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All Mixed Up

Unraveling the Concrete Mix Design Report (Submittal)

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Information in the mix design submittal

- 1. Information about the concrete mix design
- 2. 3000 psi mix with recent test reports
- 3. ACI 214 summary -supporting test data
- 4. 4000 psi exterior mix with entrained air
- 5. Computer look at the Mix Design
- 6. ACI 214 summary on the 4000 psi
- 7. Screen analysis of fine & coarse aggregate



Information in the mix design submittal

- 8. Test report on the aggregate
- 9. Cement and Fly Ash certificates
- 10. Certification of concrete plant, mixers scales and admixtures
- 11. Information on the admixtures and Super
- 12. Initial curing standards for New Mexico
- 13. MSDS sheets on concrete & Super



The Mix Design Submittal

What should it include?

- Client's Name
- Project Name
- Location
- Bid date



The Mix Design Submittal

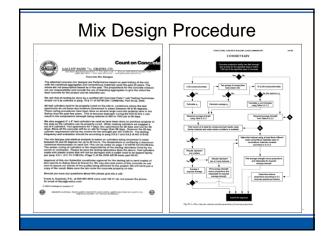
- The mix in accordance with ASTM C94 Option A
- ACI 318 Chapter 5
- ACI 301
- ACI 211.5R-01 Guide for Submittal of Concrete



The Mix Design Submittal

- Indicate the mixes are performance-based and designed for a 4-inch slump.
- If over a 4-inch slump is requested, Super Plasticizer is required to comply.
- This sets the game plan for the mix and establishes a plan for the contractor.





About the Concrete Mix Design

- The attached concrete mix designs are performance-based on past history of the mix with the combined aggregates and cementitious materials used in past years.
- The mixes are not prescription-based as in the past.
- The proportions for the concrete mixture are the responsibility of the producer. Includes the use of blended aggregate to give the client the best concrete for the intended use.

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Mix Design Submittal (Guidelines)

Ask that all testing be done by Certified ACI Concrete Field Testing Technician Grade I, as outlined in Para. 16 & 17 of ASTM C94 / C94M-04 Part 04-02



Proper Curing of the Test Specimens

- ALL test cylinders must be properly cured on site in containers where the test specimens lose no moisture (immersed in water between 60 & 80 degrees).
- Improper curing for the first 20 hours can result in 28-day reduction from 800 psi to 1000 psi.

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Comparison of Immersed vs. Exposed Cylinder Curing NNRNCA Het Washer Comparison Program 17 Day Age 18 Day Age 18 Day Age 19 Day Age 10 Day Age

- Curing boxes and curing standards/procedures help eliminate compressive strength problems.
- The box was placed by the producer. Where the box was used, the cement efficiency was over 10 psi per pound of cementitious material with a coefficient of variation of less 8%, showing good quality control.
- On another project, the laboratory did not use the curing box and the efficiency was down to less than 8 and coefficient of variation of about 16%. Many of the test cylinders did not make the 28-day strength, resulting in very poor quality control.



Cement, Type II, L.A. 444 lb / (3.15 x 62.4) = 2.26 cuft. Pozzolan (Class F) 25% of total cem. 150 lb / (2.09 x 62.4) = 1.015 cuft. Cementitious Material 595 lb = 6.32 bags Coarse Agg. 1.0" ssd @ 1.16% 895 lb / (2.65 x 62.4) = 5.41 cuft. Coarse Agg. 1/2" ssd @ 1.51% 687 lb / (2.63 x 62.4) = 4.19 cuft. Coarse Agg. 3/8" ssd @ 2.07% 507 lb / (2.61 x 62.4) = 3.11 cuft. Fine Agg. Washed ssd @ 1.58% 960 lb / (2.64 x 62.4) = 5.83 cuft. Water 31.8 gallons 265 lb / (1.0 x 62.4) = 4.25 cuft. (Entrained air) 3.0 ± 1.5% $6 \text{ oz} = (0.03 \times 27) = 0.81 \text{ cuft.}$ Pozzolith 997 @ 5.55 oz/cwt 33 oz Pozzolith 300R @ 5.55 oz/cwt 33 oz **Total Batch Weight** 3907 lb/cuyd or 27.08 cuft.

Water cementitious ratio is 0.45 = 265/595.

- The mix provided a yield of 27.0 cubic feet per cubic yard.
 This is based on the plastic unit weight of 144.70 pound per cubic foot with 3% entrained air.
- A theoretical unit weight is 149.18 pcf to verify the entrained air.
- All field testing must be done in accordance with ASTM C-31 to meet the strength requirements.
- All casting of test specimens must be done in accordance with ASTM C-94 paragraph 14.3.

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Note: The above mix was designed and proportioned using the combined aggregate gradations, and saturated surface dried aggregates.

Corrections for moisture content of the fine and coarse aggregates will be made at the batch plant prior to the batching and mixing operation to provide a $3" \pm 1"$ slump as required by the specification.

We reserve the right to make changes in the proportions based on changes in the material.



Should a higher slump than 4 inches be required (like 8"), this can be done with an admixture called High Range Water Reducer. It can be added at the site.

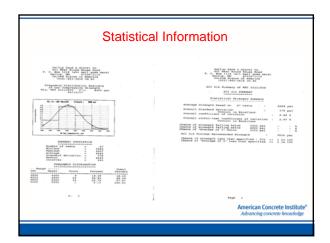
The High Range Water Reducer increases the slump but does not change the water-cementitious ratio. The concrete resorts back to normal setting in about an hour (see admixture data sheet attached-Rheobuild 1000).

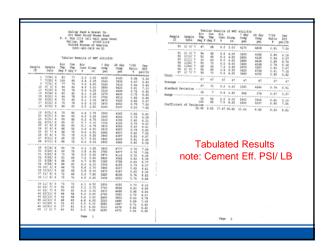
Fiber mesh at 1.5 lb/cuyd can be added to this mix with no changes.

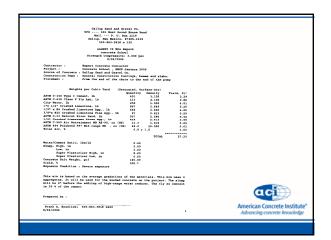
NC 534, a non-chloride admixture, may be used in the winter to increase the set time when used with warm water.

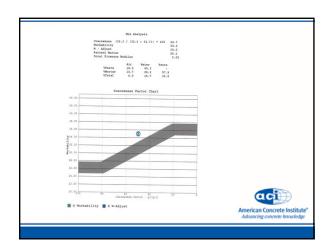
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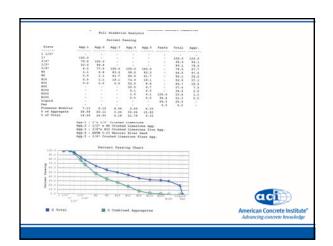
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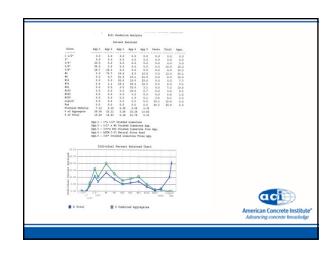


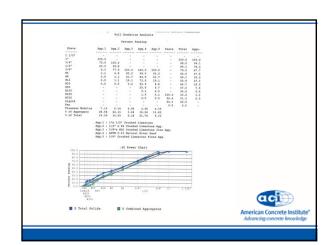












Screen Size	Natural WCS Alb. (%)	Crushed Sand (%)	Combined (%)	Specification (%)
	(use 85%) +	(use 15%) =	(100%)	(ASTM C-33)
3/8"	100	100	100	100
#4	98.5	86.7	96.7	95-100
#8	82.2	44.0	76.5	80-100
#16	66.5	20.4	59.6	50-85
#30	46.0	9.2	40.5	25-60
#50	16.1	6.3	14.6	10-30
#100	5.0	5.4	5.1	2-10
#200	2.8	4.5	3.0	4% Max.
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