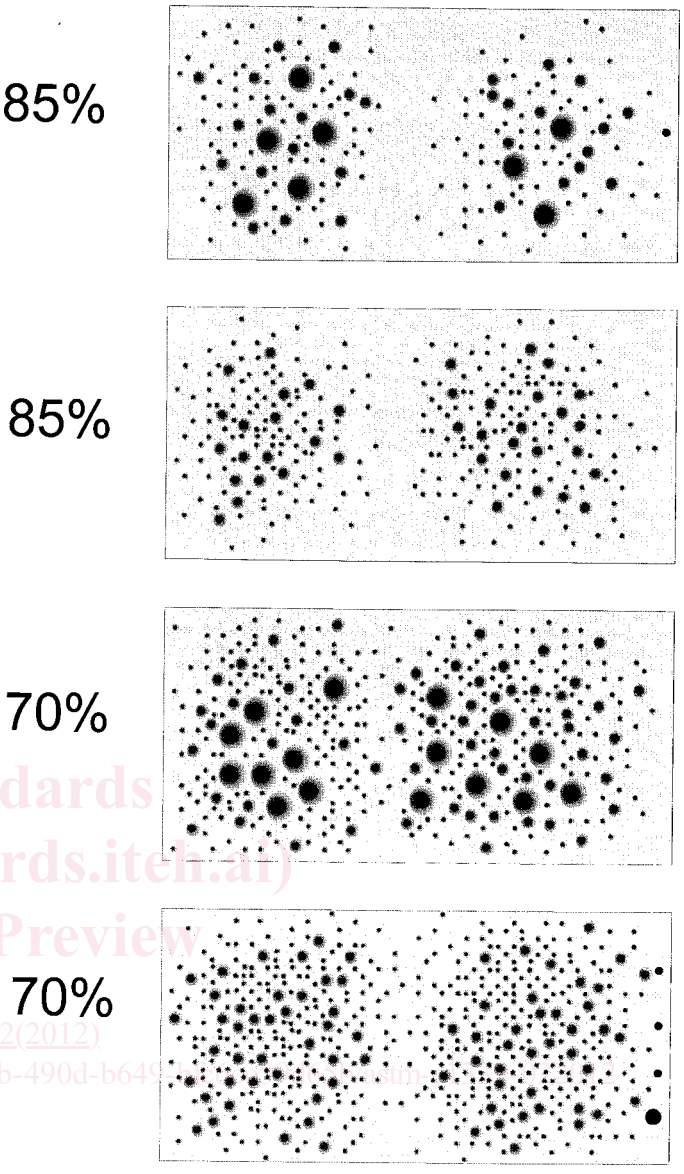

FIG. 2 Grout Top Surface

percent of contact, a limited set of results is suggested (see 9.9.1). Visual guides are provided for comparative purposes (see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2).

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Flow Box,* a plastic flow box as shown in Fig. 3 with demountable sides and ends and a sliding gate, having a transparent cover plate of rigid polycarbonate plastic.

6.2 *Stopwatch,* of normal commercial accuracy, readable to at least 1 s.

6.3 *Thermometer or Thermocouple* , suitable for insertion into the grout while still plastic.

6.4 *Mixer,* a commercial mixing device that is able to rotate a 5-gal metal or plastic pail with a stationary mixing blade to stir the grout mix. Typical operating speed is 30 to 100 rpm (see Fig. 4).

7. Preparation of Apparatus

7.1 Prewax all the component parts of the flow box with paste wax and buff before assembly to ensure that the grout does not adhere. The top cover plate shall not be waxed since the wax may have an adverse effect on the bearing area.

7.2 Assemble the box as follows:

7.2.1 Place the bottom plate on a flat work surface with the grooves facing upward.

7.2.2 Insert the left and right side plates of the box into the bottom plate with the grooved sides facing inward.

7.2.3 Slide the back plate down between the slanted grooves of the left and right side plates at the headbox end such that it enters the cross groove in the bottom plate.

7.2.4 Slide the gate plate into the vertical grooves in the front of the headbox such that it rests directly on the bottom plate.