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Standard Specification for Concrete Drain Tile (Metric)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers concrete drain tile with internal diameters from 100 to 900 mm, that are intended to be used for surface and subsurface drainage.

1.2 This specification is the metric counterpart of Specification C412.

NOTE 1—This specification is a manufacturing and purchase specification only and does not include requirements for bedding, backfill, or the relationship between field load condition and the strength classification of drain tile. However, experience has shown that the successful performance of the product depends upon the proper selection of the class of drain tile, type of bedding and backfill, and care that the installation conforms to the construction specifications. The owner is cautioned that he must correlate the field requirements with the class of drain tile specified and provide for or require inspection at the construction site.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

[C33/C33M](#) Specification for Concrete Aggregates

[C150/C150M](#) Specification for Portland Cement

[C260/C260M](#) Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete

[C494/C494M](#) Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete

[C497M](#) Test Methods for Concrete Pipe, Manhole Sections, or Tile (Metric)

[C595/C595M](#) Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements

[C618](#) Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete

[C822](#) Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products

[C989/C989M](#) Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars

[C1017/C1017M](#) Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete

[C1116/C1116M](#) Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete and Shotcrete

[C1602/C1602M](#) Specification for Mixing Water Used in the Production of Hydraulic Cement Concrete

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology [C822](#).

4. Classification

4.1 Drain tile manufactured according to this specification shall be of the following four classes:

4.1.1 *Standard-Quality Concrete Drain Tile*, intended for land drainage of ordinary soils where the tile are laid in trenches of moderate depths and widths. Standard-Quality concrete drain tile are not recommended for use where internal diameters in excess of 300 mm are required.

4.1.2 *Extra-Quality Concrete Drain Tile*, intended for land drainage of ordinary soils where the tile are laid in trenches of considerable depths or widths, or both.

4.1.3 *Heavy-Duty Extra-Quality Concrete Drain Tile*, intended for land drainage of ordinary soils where the tile are laid in trenches of large depths or widths, or both.

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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.

4.1.4 *Special-Quality Concrete Drain Tile*, intended for land drainage where special precautions are necessary for concrete tile laid in soils that are markedly acid or contain unusual quantities of sulfates (see Section 7), and where the tile are laid in trenches of considerable depths or widths, or both.

4.1.4.1 Where the calculated loads are in excess of the crushing strengths prescribed in the physical requirements for extra-quality and special-quality concrete drain tile, tile strengths must be specified in advance by the owner.

5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 The acceptability of drain tile shall be determined by (1) the results of the physical tests as specified in Section 8, and in Test Methods C497M, (2) measurements and inspection to ascertain whether the tile conform to the requirements regarding dimensions, shape, and freedom from visible defects, and (3) the manufacturer's certification in writing that the tile have been made in accordance with any special provisions, such as strength, absorption, permeability, type of cement, admixture, curing conditions, etc.

5.2 The owner shall specify in writing the class or classes of concrete tile to be supplied, whether Standard-Quality, Extra-Quality, Heavy-Duty Extra-Quality, or Special-Quality. Unless Extra-Quality, Heavy-Duty Extra-Quality, or Special-Quality concrete drain tile have been specified, Standard-Quality drain tile shall be accepted.

6. Materials

6.1 *Concrete*—The concrete shall consist of cementitious materials, mineral aggregates, ~~and water, in which steel has been embedded in such a manner that the steel and concrete act together.~~ admixtures, if used, and water.

6.2 Cementitious Materials:

6.2.1 *Cement*—Cement ~~for~~ shall conform to the requirements for portland cement of Specification ~~C150/C150M~~ or shall be portland blast-furnace slag cement, ~~or slag-modified portland portland-limestone cement, or portland-pozzolan cement conforming to the requirements of Specification C595/C595M, except that the pozzolan constituent in the Type IP portland-pozzolan cement shall be fly ash.~~

6.2.2 *Fly Ash*—Fly ash shall conform to the requirements of Specification C618, Class F or Class C.

6.2.3 *Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBFS)*—~~Slag Cement~~—GGBFS Slag cement shall conform to the requirements of Grade 100 or 120 of Specification ~~C989/C989M~~.

6.2.4 *Allowable Combinations of Cementitious Materials*—The combination of cementitious materials used in the concrete shall be one of the following:

6.2.4.1 Portland cement only,

6.2.4.2 Portland ~~blast furnace~~ blast-furnace slag cement only,

6.2.4.3 ~~Slag modified portland~~ Portland-pozzolan cement only,

6.2.4.4 ~~Portland pozzolan~~ Portland-limestone cement only,

6.2.4.5 A combination of portland cement ~~or portland-limestone cement~~ and fly ash,

6.2.4.6 A combination of portland cement ~~and ground granulated blast-furnace slag, or or~~ portland-limestone cement and slag cement,

6.2.4.7 A combination of portland cement, fly ash (not to exceed 25 % of the total cementitious weight) ~~and ground granulated blast furnace slag (not to exceed 25 % of the total cementitious weight).~~ cement or portland-limestone cement, fly ash, and slag cement, or

6.2.4.8 A combination of portland-pozzolan cement and fly ash.

6.3 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to the requirements of Specification ~~C33/C33M~~, except that the requirements for gradation shall not apply.

6.4 *Admixtures and Blends*—~~Admixtures~~—Owner is not prohibited from obtaining the record of mix design used. The following admixtures and blends are allowable:

6.4.1 Air-entraining admixture conforming to Specification C260/C260M;

6.4.2 Chemical admixture conforming to Specification C494/C494M;

6.4.3 Chemical admixture for use in producing flowing concrete conforming to Specification C1017/C1017M; and

6.4.4 Chemical admixture or blend approved by the owner.

6.5 *Synthetic Fibers*—~~At the manufacturer's option, collated fibrillated virgin polypropylene fibers are not prohibited from being used.~~ Synthetic fibers and nonsynthetic fibers shall be allowed to be used, at the manufacturer's option, in concrete pipe as a nonstructural manufacturing material. ~~Only Type III synthetic fibers.~~ Synthetic fibers (Type II and Type III) and nonsynthetic fiber (Type I) designed and manufactured specifically for use in concrete and conforming to the requirements of Specification ~~C1116/C1116M~~ shall be ~~used.~~ accepted.

6.6 *Water*—Water used in the production of concrete shall be potable or nonpotable water that meets the requirements of Specification C1602/C1602M.

7. Chemical Requirements

7.1 Acid and Sulfate Resistance—~~Resistance~~:

7.1.1 The owner is not prohibited from specifying special requirements in order to increase the durability of the drain tile in cases where the soils, soil waters, or drainage waters are markedly acid or contain moderate or severe quantities of soil sulfates. Without a specific agreement in advance, no drain tile shall be rejected by reason of its composition as determined later by chemical analyses.

7.1.1.1 Soils or drainage waters with a pH of 6.0 or lower shall be considered to be markedly acid.

7.1.1.2 Where the sulfates are chiefly sodium or magnesium, singly or in combination, from 400 to 2000 ppm in the soil or drainage water, samples shall be considered to constitute moderate sulfate quantities, while in excess of 2000 ppm shall be considered to be severe sulfate quantities.

7.1.2 Concrete drain tile that will be installed in markedly acid soils shall meet the physical requirements given in the table for Special-Quality concrete drain tile.

7.1.3 Tile that will be exposed to moderate or severe sulfate quantities (**Note 2**), if required by the owner, shall be specified to meet the physical requirements for Special-Quality concrete drain tile (8.3.4). Tile that will be exposed to moderate sulfate quantities (**Note 2**) if required by the owner, shall be specified to be made with Portland Cement (**C150/C150M**) containing not more than 8 % tricalcium aluminate (C3A). Tile that will be exposed to severe sulfate quantities (**Note 2**) if required by the owner, shall be specified to be made with Portland Cement (**C150/C150M**) containing not more than 5 % C3A. If mutually agreed upon between the manufacturer and owner, other cements, as described in Section 6, that have been proven to be adequately sulfate resistant shall be used.

8. Physical Requirements

8.1 *Test Specimens*—The drain tile to be tested shall be selected at random by the owner at the point or points specified in the order. If agreeable to the owner, the tile shall be inspected and tested in advance of shipment. Any additional expense for making tests and inspection in advance of shipment, shall be paid by the manufacturer.

8.2 *Standard Sample*—Each standard physical test shall be made on five individual tile of each size ranging from 100-mm through 300-mm diameters; two individual tiles of each size ranging from 350-mm through 600-mm diameters; or on one tile of each size exceeding 600 mm in diameter. The manufacturer shall furnish tile without separate charge up to 0.5 % of each size of the order. The owner shall pay for all the tile in excess of 0.5 % of each size of the order at the same price as paid for other tile of the same size and quality.

8.3 External Load Crushing Strength Test Requirements:

8.3.1 For Standard-Quality concrete drain tile, the three-edge-bearing crushing strength shall meet the requirements given in **Table 1**, Column A, where no absorption test is required, or the three-edge-bearing crushing strength shall meet the requirements given in **Table 1**, Column B, where an absorption test is required of the limits noted in **Table 1**.

8.3.2 For Extra-Quality concrete drain tile, the three-edge-bearing crushing strength shall meet the requirements given in **Table 2**, Column A, where no absorption test is required, or the three-edge-bearing crushing strength shall meet the requirements given in **Table 2**, Column B, where an absorption test is required of the limits noted in **Table 2**.

8.3.3 For Heavy-Duty Extra-Quality concrete drain tile, the three-edge-bearing crushing strength shall meet the requirements given in **Table 3**.

TABLE 1 Physical Test Requirements for Standard-Quality Concrete Drain Tile

Internal Designated Diameter, mm	Standard-Quality Concrete Drain Tile					
	Maximum Wall Thickness for Indicated Strength, ^A mm	Three-Edge-Bearing Crushing Strength ^B			Method A Absorption	
		Minimum Average, kN/linear m	Minimum Average, kN/linear m	Minimum for Individual Tile, kN/linear m	Maximum Average, %	Maximum for Individual Tile, %
	A	B				
100	11.5	10.0	10	11
125	14	13.0	11.5	10.0	10	11
125	16	14.5	11.5	10.0	10	11
150	16	13.0	11.5	10.0	10	11
150	19	14.5	11.5	10.0	10	11
200	19	13.0	11.5	10.0	10	11
200	22	14.5	11.5	10.0	10	11
250	22	13.0	11.5	10.0	10	11
250	25	14.5	11.5	10.0	10	11
300	25	13.0	11.5	10.0	10	11
300 ^C	29	14.5	11.5	10.0	10	11

^A Maximum wall thickness for the indicated minimum average crushing strength. Column A, when no absorption test is required.

^B Drain tile meeting the above strength requirements are not necessarily safe against cracking in deep and wide trenches.

^C Tile with diameters greater than 300 mm shall meet the requirements specified in **Table 2** for Extra-Quality, **Table 3** for Heavy-Duty Extra-Quality, or **Table 4** for Special-Quality concrete drain tile.