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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, pozzolan, limestone, or some combination of these, 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

- C51 Terminology Relating to Lime and Limestone (as used by the Industry)
- 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 Amount of Water Required for Normal Consistency of Hydraulic Cement Paste
- 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)
- 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

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C511 Specification for Mixing Rooms, Moist Cabinets, Moist Rooms, and Water Storage Tanks Used in the Testing of Hydraulic Cements and Concretes

C563 Test Method for Approximation of Optimum SO₃ in Hydraulic Cement Using Compressive Strength

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

C1038 Test Method for Expansion of Hydraulic Cement Mortar Bars Stored in Water

C1157 Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement

E11 Specification for Woven Wire Test Sieve Cloth and Test Sieves

E350 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

E1019 Test Methods for Determination of Carbon, Sulfur, Nitrogen, and Oxygen in Steel, Iron, Nickel, and Cobalt Alloys by Various Combustion and Fusion Techniques

IEEE/ASTM SI 10 Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): the Modern Metric System

2.2 CSA Standards:

CSA A3004-D2 Determination of Total Organic Carbon in Limestone

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions: Definitions

3.1.1 The terms used in this specification are defined in Terminology C219, except for the following terms:—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, a pozzolan, or a limestone.

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

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 IL*—Portland-limestone cement.

4.1.1.4 *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, pozzolan or limestone, 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, “P” for pozzolan, or

“L” for limestone,

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, “P” for pozzolan, or

“L” for limestone, 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 two constituents in alphabetical order by constituent type (limestone, pozzolan, or slag).

NOTE 2—Examples of the naming practice per 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 are shown below (all percentages by mass):

Binary blended cement with 80 % portland cement and 20 % slag cement = Type IS(20).

Binary blended cement with 85 % portland cement and 15 % pozzolan = Type IP(15).

Binary blended cement with 90 % portland cement and 10 % limestone = Type IL(10).

Ternary blended cement with 70 % portland cement, 20 % slag cement and 10 % pozzolan = Type IT(S20)(P10).

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



- pozzolan and 10 % of another pozzolan = Type IT(P25)(P10).
Ternary blended cement with 60 % portland cement and 20 % of
slag cement and 20 % pozzolan = Type IT(P20)(S20).
Ternary blended cement with 80 % portland cement, 10 % pozzolan
and 10 % limestone = Type IT(L10)(P10).
Ternary blended cement with 75 % portland cement, 15 % slag cement
and 10 % limestone = Type IT(S15)(L10).

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 or limestone 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 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.

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.

NOTE 5—Special characteristics attributable to slag, pozzolan or limestone will vary based on quantities contained within the blended cements. Type IL and Type IT cements with limestone are not included permitted as moderate (MS) or high (HS) sulfate resistance cements, pending results of further research.

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, pozzolan, or limestone maximum or minimum percentage by mass, 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 *Limestone*—Limestone, as defined in Terminology C51, shall be naturally occurring and comply with the requirements indicated in 7.2.

6.4 *Slag Cement*—See Terminology **C219**.

6.5 *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.

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

6.7 *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.

6.8 *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.

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

6.10 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**).

6.11 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**).

6.12 *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.

6.13 *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 a limestone, or by blending portland cement with a pozzolan or a slag cement, or limestone, or a combination of intergrinding and blending. Any granulated blast-furnace slag, slag cement, pozzolan, or limestone used as an ingredient or addition in portland cement used to manufacture a binary blended cement shall be included in the total amount of those materials reported in **4.2** or **14.1**. The maximum constituent requirements of **6.15**, **6.17**, and **6.19** shall apply.

6.14 *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, 3) a pozzolan and a limestone, or 4) a granulated blast-furnace slag or slag cement and a limestone; or by blending portland cement with 1) two different pozzolans, 2) slag cement and a pozzolan, 3) a pozzolan and a limestone, or 4) a slag cement and a limestone; or by a combination of intergrinding and blending these materials. Ternary blended cement Type IT(S≥70) shall have a maximum limestone content of 15 % by mass. All other ternary blended cements shall have a maximum pozzolan content of 40 % by mass of the blended cement, a maximum limestone content of 15 % by mass of the blended cement, and the total content of pozzolan, limestone, and granulated blast-furnace slag or slag cement shall be less than 70 % by mass of the blended cement. Any granulated blast-furnace slag, slag cement, pozzolan, or limestone used as ingredient in portland cement used to manufacture a blended cement shall be included in the total amount of those materials reported in **4.2** or **14.1**.

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.

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Cement Type ^A	Applicable Test Method	IS(<70), IT(P<S<70), IT(L<S<70)	IS(≥70), IT(S≥70)	IP, IT(P≥S), IT(P≥L)	IL, IT(L≥S), IT(L≥P)
Magnesium oxide (MgO), max, %	C114	6.0	...
Sulfate reported as SO ₃ , max, % ^B	C114	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0
Sulfide reported as S ²⁻ , max, %	C114	2.0	2.0
Insoluble residue, max, % ^C	C114	1.0	1.0
Loss on ignition, max, %	C114	3.0 ^D	4.0 ^D	5.0 ^D	10.0

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

^B It is permissible to exceed the values in the table for SO₃ content, provided it has been demonstrated by Test Method **C1038** that the cement with the increased SO₃ will not develop expansion exceeding 0.020 % at 14 days. When the manufacturer supplies cement under this provision, supporting data shall be supplied to the purchaser. See **Note 8**.

^C Insoluble residue maximum limit does not apply to ternary blended cements.

^D For ternary blended cements with limestone loss on ignition is a maximum of 10.0% by mass.

6.15 *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.

6.16 *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.

6.17 *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.

6.18 *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.

6.19 *Portland-Limestone Cement*—Portland-limestone cement shall be a hydraulic cement in which the limestone content is more than 5 % but less than or equal to 15 % by mass of the blended cement.

6.20 *Air-Entraining Portland-Limestone Cement*—Air-entraining portland-limestone cement shall be portland-limestone 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 *Blended Cement*—Cement of the type specified shall conform to the applicable chemical requirements prescribed in **Table 1**.

NOTE 8—There are cases where performance of a cement is improved with SO₃ in excess of the **Table 1** limits in this specification. Test Method **C563** is one of several methods a manufacturer can use to evaluate the effect of sulfate content on cement characteristics. Whenever SO₃ content of a cement exceeds **Table 1** limits, Test Method **C1038** results provide evidence that excessive expansion does not occur at this higher sulfate content.

7.1.1 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 9**).

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

NOTE 9—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.

7.2 *Limestone*—Limestone for use in the manufacture of portland-limestone cement, or a ternary blended cement in which limestone is an ingredient, shall have a calcium carbonate content of at least 70 % by mass. Such limestone shall meet the requirements of **Table 2** for methylene blue index and total organic carbon content.

8. Physical Properties

8.1 *Blended Cement*—Blended cement of the type specified shall conform to the applicable physical requirements prescribed in **Table 3**.

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 4**. 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 4**. 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 4**, be ground in the laboratory to a fineness at which it is believed to be present in the finished cement. It

TABLE 2 Requirements for Limestone for Use in Blended Cements

	Applicable Test Method	
CaCO ₃ content, min. % by mass	C114	70 ⁴
Methylene blue index, max, g/100 g	See Annex A2	1.2
Total organic carbon, max, % by mass	See Annex A3	0.5

⁴ The calcium carbonate content of limestone shall be determined by multiplying the CaO content of the limestone determined by Test Methods **C114** by a factor of 1.785.

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 4** when tested for mortar expansion of pozzolan as described in **10.1.13**. If the alkali content of the clinker to be used for the production lots changes by more than 0.2 % total as equivalent Na₂O, calculated as Na₂O + 0.658 K₂O, from that of the clinker with which the acceptance tests were carried out, the pozzolan shall be retested to show compliance with the requirements of **Table 4**.

9. Sampling

9.1 Sample the materials in accordance with the following methods:

9.1.1 *Sampling Blended Cements*—Practice **C183**.

9.1.1.1 When the purchaser desires that the cement be sampled and tested to verify compliance with this specification, perform sampling and testing in accordance with Practice **C183**.

9.1.1.2 Practice **C183** is not designed for manufacturing quality control and is not required for manufacturer's certification.

9.1.2 *Sampling Pozzolan*—Test Methods **C311**. One 2 kg [4 lb] sample shall be taken from approximately each 360 Mg [400 tons] of pozzolan.

10. Test Methods

10.1 Determine the applicable properties enumerated in this specification in accordance with the following test methods:

10.1.1 *Chemical Analysis*—Test Methods **C114**, with the special provisions noted therein applicable to blended cement analyses.

10.1.2 *Fineness by Sieving*—Test Method **C430**.

10.1.3 *Fineness by Air-Permeability Apparatus*—Test Method **C204**.

10.1.4 *Autoclave Expansion*—Test Method **C151**, except that, in the case of portland blast-furnace slag cement Type IS(≥70) or ternary blended cement Type IT(S≥70), the test specimens shall remain in the moist cabinet for a period of 48 h before being measured for length, and the neat cement shall be mixed for not less than 3 min nor more than 3½ min.

10.1.5 *Time of Setting*—Test Method **C191**.

10.1.6 *Air Content of Mortar*—Test Method **C185**, using the actual specific gravity of the cement, if it differs from 3.15 by more than 0.05, in calculating the air content.

10.1.7 *Compressive Strength*—Test Method **C109/C109M**.

10.1.8 *Heat of Hydration*—Test Method **C186**.

10.1.9 *Normal Consistency*—Test Method **C187**, except that in the case of portland blast-furnace slag cement IS(≥70) or ternary blended cement IT(S≥70), the paste shall be mixed for not less than 3 min nor more than 3½ min.

10.1.10 *Specific Gravity*—Test Method **C188**.

10.1.11 *Water Requirement*—The mass of mixing water added to the six-cube batch in accordance with Test Method **C109/C109M**, as a percentage of the total cementing ingredients.

10.1.12 *Mortar Expansion of Blended Cement*—Test Method **C227**, using crushed Pyrex glass No. 7740³ as aggregate and the grading prescribed in **Table 5**.

10.1.13 *Mortar Expansion of Pozzolan for Use in Portland-Pozzolan Cement Types IP(<15) and IP(<15)-A or Ternary Blended Cement Types IT(P<15) and IT(P<15)-A*—Using the pozzolan and the clinker or cement that are to be used together in the production of the blended cement, prepare portland-pozzolan cements Types IP(<15) and IP(<15)-A or Ternary Blended Cement Types IT(P<15) and IT(P<15)-A containing 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, and 15 mass % of the pozzolan. These blends shall be tested in accordance with Test Method **C227** using a sand judged to be a nonreactive by the mortar bar test in Test Method **C227**. The expansion of the mortar bars shall be measured at 91 days, and all the six blends shall meet the expansion requirement in **Table 4**.

10.1.14 *Drying Shrinkage*—Test Method **C157/C157M**. Make three specimens using the proportion of dry materials of 1 part of cement to 2.75 parts of Test Method **C109/C109M** graded Ottawa sand. Use a curing period of 6 days and an air storage period of 28 days. Report the linear contraction during air storage based on an initial measurement after the 6-day water-curing period.

10.1.15 *Activity Index with Portland Cement*—Test in accordance with **Annex A1**.

10.1.16 *Sulfate Resistance*—see Test Method **C1012**.

10.1.17 *Methylene Blue Index of Limestone*—**Annex A2**.

10.1.18 *Total Organic Carbon Content of Limestone*—**Annex A3**.

³ Pyrex Glass No. 7740 is available as lump cullet from the Corning Glass Works, Corning, NY; this is the sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time. 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.