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Standard Practice for Proportioning Grout Mixtures for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice describes the laboratory procedure for selecting proportions for grout mixtures required in the production of preplaced-aggregate (PA) concrete.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are provided for information purposes only. No other units of measurement are included in this 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

[C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates](#)

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

[C185 Test Method for Air Content of Hydraulic Cement Mortar](#)

[C219 Terminology Relating to Hydraulic Cement](#)

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

[C637 Specification for Aggregates for Radiation-Shielding Concrete](#)

[C937 Specification for Grout Fluidifier for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete](#)

[C939/C939M Test Method for Flow of Grout for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete \(Flow Cone Method\)](#)

[C940 Test Method for Expansion and Bleeding of Freshly Mixed Grouts for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete in the Laboratory](#)

[C941 Test Method for Water Retentivity of Grout Mixtures for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete in the Laboratory](#)

[C942 Test Method for Compressive Strength of Grouts for Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete in the Laboratory](#)

[C943 Practice for Making Test Cylinders and Prisms for Determining Strength and Density of Preplaced-Aggregate Concrete in the Laboratory](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminologies [C125](#) and [C219](#).

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 Grouts at fluid consistency are prepared from one or more mixtures of cement, pozzolan, fine aggregate, grout fluidifier, with or without other chemical admixtures, and water, and tested to determine:

4.1.1 The properties of the grout, and

4.1.2 The properties of PA concrete made with the grout when the grout is intended for such use.

4.2 The procedure and equipment required for mixing this grout are prescribed in this practice.

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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

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This practice provides a standard procedure for selecting proportions for mixtures of grout to be used at fluid consistency in the production of PA concrete meeting applicable criteria for strength, density, and other properties.

5.2 This practice is also useful for determining the composition of grout mixed at fluid consistency and meeting specified requirements for filling voids, cavities, and spaces in rock, foundations, and concrete structures.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Mixer*, constructed as shown in Fig. 1. The three mixer blades shall be made of steel plate, 3-mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ -in.)-thick, with a ± 0.100 - by 125-mm (4 by 5-in.)-elliptical shape. Each blade shall have two 25.25 - by 75-mm (1 by 3-in.)-slots centered on the major axis, and shall be welded to the shaft at an angle of approximately 23° with the horizontal in such a way as to force grout to the bottom of the mixer during rotation. The mixer blades shall be powered to rotate at approximately 275 r/min under load.

6.2 *Scales or Balance*, accurate to within 0.3 % of the test mass at any point within range of use.

6.3 *Jaw Caliper*, capable of measuring up to 300 mm with a resolution of at least 0.1 mm.

7. Materials

7.1 Materials for test purposes, except mixing water, shall meet the following requirements unless otherwise specified in project documents:

7.1.1 Portland cement, Specification ~~C150~~C150/C150M, nonair-entraining,

7.1.2 Pozzolan, if used, Specification C618,

7.1.3 Fluidifier, Specification C937, and

7.1.4 Fine aggregate, Specification C637, Table number 2, Grading 1 for ~~specific gravity~~relative density under 3.0 and Grading 2 for specific activity 3.0 or heavier.

7.2 Where grout is being proportioned for use on a specific project, materials for test purposes shall be from and representative of the same source or type and description as will be used or is being considered for use on the project.

7.3 *Mixing water*, if clean and potable, is acceptable for normal test purposes.

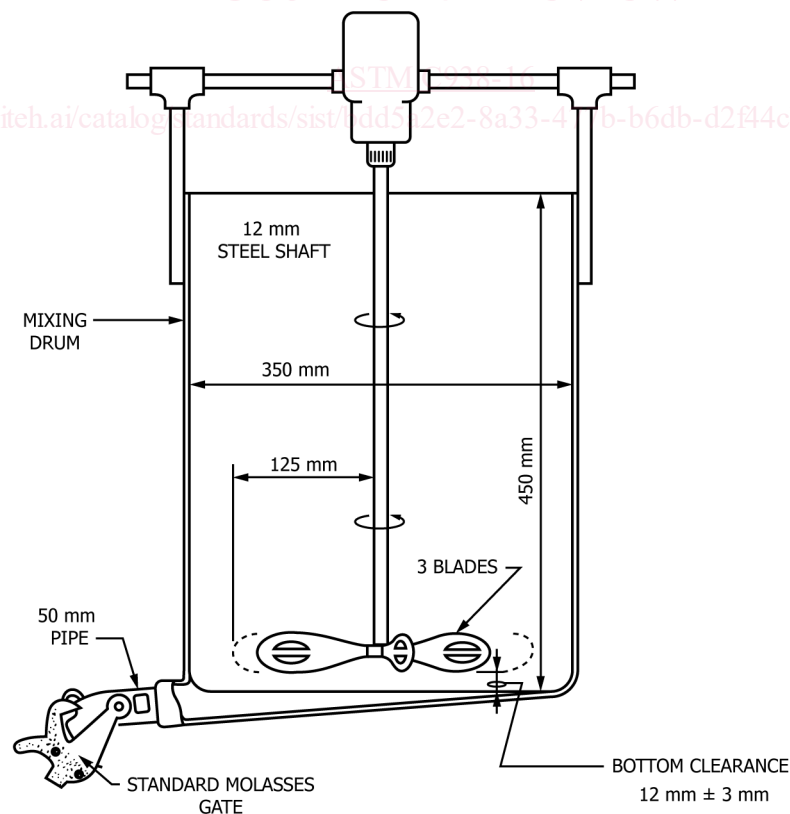


FIG. 1 Grout Mixer