

PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE**725.1 GENERAL:**

Portland cement concrete shall be composed of cementitious materials, fine and coarse aggregates, water, and, if provided for or allowed, certain chemical admixtures and additives.

| CONCRETE CLASSES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS | | | |
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| Class of Concrete | Minimum Cementitious Materials Content (Lbs. Per Cu Yard) | Minimum Compressive Strength (1) | |
| | | at 28 Days psi | |
| AA | 600 | | 4000 |
| A | 520 | | 3000 |
| B | 470 | | 2500 |
| C | 420 | | 2000 |

(1) In accordance with section 725.10.

Class AA concrete shall be used as specified.

Class A concrete shall be used for concrete structures, either reinforced or non-reinforced, and for concrete pavements.

Class B concrete may be used for curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Class C concrete may be used for thrust blocks, encasements, fill or over-excavation, etc.

725.2 CEMENTITIOUS MATERIALS:

Cementitious materials to be used or furnished under this specification shall be:

Portland cement, meeting the requirements of ASTM C-150
 Type II, low alkali, when no other specific type is specified
 Type III, low alkali, for high early strength, when applicable
 Type V, low alkali, when specified in the special provisions for use in concrete which will be exposed to contact with soils or waters containing water soluble sulfates (as SO₄) in concentration greater than 0.20% by weight of soil or 1500 PPM in solutions

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Portland Pozzolan Cement ASTM C-595
Type IP (MS), when no other specific type is specified

Supplementary cementitious (pozzolanic) materials shall not be used as an additional cementitious materials replacement in concrete in combination with Portland Pozzolan Cement.

Cementitious materials shall be sampled and tested as prescribed in the applicable ASTM specifications. The Contractor shall obtain and deliver to the Engineer a certification of compliance signed by the material manufacturer, identifying the cementitious material and stating that the cementitious material delivered to the batching site complies with the appropriate specifications. When requested by the Engineer, the Contractor shall furnish 3 copies of the cementitious materials certification. The cost of furnishing tested cementitious materials shall be considered as included in the contract bid price and no additional allowance will be made therefore.

When suitable facilities, as recommended by the Concrete Plant Manufacturer's Bureau, and approved by the Engineer, are available for handling and weighing bulk cementitious materials, such facilities shall be used. Otherwise the cementitious material shall be delivered in original unopened sacks that bear the name or brand of the manufacturer. The type of cementitious material, and the weight contained in each sack shall be plainly marked thereon.

Cementitious materials shall be stored in such manner as to permit ready access for the purpose of inspection and identification, and so as to be suitably protected against damage by contamination or moisture. Should any lot of bulk cementitious material be delivered to the site show evidence of contamination, the Engineer may require that such lot be removed from the site.

725.2.1 Supplementary Cementitious (Pozzolan) Materials (SCM): Supplementary cementitious (pozzolanic) materials to be used in concrete or furnished under this specification shall conform to the appropriate ASTM requirements as follows:

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| Fly ash or natural pozzolan | ASTM C-618 and C-311 |
| Silica Fume | ASTM C-1240 |

Up to 25 percent by weight of the Table 725-1 minimum cementitious materials requirements may be an approved fly ash or natural pozzolan. Additional pozzolanic material in excess of the minimum Table 725-1 requirements may be incorporated into a concrete mix design to achieve enhanced performance, upon approval of the Engineer or Agency.

The Contractor shall obtain and deliver to the Engineer a certification of compliance signed by the pozzolan supplier identifying the pozzolanic material and stating the pozzolan delivered to the batching site complies with the appropriate specifications. The cost of furnishing tested pozzolan shall be considered as included in the contract bid price and no additional allowance will be made therefore.

Pozzolanic materials shall be handled and stored in the same manner as other cementitious materials. When facilities for handling a bulk pozzolan are not available, the pozzolan shall be delivered in original unopened sacks bearing the name and brand of the supplier, the type and source of the pozzolan, and the weight contained in each sack plainly marked thereon.

725.3 AGGREGATES:

Coarse aggregates, consisting of crushed rock or gravel or a combination thereof, and fine aggregate shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Section 701.3.3. Prior to the delivery of the aggregates, the Contractor will be required to furnish samples for testing, and shall notify the Engineer as to when and where they will be available. Thereafter, additional required samples shall be furnished at the expense of the Contractor, but the cost of testing and making the grading analysis will be borne by the Contracting Agency. Samples shall be taken by the Engineer or in the presence of the Engineer.

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725.5 WATER:

The water used for mixing concrete shall be potable or shall meet the requirements of ASTM C-1602, when tested by a qualified independent testing laboratory.

725.6 ADMIXTURES AND ADDITIVES:

Admixtures or additives of any type, except as otherwise specified, shall not be used unless incorporated into the approved mix design or authorized by the Engineer or appropriate Agency representative.

Water Reducing admixtures incorporated into the approved concrete mix design shall meet the requirements of ASTM C-494 for the appropriate type.

Air-entraining admixtures incorporated into the approved concrete mix design shall meet the requirements of ASTM C-260.

Pigments incorporated into the approved concrete mix design for integrally colored concrete shall meet the requirements of ASTM C-979.

Fibers incorporated into the approved concrete mix shall meet the requirements of ASTM C-1116.

Any admixtures used shall be included in the bid price for that item.

725.7 MIX DESIGN PROPORTIONING:

A concrete mix design carrying the producer's designated mix number for each type of concrete being furnished under these specifications shall be submitted to the Agency or Engineer at least once each year for approval. Each design shall utilize the proper proportioning of ingredients to produce a concrete mix that is homogeneous and sufficiently workable to provide a consistent and durable concrete product that meets the specified compressive strength and other properties as required by the application. In the event there is a modification to the mix design proportions:

A) Modifications that will not require a new mix design submittal/approval:

- 1 Modifications which do not result in batch target weights for the fine aggregate or combined coarse aggregates changing by more than 5 percent from the original approved mix design.
- 2 Modifications to the percentage of coarse aggregate fractions that do not change the total coarse aggregate volume.
- 3 Modifications to dosages of chemical or air-entraining admixtures, within the manufacturer's recommendations.
- 4 The incorporation or elimination of chemical admixtures which are listed on the mix design to effect a change in the time-of-set (retarders or accelerators).

B) Modifications that will require a new mix design submittal/approval and may require performance verification:

- 1 Modification to the class of concrete per Table 725-1.
- 2 Modification to the type/class of cement, fly ash, natural pozzolan, or silica fume.
- 3 Modification to the percentage of fly ash, natural pozzolan, or silica fume.
- 4 Modification to a coarse aggregate size designation.
- 5 Modification of the type of chemical admixture, or the incorporation or elimination, of an air-entraining admixture.
6. Modification of coarse or fine aggregate source

725.8 MIXING:

All proportioning/batching/mixing equipment shall comply with the standards of the Concrete Plant Manufacturer's Bureau and the certification requirements of the Arizona Rock Products Association or National Ready Mixed Concrete Association. The

proportioning shall consist of combining the specified sizes of aggregates with cement, supplementary cementitious materials, admixtures/additives, and water as herein provided. No method which may cause the segregation or degradation of materials shall be used.

Weighing and metering devices used for the purpose of proportioning materials shall fulfill requirements as to accuracy and tolerance prescribed by the Weights and Measures Division of the State of Arizona and shall be sealed and certified in accordance with the procedures established by this agency. This certification shall not be over 12 months old and shall be renewed whenever required by the Engineer. When portable plants are set up at a new or temporary location, the scales and scale assembly shall be inspected and certificate issued regardless of the date when the scales were last tested. The Engineer may require the Contractor to run a quick scale check at any time with certified weights furnished by the Contractor and order the scale recertified if necessary.

Any admixture shall be measured accurately by mechanical means into each batch by equipment or in a method approved by the Engineer.

The equipment for measuring and supplying the water in the mixer shall be so constructed and arranged that the amount of water to be added to the mixture can be measured, in gallons or by weight, positively. The amount of water shall be varied in accordance with the percentage of free moisture in the material and the requirements of the workability of the aggregate.

Machine mixing will be required in all cases other than those in which it would obviously prove to be impractical; in which latter event hand mixing will be permitted, only to the extent necessary. Regardless of the method employed, mixing shall be commenced as soon as possible after the cement is placed in contact with the aggregates. All concrete mixers shall be of such design and construction, and so operated, as to provide a thoroughly and properly mixed concrete in which the ingredients are uniformly distributed.

725.8.1 Paving and Stationary Mixers: Paving and stationary mixers shall comply with the standards of the Concrete Plant Manufacturer's Bureau and the certification requirements of the Arizona Rock Products Association.

Mixers shall be maintained in proper and serviceable working condition, and any part or portion thereof that is out of order, or becomes worn to such extent as to detrimentally affect the quality of mixing, shall be promptly repaired or replaced.

The proper proportions of aggregate, cement, Pozzolan and water for each batch of concrete shall be placed in the mixer, and shall be mixed for a period of not less than 50 seconds after all such materials are in the drum.

The rotating speed at which the mixer shall be operated shall conform to that recommended by the manufacturer.

The total volume of materials mixed in any one batch shall neither exceed the water level capacity of the mixer nor the manufacturer's catalog rated capacity of the mixer.

725.8.2 Transit Mixers: Transit mixers shall meet the requirements of the Truck Mixer Manufacturer's Bureau and the certification requirements of the Arizona Rock Products Association. Ready mix concrete and shall comply with ASTM C-94 except as herein specified.

Each mixer and agitator shall have attached thereto in a prominent place a metal plate or plates, installed by the manufacturer, on which is plainly marked the capacity of the drum in terms of the volume of mixed concrete and the speed of rotation for the agitating and mixing speeds of the mixing drum or blades.

Each mixer shall have an identification number painted on the truck in such a location that it can be easily read from the batching platform.

The total volume of materials introduced into the mixer for mixing purposes shall not exceed the manufacturer's guaranteed mixing capacity. If the concrete so mixed does not meet the uniformity requirements of this section, the amount of materials charged into the mixer shall be reduced.

The rotation speed at which the mixer shall be operated shall conform to that recommended by the manufacturer.

Each batch of concrete placed in the mixer shall be mixed for not less than 70 nor more than 100 revolutions of the drum or blades, at the speed designated by the manufacturer of the equipment as mixing speed. Additional mixing shall be at the agitating speed designated by the manufacturer of the equipment. The revolving of the drum shall be continuous until the concrete is completely emptied from the drum. Before any portion of the materials for any batch of concrete is placed therein, the drum of the mixer shall be completely emptied of the previously mixed batch.

At the time of delivery to the job site, the Agency or Engineer shall be provided with a legible delivery ticket which shall contain the following information:

Date and Truck Number.

Name of the Supplier.

Name of the Contractor.

Specific designation of job (name and location).

Number of cubic yards in the batch.

Time the transit mixer is loaded.

Amount of water added at the job site at request of receiver, and his signature or initials.

Suppliers' mix design code number.

Type and amount of admixture or additive that is not already included in the approved mix design, if any.

Serial number of the ticket.

Additional water may be added **on the jobsite** in accordance with ASTM C-94 Tolerances in Slump section to adjust slump providing the slump after such water addition does not exceed the maximum allowed by these specifications in section 725.11 and that water so added is mixed into the batch for a minimum of 30 additional revolutions at mixing speed. Loss of cement mortar during discharge which in the opinion of the Engineer would be of sufficient amount to affect the homogeneity of the concrete will be cause for rejection of the load. The Contractor shall be responsible for all concrete to which water is added at the job site.

725.8.3 Hand Mixed Concrete: Hand mixed concrete shall be prepared in a watertight container of suitable volume in batches not to exceed 1/3 cubic yard each. Proportioning of batches shall be in accordance with the applicable required mix design in Table 725-1 and section 725.7. All mixing shall be done prior to placement in the forms and in accordance with the following procedure:

- A) Mixing shall be done in a mechanical batch mixer of approved type.
- B) The mixer shall be rotated at a speed recommended by the manufacturer.
- C) Mixing shall continue for at least 1-1/2 minutes after all materials are in the mixer, unless a shorter time is shown to be satisfactory by the mixing uniformity tests of ASTM C-94.
- D) Materials handling, batching, and mixing shall conform to the applicable provisions of ASTM C-94.
- E) Suitable records shall be kept to identify the number of batches, proportions of materials used, and time and date of mixing and placement along with the approximate location in the structure.

In lieu of mixing individual ingredients for concrete placement, a prepackaged commercial product may be used, upon approval of the Engineer/Agency representative. Any mixing of a prepackaged product must be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended procedure.

725.8.4 Dry batched Unmixed Concrete: Should the Contractor elect to use dry batched unmixed concrete, an accurate batch weight shall be provided to record the quantities of cementitious materials, aggregate and water batched into the containers. The date of batching, the container number and the batching certificate number shall be recorded at the time of batching. Copies of the batch weight records shall be submitted to the Agency or Engineer upon request.

All dry batched unmixed concrete delivered to the job site shall be stored in containers so constructed that the cement cannot come in contact with the water and aggregate within the container. Any admixture added to powder form shall be added to the cement; if added

in liquid form, it shall be added to the water.

The contents of the container shall be discharged into a mixer at the job site. Following discharge of the first container into the mixer, the mixer shall be operated at mixing speeds during the discharge of the remaining containers. After the contents of the last container have been discharged into the mixer, the concrete shall be mixed as specified in this specification for transit mixers, and drum or turbine type mixers.

Any spillage of cement, aggregate, water or admixture during the filling, transporting, or the discharging of the container, shall be cause for rejection of the container or the contents of the mixer if any portion of the rejected container is discharged into the mixer.

725.8.5 Volumetric Batching and Continuous Mixing Concrete and Equipment

Volumetric-batching and continuous-mixing concrete and equipment may be utilized upon approval of the Engineer/Agency for job site concreting applications. Material handling, procedures, and operations shall be in accordance with ACI 304.6R, Guide for the use of Volumetric-Measuring and Continuous-Mixing Concrete Equipment and all concrete produced and all test performed shall be in accordance with ASTM C-685, Standard Specification for Concrete Made by Volumetric Batching and Continuous Mixing. All equipment shall meet the requirements of the Volumetric Mixer Standards of the Volumetric Mixer Manufacturers Bureau and shall have a suitable copyrighted rating plate furnished by the Bureau and attached to the volumetric mixing equipment.

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725.10 TESTS AND TEST METHODS:

725.10.1 Concrete shall be sampled in accordance with ASTM C-172 for determination of temperature, slump, unit weight and yield (when required) and air content (when required) as well as for fabrication of test cylinders for compressive strength determination at 28 days. Samples shall be of sufficient size to perform all the required tests and fabricate the necessary test cylinders but in no case less than 1 cubic foot. Concrete shall be sampled during discharge of the middle portion of the batch. At the discretion of the Agency and/or Engineer or his representative, a sample may be obtained at the beginning of the discharge if the properties of the concrete do not appear to be within the specification limits for slump or temperature.

All testing shall be done by a certified technician meeting the requirements of the ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician, Grade I or equivalent.

Temperature of the concrete mixture will be determined in accordance with ASTM C-1064.

Slump of the concrete mixture will be determined in accordance with ASTM C143.

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Air content of the concrete mixture (when required) will be determined in accordance with ASTM C-231 or C-173, whichever is applicable.

Unit weight and yield of the concrete mixture (when required) will be determined in accordance with ASTM C-138.

All compressive strength test specimens will be made, cured, handled, protected, and transported in accordance with the requirements of ASTM C-31. The contractor shall provide and maintain for the sole use of the testing laboratory/technician adequate facilities for safe storage and proper curing of concrete test cylinders on the project site including sufficient access on weekends and holidays to allow the timely pick-up of cylinders specimens. Any and all deviations from the standard procedure of any test method shall be promptly identified and corrected. Any deviations shall be clearly noted by the testing laboratory on all written reports. Testing results obtained from non-standard testing procedures may be considered invalid and discarded by the Agency and/or Engineer.

725.10.2 In accordance with ACI 318 Chapter 5 Section 5.6.2.4, a cylinder strength test shall be the average of the strengths of at least two 6 inch by 12 inch cylinders or at least three 4 inch by 8 inch cylinders made from the same sample of concrete and tested at 28 days. An adequate number of cylinder specimens will be made for each 50 cubic yards or not less than each half-day's placement of each class of concrete. All specimens will be tested in a laboratory approved by the Agency and/or Engineer in accordance with ASTM C-39 for concrete acceptance. Should an individual cylinder show evidence of improper sampling, molding, curing, or testing, the results shall be discarded and the compressive strength shall be the result of the average of the remaining cylinder(s). Additional cylinder specimens may be made and tested at other ages to obtain additional compressive strength information and may not be considered as acceptance tests.

725.10.3 If the 28-day strength test does not meet the compressive strength requirements, the contractor may choose to contest the compressive strength results of any test for purposes of acceptability or payment. This may involve an engineering study to determine the acceptability of the concrete in question or core testing to determine in-place concrete strengths. This additional testing or engineering study will be at the expense of the contractor. If core testing is performed, at least three representative cores shall be obtained, conditioned and tested in accordance with ASTM C-42 from each concrete member or area of concrete to be tested at locations designated by the Agency and/or Engineer. Cores damaged subsequent to or during removal shall be rejected and additional core samples taken. Cores must be obtained and delivered to a laboratory acceptable to the Agency and/or Engineer in time to allow complete strength testing within 48 days of original concrete placement. The contractor may elect to have a representative present during sampling and testing. A core strength test shall be the average of the results of the three cores. Should an individual core show evidence of improper sampling, curing, or testing, the results shall be discarded and the compressive strength shall be the result of the average of the remaining core(s). Results of the core strength testing will replace the results of the

cylinder strength test for that sample.

725.11 ACCEPTANCE:

A) Plastic Concrete Properties

- 1) The slump of the concrete shall meet the requirements of ASTM C-94 Tolerances in Slump section. When the approved mix design or project specification requirements for slump are a “maximum” or “not to exceed”, the following tolerances will apply:

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| Specified slump: | If 3” or less | If more than 3” |
| Plus tolerance | 0 inch | 0 inch |
| Minus tolerance | 1 1/2 inch | 2 1/2 inch |

When the approved mix design or project specification requirements for slump are not written as a “maximum” or “not to exceed”, the following tolerances will apply:

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| For design slump of: | Tolerance |
| 2 inch and less | +/- 1/2 inch |
| More than 2 through 4 inch | +/- 1 inch |
| More than 4 inch | +/- 1 1/2 inch |

- 2) Per ACI 305, Specification for Hot Weather Concreting, limit the maximum allowable temperature of the concrete mixture immediately before placement to 95 degrees F unless otherwise specified or unless a higher allowable temperature is accepted by the Engineer/Agency. This acceptance can be based upon past field experience or preconstruction testing using a concrete mixture similar to one known to have been successfully used at a higher concrete temperature.

Per ACI 306, Specification for Cold Weather Concreting, when the atmospheric temperature at the time of placing concrete is above 30°F the temperature of the concrete, as placed, shall not be less than 60°F. When the atmospheric temperature at the time of placing concrete is between 0°F and 30°F the temperature of the concrete, as placed, shall not be less than 65°F.

- 3) Air entrained concrete shall meet the requirements of ASTM - Air-Entrained Concrete section. The air content of air-entrained concrete when sampled from the transportation unit at the point of discharge shall be within the approved mix design tolerance or +/- 1.5 % of the specified value. When a representative sample taken prior to discharge shows an air content below the specific level by more than the allowable tolerance, additional air entraining admixture may be used to achieve the desired air content level, followed by a minimum of 30 revolutions at mixing speed.
- 4) Per ASTM C-94 Mixing and Delivery section, discharge of the concrete shall be completed within 1 1/2 hour after the introduction of the mixing water to the

cement and aggregates or the introduction of the cement to the aggregates. The Engineer/Agency or their representative may allow the continuation of concrete placement after the 1 1/2 hour time limit has been reached if the concrete is of such slump or workability that it can be placed without the addition of water to the batch.

Concrete failing to meet the tolerances for plastic concrete properties in 1-4 above shall be reviewed by the Engineer/Agency or their representative and may be subject to rejection.

B) Hardened Concrete Properties – Compressive Strength

- 1) Concrete represented by a cylinder strength test obtained in accordance with section 725.10.2 shall be acceptable if the 28-day strength meets or exceeds the specified design strength. Concrete failing to meet the compressive strength requirement shall be reviewed by the Engineer/Agency and may be subject to rejection and replacement or an adjustment as indicated in 725.11 B) 3).
- 2) Core strength tests obtained in accordance with section 725.10.3 shall be considered satisfactory if their average is equal to or greater than 85 percent of the specified strength and no single core is less than 75 percent of the specified strength. If the core strength test meets or exceeds the minimum 28-day strength, the concrete will be accepted by the Agency at full contract price. Concrete failing to meet the acceptability requirement as evidenced by drilled core specimens shall be reviewed by the Engineer/Agency and may be subject to rejection and replacement or an adjustment as indicated in 725.11 B) 3).
- 3) When concrete is accepted on the basis of cylinder or core strength tests of less than 100% of the required minimum 28-day compressive strength, an adjustment in the concrete unit price may be made for the quantity of concrete represented by such strength tests in accordance with the following schedule:

Adjustment in Concrete Unit Price Based on Cylinder or Core Strength Testing

| Percent of Specified Minimum 28-day Compressive Strength Attained (Nearest 1%) | Percent of concrete Unit Price Allowed |
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| 100 % or greater | 100 |
| 95-99 | 95 |
| 90-94 | 90 |
| 85-89 | 85 |