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Standard Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products¹

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1. Referenced Documents

1.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

C497 [Test Methods for Concrete Pipe, Manhole Sections, or Tile](#)

2. Terminology

absorption—the increase in weight of concrete resulting from the penetration of water into the concrete.

absorption test—a test made to determine the absorption of concrete.

admixture—a material other than water, aggregates, cement and fibre reinforcing used as an ingredient of concrete and added to the batch immediately before or during its mixture.

annular space—the space between the inner surface of the female end and the outer surface of the male end of an assembled pipe joint.

bell—see **female end of pipe**.

blend—a combining of various cementitious materials.

box section—a concrete pipe with a rectangular cross section.

box section bottom slab—lower horizontal portion of a box section in the installed condition.

box section top slab—upper horizontal portion of a box section in the installed condition.

box section wall—vertical sides of a box section in the installed condition.

cage—an assembled unit of steel reinforcement consisting of circumferential and longitudinal bars or wires.

circular reinforcement—a circular-shaped line of reinforcement.

circumferential reinforcement—reinforcement that is approximately perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the concrete pipe, box, or structure.

combined sewer—a pipeline intended to convey sewage and storm water.

compression test—a test made on a concrete specimen to determine the compressive strength.

compressive strength—the maximum resistance of a concrete specimen to axial compressive loading; or the specified resistance used in design calculations.

concrete—a homogeneous mixture of portland cement, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, and water. The mixture may also contain admixtures, or other cementitious materials, or both.

core—a cylinder of concrete obtained from concrete by means of a core drill.

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- crown**—the top or highest point of the internal surface of the transverse cross section of a pipe.
- culvert**—a pipeline intended to convey water under a highway, railroad, canal, or similar facility.
- cylinder (test)**—a cast cylindrical specimen of concrete.
- design strength**—the minimum acceptable 0.01-in. (0.3-mm) crack D-load.
- designated size**—the dimensional name for a particular size that may or may not be equal to or related to the dimensions used for design purposes or of the manufactured product.
- distribution reinforcement**—reinforcement, typically running 90° to the main or circumferential reinforcement, intended to disperse concentrated loads to larger areas of a structural member.
- D-load**—the supporting strength of a pipe loaded under three-edge-bearing test conditions expressed in pounds per linear foot per foot of inside diameter or horizontal span, or expressed in newtons per linear metre per millimetre of inside diameter or horizontal span.
- D-load, 0.01-in. (0.3-mm) crack**—the maximum three-edge-bearing test load supported by a concrete pipe before a crack having a width of 0.01 in. (0.3 mm) occurs, measured at close intervals, throughout a continuous length of 1 ft (300 mm) or more measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of pipe barrel expressed as D-load.
- D-load ultimate (*D_u*)** —the maximum three-edge-bearing test load supported by a pipe, expressed as D-load.
- drain tile**—pipe for collecting and conveying surface and subsurface water from an area.
- elliptical reinforcement**—a line of reinforcement in the approximate shape of an ellipse.
- exfiltration**—the volume of pipeline flow leaving a sewer and its connections into the soil from pipe, joints, connections, and appurtenances.
- external load-crushing strength test**—a test of the pipe in which external crushing forces are exerted in specified directions and locations on a specified length of pipe.
- external sealing bands**—flexible wrappings that are applied to the outside of a concrete pipe, box section, or manhole section joint intended to control the movement of fluids or solids through the joint.
- female end of pipe (bell, socket, groove, modified groove)**—that portion of the end of the pipe, regardless of its shape or dimensions, which overlaps a portion of the end of the adjoining pipe.
- flow line**—a line formed by the inverts of pipe.
- gradation**—the distribution of particles of granular material among standard sizes usually expressed in terms of cumulative percentages larger or smaller than each of a series of sieve openings.
- grade rings**—precast concrete rings used for vertical adjustment at the top of a manhole to set manhole casting to proper grade.
- groove*—see **female end of pipe**.
- handling reinforcement**—reinforcement intended to reduce the risk of collapse of the pipe or section during handling or storage prior to and during final placement.
- hydrostatic pressure**—the pressure exerted by water at rest.
- hydrostatic test**—a test of the ability of a pipe or its joint to withstand internal hydrostatic pressure.
- infiltration**—the volume of groundwater entering a sewer and its connections from the soil through pipe, joints, connections, or appurtenances.
- inflow**—the volume of any kind of water entering a sewer and its connections from outside sources not including those sources described under “infiltration.”
- installed length**—final length, along the centerline, of a pipe or box section in place including the longitudinal joint separation between the section and the last section placed.
- invert**—the bottom or lowest point of the internal surface of the transverse cross section of a pipe.
- irrigation pipe**—pipe intended for the distribution of irrigation water by pumping or gravity.
- joint**—a connection of two pipe, manhole, or box section ends, made either with or without the use of additional parts and/or materials.