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Standard Specification for Lime for Use with Pozzolans¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers all types of commercial hydrated lime such as: high-calcium, magnesium, or dolomitic-hydrated lime. By-product limes and slaked quick limes in dry, wet, or slurried form are also included.

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

[C25 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Limestone, Quicklime, and Hydrated Lime](#)

[C50 Practice for Sampling, Sample Preparation, Packaging, and Marking of Lime and Limestone Products](#)

[C51 Terminology Relating to Lime and Limestone \(as used by the Industry\)](#)

[C204 Test Methods for Fineness of Hydraulic Cement by Air-Permeability Apparatus](#)

[C593 Specification for Fly Ash and Other Pozzolans for Use With Lime for Soil Stabilization](#)

[C1271 Test Method for X-ray Spectrometric Analysis of Lime and Limestone](#)

[C1301 Test Method for Major and Trace Elements in Limestone and Lime by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectroscopy \(ICP\) and Atomic Absorption \(AA\)](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [C51](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *chemical factor, n*—a numerical value of the active constituents in the hydrated lime that react chemically with a pozzolan. The value is based on the combined calcium oxide equivalents of free calcium oxide, calcium hydroxide, and magnesium oxide. Calcium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide are excluded, since these compounds have been found to be nonreactive.

3.2.2 *pozzolanic receptivity index, n*—a performance factor incorporating both chemical quality and fineness, determined by [Eq 3](#).

4. Chemical and Physical Requirements

4.1 The lime shall conform to the requirements listed in [Table 1](#), except as noted in [Section 5](#).

5. Performance Requirements

5.1 If the chemical factor, Blaine fineness, or pozzolanic receptivity index is below the limits given in [Table 1](#), the lime shall be required to meet the applicable performance requirements listed in [Table 2](#). Where such lime complies with the limits listed in

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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.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

TABLE 1 Chemical and Physical Requirements

Chemical factor, min	50
Blaine fineness, min, cm ² /g	10 000
Pozzolanic receptivity index, min	100

TABLE 2 Performance Requirements

<i>Plastic Compositions:</i>		
Lime-pozzolan strength, min, psi (MPa)	600	(4.13)
<i>Nonplastic Compositions:</i>		
Lime-pozzolan-aggregate strength, min, psi (MPa)	400	(2.76)
Vacuum saturation strength, min, psi (MPa)	400	(2.8)

Table 2, it shall be considered acceptable for use with pozzolans. However, it may be necessary to increase the lime content in the lime-pozzolan mixtures in order to meet minimum design criteria.

6. Test Methods

6.1 Chemical Factor:

6.1.1 Determine calcium oxide (CaO), magnesium oxide (MgO), and (CaO) and magnesium oxide (MgO) contents in accordance with Methods **C25**, **C1271**, or **C1301**. Determine the carbon dioxide (CO₂) ~~contents~~ content in accordance with Test Methods ~~Method~~ **C25**. When the magnesium oxide content is greater than 5 %, determine the peak height of magnesium oxide and magnesium hydroxide using standard X-ray diffraction procedures and calculate the ratio (*r*) of magnesium oxide to hydroxide using **Eq 1**. When the magnesium oxide is less than 5 %, the value of *r* shall be 0.30.

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