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Standard Test Method for Bond Strength of Epoxy-Resin Systems Used With Concrete By Slant Shear¹

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1. Scope-~~Scope~~*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the bond strength of epoxy-resin-base bonding systems for use with portland-cement concrete. This test method covers bonding hardened concrete to hardened or freshly-mixed concrete.

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.

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.* A specific hazard statement is given in Section 8. (**Warning**—Fresh hydraulic cementitious mixtures are caustic and may cause chemical burns to exposed skin and tissue upon prolonged exposure.²)

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

[C39/C39M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens](#)

[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](#)

[C150 Specification for Portland Cement](#)

[C192/C192M Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Laboratory](#)

[C470/C470M Specification for Molds for Forming Concrete Test Cylinders Vertically](#)

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

[C617 Practice for Capping Cylindrical Concrete Specimens](#)

[C881/C881M Specification for Epoxy-Resin-Base Bonding Systems for Concrete](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [C125](#).

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *bonding system, n*—the product resulting from the combination of all the components supplied for use as a bonding material.

3.2.2 *component, n*—a constituent that is intended to be combined with one or more other constituents to form a bonding system.

3.2.3 *contact strength, n*—bond strength measured by slant shear after a specified contact and cure time.

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² See Section on Safety Precautions, Manual of Aggregate and Concrete Testing, *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol. 04.02.

³ 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.

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3.2.4 *contact time, n*—specified time between when the bonding system is applied and when the two segments are bonded together and still achieve a specified bond strength after a specified curing time and temperature.

3.2.5 *formulator, n*—the agency responsible for preparing the separate components and for recommending the proportions to be used in preparing the final bonding system.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The bond strength is determined by using the epoxy system to bond together two equal sections of a 75 by 150-mm [3 by 6-in.] portland-cement mortar cylinder, each section of which has a diagonally cast bonding area at a 30° angle from vertical. After suitable curing of the bonding agent, the test is performed by determining the compressive strength of the composite cylinder.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The strength developed by a bonding system that joins two regions of concrete is its most important property.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Apparatus to Mix Portland-Cement Mortar*—This apparatus shall be as described in Test Method C109/C109M, except for the sections on specimen molds, tamper, and testing machine.

6.2 *Specimen Molds*—The molds shall be constructed in the form of right cylinders, meet the requirements of Specification C470/C470M and be 75 ± 2 mm [3 ± 1/16 in.] in inside diameter and 150 ± 2 mm [6 ± 1/16 in.] high. All molds shall be either selected or machined so that the maximum range of the differences in each of the dimensions of the group of molds is less than 0.5 mm [in height, 1/64 in.]. The molds shall be made of metal not attacked by portland-cement mortar. The side of the mold shall be sufficiently rigid to prevent spreading or warping. The molds shall be made watertight before use. A satisfactory material for this purpose is the paraffin-rosin mixture described in Test Method C109/C109M.

6.3 *Dummy Section*—A dummy section (Fig. 1) shall be machined of a hard material that is not attacked by portland-cement mortar. It shall fit the mold and be equal to half the volume of the cylinder, but at an angle of 30° from the vertical. Additional dummy sections can be made by casting an epoxy-resin mortar against the machined dummy section contained in a specimen mold. Due precautions, such as waxing, shall be taken to prevent the bonding of the epoxy-resin mortar to the machined dummy section or the mold.

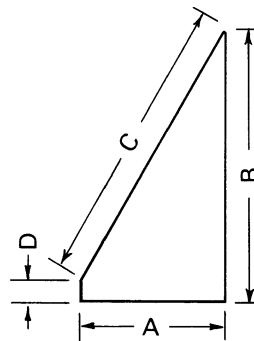
6.4 *Tamping Rod*—The tamping rod shall be a round rod of brass or plastic, 10 mm [A 10-mm [3/8-in.] 3/8 in.] in diameter and approximately 12 in. [300 mm] diameter tamping rod, as described in Practice C192/C192M long, having both ends rounded to hemispherical tips.

6.5 *Apparatus for Mixing Epoxy-Resin Bonding System*—A glass, plastic, or metal container of approximately 0.1 L [3 oz.] capacity shall be used to hand-mix the bonding system. A tongue depressor or wooden stick of similar dimensions shall be used as a paddle.

6.6 *Testing Machine*—The testing machine shall be as described in Test Method C39/C39M.

6.7 *Moist Room*—The moist room shall conform to the requirements of Specification C511.

6.8 *Temperature-Conditioning Chambers*—Rooms or chambers in which the temperature is maintained appropriate to the class of the resin system being tested, in accordance with Specification C881/C881M.



	mm	Dimensions	in.
A—Diameter	75±2		[3.000]
B—Height	140±2		[5.598]
C—Slant height	150±2		[6.000]
D—Base height	10±2		[0.402]

FIG. 1 Dummy Section