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## Standard Specification for Nonreinforced Concrete Sewer, Storm Drain, and Culvert Pipe (Metric)<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers nonreinforced concrete pipe intended to be used for the conveyance of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water, and for the construction of culverts.

1.2 This specification is the metric counterpart of Specification C14.

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 pipe. However, experience has shown that the successful performance of this product depends upon the proper selection of the class of pipe, 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 pipe specified and provide for or require inspection at the construction site.

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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

[C309 Specification for Liquid Membrane-Forming Compounds for Curing Concrete](#)

[C443M Specification for Joints for Concrete Pipe and Manholes, Using Rubber Gaskets \(Metric\)](#)

[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 of Terms Specific to This Standard*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology [C822](#).

### 4. Classification

4.1 Pipe manufactured according to this specification shall be of three classes identified as “Class 1 Nonreinforced Concrete Pipe,” “Class 2 Nonreinforced Concrete Pipe,” and “Class 3 Nonreinforced Concrete Pipe.” The corresponding strength requirements are prescribed in [Table 1](#).

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

**TABLE 1 Physical and Dimensional Requirements for Nonreinforced Concrete Pipe<sup>A</sup>**

Internal Designated Diameter, mm	Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
	Minimum Thickness of Wall, mm	Minimum Three-Edge Bearing Strength, kN/linear m	Minimum Thickness of Wall, mm	Minimum Three-Edge Bearing Strength, kN/linear m	Minimum Thickness of Wall, mm	Minimum Three-Edge Bearing Strength, kN/linear m
100	16	22.0	19	29.0	19	35.0
150	16	22.0	19	29.0	22	35.0
200	19	22.0	22	29.0	29	35.0
250	22	23.5	25	29.0	32	35.0
300	25	26.5	35	33.0	44	38.0
375	32	29.0	41	38.0	47	42.0
450	38	32.0	50	44.0	57	48.0
525	44	35.0	57	48.0	69	56.0
600	54	38.0	75	52.5	85	64.0
675	82	41.0	94	57.5	94	67.0
750	88	44.0	107	63.0	107	69.5
825	94	46.0	113	64.0	113	71.0
900	100	48.0	119	65.5	119	73.0

<sup>A</sup>Subject to tolerance in Section 11.

## 5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 The acceptability of the pipe shall be determined by the results of the test prescribed in this section, when required, and by inspection to determine whether the pipe conforms to this specification as to design and freedom from defects.

5.2 *Acceptance as to Strength Properties*—Pipe shall be acceptable under the strength tests when they have met the requirements as prescribed in 10.3.

5.3 *Acceptance as to Absorption Properties*—Pipe shall be acceptable under the absorption test when they have met the requirements as prescribed in 10.4.

5.4 *Acceptance as to Permeability Properties*—Pipe shall be acceptable under the permeability test when they have met the requirements as prescribed in 10.5.

NOTE 2—Prior to purchase, the owner has the option to specify the hydrostatic test prescribed in 10.6 instead of the permeability test.

5.5 *Acceptance as to Hydrostatic Properties*—Pipe shall be acceptable under the hydrostatic test when they have met the requirements as prescribed in 10.6.

## 6. Materials

6.1 *Concrete*—The concrete shall consist of cementitious materials, mineral aggregates, admixtures, if used, and water.

6.2 *Cementitious Materials:*

6.2.1 *Cement*—Cement shall conform to the requirements for portland cement of Specification ~~E150~~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~~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~~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 Specification ~~C33~~C33/C33M, except that the requirement for gradation shall not apply.

6.4 *Admixtures—Admixtures*—The following admixtures and blends shall conform to Specification ~~C494~~ are allowable: ~~C494~~.

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 *Fibers—Synthetic fibers and Non-Synthetic non-synthetic fibers* shall be allowed to be used, at the manufacturer's option, in concrete pipe as a nonstructural manufacturing material. Synthetic fibers (Type II and Type III) and Non-Synthetic fiber (Type I) designed and manufactured specifically for use in concrete and conforming to the requirements of Specification ~~CH16~~C1116/ C1116M shall be 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. Design

7.1 *Design Tables*—Design requirements shall be in accordance with **Table 1**. Wall thickness used shall be not less than the value shown, except as affected by the tolerance herein specified and by the provision for modified design.

7.2 *Modified or Special Design*—Manufacturers shall submit to the owner for approval, prior to manufacture, wall thicknesses other than those shown in **Table 1**. Such pipe shall meet all of the physical requirements listed in Section 10 that are specified by the owner.

## 8. Joints

8.1 The joints shall be of such design and the ends of the concrete pipe sections so formed, that the pipe can be laid together to make a continuous line of pipe compatible with the permissible variations given in Section 11.

## 9. Manufacture

9.1 *Mixture*—The aggregates shall be sized, graded, proportioned, and mixed with such proportions of cementitious materials, water, and admixtures, if any, to produce a thoroughly mixed concrete of such quality that the pipe will conform to the test and design requirements of this specification. All concrete shall have a water-cementitious materials ratio not exceeding 0.53 by weight. Cementitious materials shall be as specified in 6.2 and shall be added to the mix in a proportion not less than 280 kg/m<sup>3</sup> unless mix designs with a lower cementitious materials content demonstrate that the quality and performance of the pipe meet the requirements of this specification.

9.2 *Curing*—Pipe shall be subjected to any one of the methods of curing described in 9.2.1 through 9.2.4 or to any other method or combination of methods approved by the owner that will give satisfactory results. The pipe shall be adequately cured to obtain the strength properties as prescribed in 5.2.

9.2.1 *Steam Curing*—Pipe shall be placed in a curing chamber, free from outside drafts, and cured in a moist atmosphere maintained by the injection of steam for such time and such temperature as needed to enable the pipe to meet the strength requirements. The curing chamber shall be so constructed as to allow full circulation of steam around the entire pipe.

9.2.2 *Water Curing*—Concrete pipe shall be water-cured by covering with water-saturated material or by a system of perforated pipes, mechanical sprinklers, porous hose, or by any other approved method that will keep the pipe moist during the specified curing period.

9.2.3 The manufacturer is not prohibited from combining the methods described in 9.2.1 and 9.2.2 provided the specified strength is attained.

9.2.4 *Membrane Curing*—A sealing membrane conforming to the requirements of Specification C309 is not prohibited from being applied and left intact until the specified strength requirements are met. The concrete at the time of application shall be within 6°C of the atmospheric temperature. All surfaces shall be kept moist prior to the application of the compounds and shall be damp when the compound is applied.

### 9.3 *Specials*:

9.3.1 *General Requirements*—Special shapes or fittings such as wyes, tees, bends, and adapters for use with concrete pipe conforming to this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements for concrete pipe of corresponding class and internal diameter. Joints shall be compatible with those used in adjoining concrete pipes.

9.3.2 *Fabricated Branches*—Fabricated branches for wyes and tees shall be securely attached to the wall of the pipe in such a manner as not to restrict or otherwise interfere with the flow characteristics of the pipe.

## 10. Physical Requirements

10.1 *Test Specimen*—The specified number of pipe required for the tests shall be furnished by the manufacturer and shall be selected at random by the owner, and shall be pipe that would not otherwise be rejected under this specification. The selection shall be made at the point or points designated by the owner when placing the order. The test pipe shall first be freed from all visible moisture. When dry, each pipe shall be measured and inspected. The results of these observations shall be recorded.