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Standard Test Method for Replication and Measurement of Concrete Surface Profiles Using Replica Putty¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is suitable for both field and laboratory use to obtain a permanent record of concrete surface profile using replica putty and to determine the depth of that surface profile.

NOTE 1—The procedure in this standard was developed for concrete substrates but may be appropriate for other rigid substrates.

1.2 A profile can be imparted to concrete by various methods such as blast cleaning and acid etching. The depth of the surface profile has been shown to be a factor in coating adhesion and performance.

1.3 The International Concrete Repair Institute (ICRI) provides a means of visually judging a concrete surface by use of nine different visual comparators called Concrete Surface Profiles (CSP). This standard compliments the use of these visual comparators.

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

1.5 *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

[E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods](#)

[E691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method](#)

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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.

2.2 ICRI Document:

[Technical Guideline 310.2 Selecting and Specifying Concrete Surface Preparation for Sealers, Coatings, and Polymer Overlays³](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *plastic profiler, n*—a device that provides a controlled means for holding and confining replica putty for placement onto a concrete surface.

3.1.2 *replica coupon, n*—hardened replica putty containing a reverse image replica of a concrete surface.

3.1.3 *replica putty, n*—a two-part, anti-stick, rapid hardening putty used to conform to a concrete surface and replicate surface profile.

3.1.4 *visual comparator, n*—an ICRI molded replica of a concrete surface profile that allows visual comparison to an actual concrete surface.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 *Method A*—Replica putty is used to obtain a replica coupon of a concrete surface that has been abraded or roughened. The replica coupon is visually compared to the nine ICRI Visual Comparators (CSP), or to a specific job standard.

4.2 *Method B*—Replica putty is used to obtain a replica coupon of a concrete surface that has been abraded or roughened. The replica coupon is then measured by a specially designed micrometer to obtain a quantitative measurement of surface profile (depth).

5. Significance and Use

5.1 For proper bonding of overlays and coatings, it is important that a concrete surface have the correct surface profile. This test method allows one to obtain a permanent replica of the concrete surface, which can then be compared to visual profile standards, or evaluated quantitatively for profile depth. The permanent replica may also prove useful in resolving future disputes.

³ Available from International Concrete Repair Institute (ICRI), 3166 S. River Road, Suite 132, Des Plaines, IL 60018, <http://www.icri.org>.

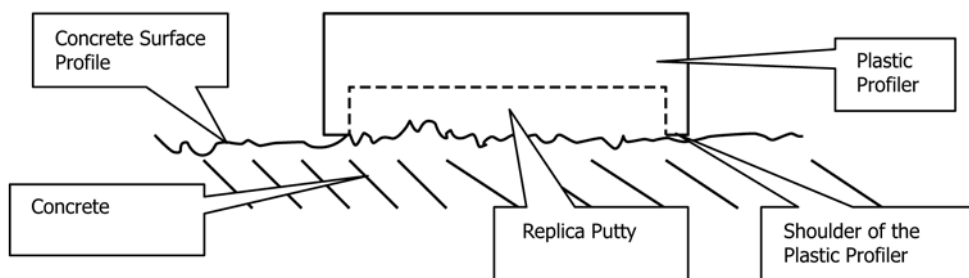


FIG. 1 Plastic Profiler with Replica Putty on Concrete

6. Apparatus

6.1 A set of nine ICRI CSP Comparators.⁴

6.2 Replica putty and plastic profiler.

6.3 A specially designed non-spring loaded micrometer⁵ with a bottom anvil of at least 38 mm (1.5 in.) diameter. The upper contact point is machined flat to a diameter that will not indent the coupon.

7. Calibration and Standardization

7.1 Zero the micrometer prior to each measurement session in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

7.2 Micrometer accuracy should be checked by measuring a shim of known thickness and confirming results are within the combined tolerances of both the micrometer and the shim.

8. Procedure

8.1 *Method A:*

8.1.1 Select a sufficient number of locations to characterize the surface, as specified or agreed upon between the interested parties.

8.1.2 At each location clean the surface with a brush to remove loose material.

8.1.3 Prepare the replica putty in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

8.1.4 Place the mixed replica putty into a plastic profiler, mounding the putty in the middle.

8.1.5 Place the plastic profiler onto the concrete, putty side down. Step on or push the plastic profiler until the shoulders touch the concrete surface (see Fig. 1). Do not remove the plastic profiler.

8.1.6 After sufficient time to cure in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions twist the plastic profiler and remove it from the hardened putty (replica coupon).

8.1.7 Peel the replica coupon from the concrete surface and number the back (smooth) side for future reference.

8.1.8 Visually compare the replica coupon to the ICRI CSP visual comparators, and determine which comparator is visually closest to the surface appearance of the replica coupon.

8.2 *Method B:*

8.2.1 Follow steps 8.1.1 – 8.1.7 of Method A.

8.2.2 On each replica coupon take at least ten micrometer measurements in different locations ensuring some measurements are taken in the bottoms of the valleys and some measurements are taken on the tops of the peaks (see Fig. 2).

8.2.3 Subtract the lowest thickness measurement from the highest thickness measurement to determine the profile range for each replica coupon.

9. Report

9.1 Report the following information:

9.1.1 Date, test location, and replica coupon label numbers.



FIG. 2 Micrometer Measuring a Replica Coupon

⁴ The sole source of supply of the compactors, as well as Guideline 03732 known to the committee at this time is the International Concrete Repair Institute, 3166 S. River Road, Suite 132, Des Plaines, IL 60018. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend.

⁵ The sole source of supply of the micrometer known to the committee at this time is O.T.B Technologies Inc., 2328 E. Van Buren, Suite 116, Phoenix, AZ 85006. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend.