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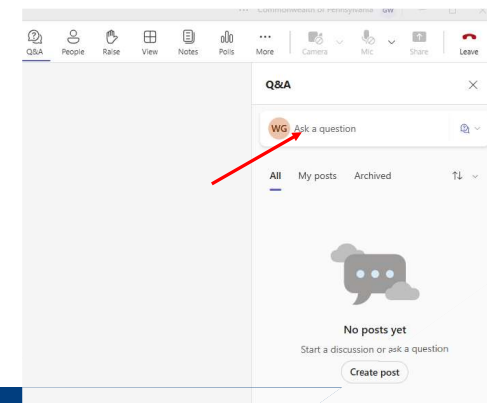
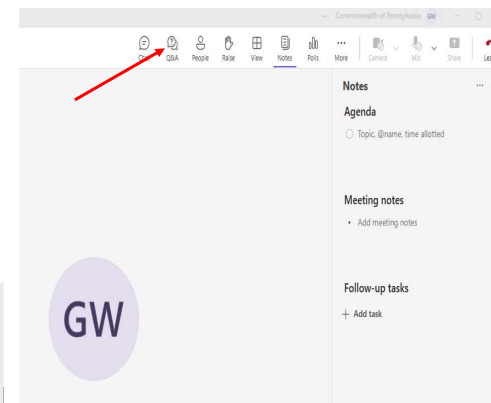
Housekeeping

- Breaks and Lunch
- Course
- Review Questions
- Course Evaluation
- Exam

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- Cell Phones are not recommended for the course
- Attentiveness Tracking
 - Must answer 75% of the end of chapter review questions
- Asking Questions
 - Q & A
 - Ask a question



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Two Steps to Certification

- ACI Concrete Field-Testing Technician - Grade I
- PennDOT Concrete Field-Testing Technician



Purpose for Certification

Why Require Concrete Field-Testing Technician Certification?

- To assure quality PCC pavements and structures
- Mandated by FHWA by June 2000
 - Effective April 6, 2002



ACI Concrete Field-Testing Technician - Grade I

- Teaches the ASTM Testing Procedures for 7 Concrete Field Tests



7 ACI Concrete Field Tests

- Concrete Temperature
- Slump
- Plastic Air Content – Pressure Meter
- Plastic Air Content – Roll-a-Meter
- Molding Cylinders
- Unit Weight
- Yield

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PENNDOT Certification Course

- Teaches Topics Related to PennDOT Specifications and Testing Procedures
 - Exam
 - 50 Multiple Choice – True / False Questions
 - 75% or More to Pass
 - 1 Hour
 - Must be Submitted

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For Exam Grades

<http://www.superpave.psu.edu/Training/Exam-Grades/Exam-Grades.aspx>

Exam Grades

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The minimum Passing Grade for each certification is listed below:

Certification Type	Passing Grade
Aggregate Technician	75%
Asphalt Field Technician	75%
Asphalt Level 1 Plant Technician	75%
Superpave Volumetric Mix Design Workshop	75% (Quiz Grade)
Concrete Field Testing Technician	75%

Retests

One retest is available for most certifications. Please see the Retest information for your certification under the "Training" tab for details.

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Exam Grades are
posted in 2-3 Weeks



Publication 536 (V9-22)

Concrete Technician Certification Program

- Technician-in-Training Requirements
- Initial Certification Requirements
- Re-certification Requirements
- Retest Procedures
- Code of Ethics

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Publication 536

Technician-in-Training Requirements

- 24 Hrs Minimum Training
- Evaluated by PennDOT Representative
 - Must retain copy of evaluation
 - Valid for one year
 - Must take ACI and PennDOT courses as soon as possible and within one year

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Publication 536

Retest Procedures

- Applicant may attend a maximum of 2 courses and take a maximum of 1 retest
 - **Only 3 retests available,**
 - 3/23/2027
 - 4/08/2027
 - 5/13/2027
- Clarified applicant's responsibility to contact NECEPT for retest
 - No refunds for failing to contact NECEPT within the current NECEPT training season

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Publication 536

Re-Certification Requirements

- All certifications are valid for approx. 5 years, expiring April 30.
 - For courses January – April, the cert will be 5 years + remaining days to April 30
 - For courses/retests May 1 through end of retest period, cert will be slightly less than 5 years to April 30

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Publication 536

Code of Ethics

- A PENNDOT Certified Concrete Field Technician will not create or participate in a threatening, intimidating, or hostile environment toward any recipients of services, including Department Representatives

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*Publication 536**Wallet Card*

- Must present current card if involved with testing concrete on a PennDOT project
 - FHWA requirement

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*Five Course Sections*

- Review of ASTM Testing
- Quality Control Practices
- Project Documentation
- Acceptance Processes
- PENNDOT Concrete Testing Procedures

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ANY QUESTIONS
ON THE
CERTIFICATION PROCESS ??



VIDEO OF ACI
TEST
METHODS



- What hat do you wear on the job ?



CS-704 (7-21)
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**MINIMUM QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR
FIELD PLACEMENT CONCRETE OPERATIONS**
(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

State Route (SR): _____ Section: _____ County: _____ (Select One) _____ EDCSR: _____
Prime/Sub Contractor: _____

A ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

PERSONNEL	FULL NAME	RESPONSIBILITIES
1. Superintendent		Oversee concrete operations.
2. Concrete Foreperson		Oversee placement of material and related operations.
3a. Certified Field Technician	PennDOT Certification No.: _____	Performs field tests and sampling and acts as contact person to PennDOT.
3b. Technician-in-Training		Expiration Date: _____ Date Issued: _____
4. Certified Finishers		Certification No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____
		Certification No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____
		Certification No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____
		Certification No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Note: Problems related to concrete material, placement operations, and testing shall be directed to the appropriate personnel listed above.

B MIXING AND DELIVERY

Concrete shall be supplied from a current PennDOT approved concrete plant listed in Bulletin 42.
1. Two-way communications shall be maintained between the concrete plant and the work site.
2. A plant delivery slip signed by the plant technician and containing the information specified in Publication 408 shall be supplied for each truck.

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I. QUALITY CONTROL PRACTICES



I. QUALITY CONTROL PRACTICES

A good quality control system helps assure all materials and products submitted to the Department are in compliance with all specification requirements



I. QUALITY CONTROL PRACTICES

- Quality must be “built in”
- It cannot be tested or inspected into a product
- Adherence to “good concrete practices” helps eliminate many common problems in the field



I.a. Quality Control Plans

- No “out-of-spec” material will knowingly be incorporated into the work
 - It is the contractor’s responsibility to reject concrete not meeting specification requirements
 - Action and Rejection points are to be addressed in QC Plan

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I.a. Quality Control Plans

- Addresses actions needed to keep the process in control
- Provides a quick determination when the process trends out of control
- Provides an adequate response to bring the process back in control in a timely manner without harming the final product

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I.a. Quality Control Plans

- Form CS-704 – Field Operations QC Plan
 - Required by 408/704.1(d)1.a
 - Outlines Minimum QC Plan requirements
 - Found in the P.O.M. or on the internet with PennDOT Forms and Publications

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I.a. Quality Control Plans

- Form CS-704 – Field Operations QC Plan
 - Addresses Concrete testing in accordance with Section 704
 - Must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to first concrete pour
 - Is NOT to be used as a substitute for the more comprehensive QC Plans required within Section 500

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PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

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CYLINDER TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING
 • Describe the method of transportation and handling.

• Specify the location of the concrete break machine.

E FIELD PLACEMENT WORKFORCE AND EQUIPMENT
 List workforce, equipment, and method of placement (bucket, pump etc.) for each structural element.
 (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Submitted By: _____ Date: _____
 Supplier Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____
 Department Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____

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Part D and E

**Cylinder
Transportation and
Handling**

**Manpower and
Equipment**

**Signatures of
Submitted by and
Reviewed by**

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I.a. Quality Control Plans

- Address potential issues that commonly arise in the QC Plan:
 - Prior to the start of work
 - The course of action to be taken will be clearly defined
 - Provide a timely problem resolution
 - No interruption in the concrete placement operation

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I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete



Truck Mixed Concrete

I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete

- Truck-Mixed Concrete
 - 70 to 125 revolutions at mixing speed (6-18 rpm) prior to leaving the plant
 - Mixed at agitating speed (2-6 rpm) in route to the project
 - Agitate **20** additional revolutions at jobsite prior to placement

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I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete

- Truck-Mixed Concrete
 - No more than *45 minutes* of non-agitation
 - Discharged in less than *300 revolutions* and *1 ½ hours*. **2 hours with a Retarding Admix**
 - Discharged in *1 hour* if concrete exceeds 80 °F unless concrete has a set retarding admixture. **1 ½ hours with a Retarding Admix**
 - No contact with aluminum

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I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete



Central Mix Plant



I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete

- Central-Mixed Concrete
 - 50 to 90 sec. for most
 - 70 sec. minimum for HES
 - Counted at the plant
 - Mix at agitating speed only in route to the project, if possible
 - Agitate **20** additional revolutions at jobsite prior to placement

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I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete

- Central-Mixed Concrete
 - No more than *45 minutes* of non-agitation
 - Discharged in *1 ½ hours* if delivered in trucks *with agitation without a retarding admix*. **2 hours for mixes with a Retarding Admix**
 - Discharged in *1 hour* if concrete exceeds 80 °F unless concrete has a set retarding admixture. **1 ½ hours with a Retarding Admix**

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I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete

- Central-Mixed Concrete
 - Discharged in *45 minutes* if delivered in trucks without agitation
 - No contact with aluminum unless delivered in trucks without agitation

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I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete

- Concrete Temperatures
 - 50 °F to 90 °F for most applications
 - Bridge decks 50 °F to 80 °F
 - Accelerated Concrete 50 °F to 100 °F
 - For special applications, refer to special provisions
 - Action points should allow enough time for corrections



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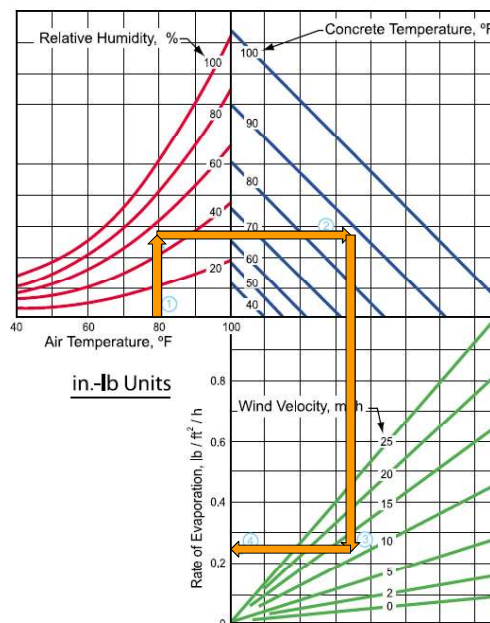


I.b. Transporting, Mixing, & Placing Concrete

- Evaporation Rate
 - Provide equipment to monitor before deck and roadway placements and every hour during placement
 - Cannot exceed 0.06 lbs/ft²/hr (Decks)
 - Cannot exceed 0.20 lbs/ft²/hr (Roadway)
 - If exceeded, stop the placement until protective measures are taken

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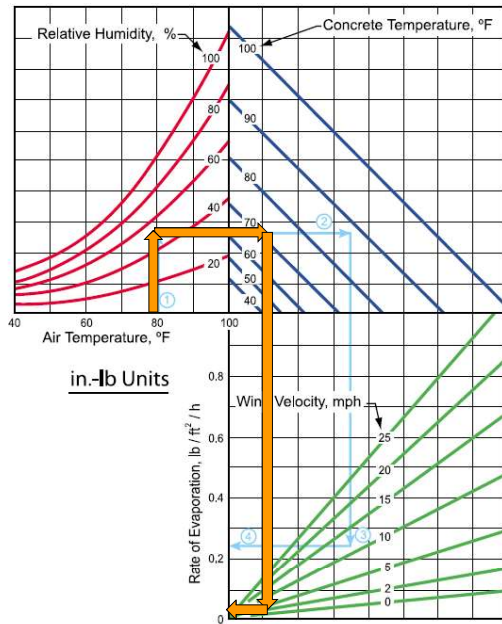
• Evaporation Rate

- Ambient Air Temp 80° F
- Relative Humidity – 50%
- Conc. Temp. – 87° F
- Wind Velocity – 12 mph
- Evaporation Rate – 0.24 lb/ft²/hr

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Ref. Concrete International / MARCH 2007





• Evaporation Rate

- Ambient Air Temp 80° F
- Relative Humidity – 50%
- Conc. Temp. – 73° F
- Wind Velocity – 2 mph
- Evaporation Rate – 0.03 lb/ft²/hr

/ MARCH 2007



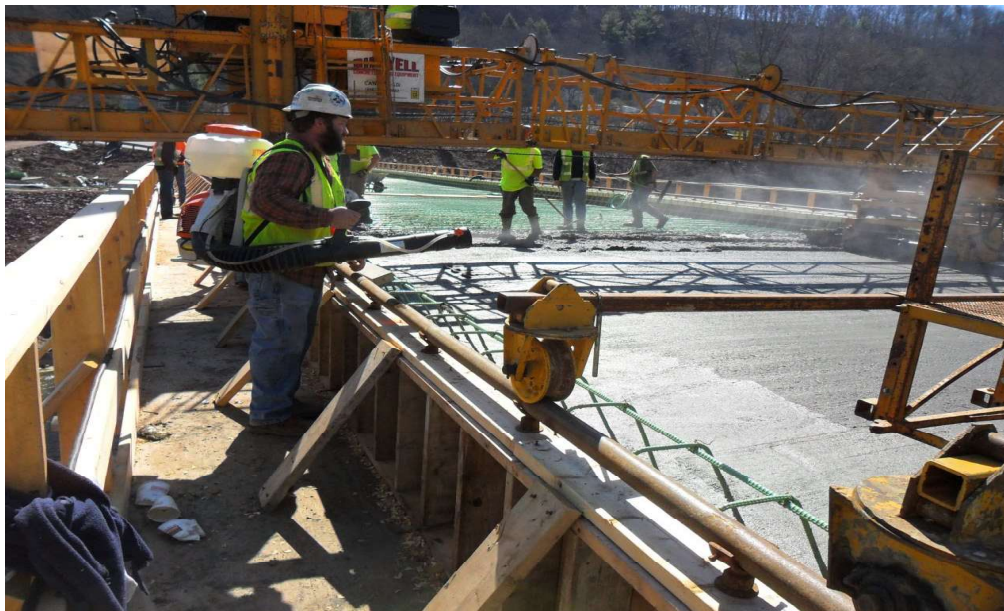
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- Evaporation rate
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- Current, maximum and average Wind Speed
- Ambient Air Temperature
- Dewpoint
- Barometric pressure
- Heat stress index
- Wet bulb temperature
- Wind chill
- Altitude
- Density altitude



Remediation Equipment used to reduce the Evaporation Rate



Remediation Equipment used to reduce the Evaporation Rate



Remediation Equipment used to reduce the Evaporation Rate



Improper positioning of Spray Nozzles

Water cannot be added to the surface of the concrete



I.c. Communication Between Jobsite and Plant

Good Communication Starts Early

- Involve all parties (PennDOT, prime, subs, and producer)
- Pre-job meeting – discusses parameters and anticipated schedule of the project
- Pre-placement meeting – discusses actual placement issues, responsibilities, QC Plan (Contractor's technician should attend)
- Get everyone involved on the same page prior to the placement!

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I.c. Communication Between Jobsite and Plant

Importance of Communication

- Maintain Quality Control on the project
- Inform Producer of compliance or non-compliance of material
- Allow Producer to make necessary adjustments
- Communication between jobsite and plant can minimize problems and ensure a quality product

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Mix Design with 6.0% Air/Max. Slump 6.5"

Truck #1 – Air Content 6.0%/Slump 3"

Truck #2 – Air Content 5.2%/Slump 2.5"

Truck #3 – Air Content 4.6%/Slump 2"

Truck #4 – ??????????

What will Truck #4 be?

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What will Truck #4 be?

Without proper communication from the start, Truck #4 will most likely be out of spec!



Other Factors on Jobsite That May Require Communication to Plant

- Equipment breakdowns
- Weather conditions
- Medical emergencies
- New/different test equipment
- Changing traffic conditions between jobsite and plant



Project / Plant Communication



◆ Two-way Radio (R/M Truck)



◆ Cellular Phone



◆ Regular Phone



I.d. Common Sense Quality Control in the Field

- QC Test Frequency
 - Establish in QC Plan
 - Minimum frequencies in Specifications
- **Test each load until Material Control is established [704.1(d)4.a]**



I.d. Common Sense Quality Control in the Field

• Material Control (Uniformity)

- Established when all tests for concrete slump, air, and temperature on 3 consecutive trucks are within the established action points
- Frequency of QC testing can be reduced to once every 50 cubic yards as long as material is within specification and established action points

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I.d. Material Control Example

C MATERIAL CONTROL						
Material control is considered established when all tests results of concrete temperature, air, and slump of three consecutive trucks are determined to be within the established action points. <u>If a test exceeds the upper or lower action points the testing frequency shall be increased to every truck until material control is reestablished and the plant technician shall be notified.</u>						
LIST DESIGNS AND SLUMP REQUIREMENTS (Attach additional sheets as necessary)						
Concrete Supplier Code	JMF Number and Year	Structural Element Being Placed	Class of Concrete and Slump Upper Limit (Pub 408)	Selected Target Slump Value	Target Range [± 1 ½" max. from the selected target slump value]	Action Points [May not be < 1/2" from target range values]
RCM02A42	18-555	Pavement Patching	AA / 6 1/2"	4"	2 1/2" - 5 1/2"	3" - 5"

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I.d. Common Sense Quality Control in the Field

• Material Control (Uniformity)

- If a QC test fails to conform to the specified requirements or exceeds the upper or lower action points included in the reviewed QC Plan, increase the testing frequency to every truck until material control has been reestablished

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I.d. Material Control Example

4" Target Slump, Range 2.5" – 5.5", AP – 3" / 5"

Truck #1 has a Slump 4.75"

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I.d. Material Control Example

4" Target Slump, Range 2.5" – 5.5", AP – 3" / 5"

Truck #1 – Slump 4.75"

Truck #2 – Slump 5.00"

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I.d. Material Control Example

4" Target Slump, Range 2.5" – 5.5", AP – 3" / 5"

Truck #1 – Slump 4.75"

Truck #2 – Slump 5.00"

Truck #3 – Slump 5.25"

Has material control been established, and can the frequency of QC testing be reduced to once every 50 cubic yards?

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I.d. Material Control Example

4" Target Slump, Range 2.5" – 5.5", AP – 3" / 5"

Truck #1 – Slump 4.75"

Truck #2 – Slump 5.00"

Truck #3 – Slump 5.25"

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I.d. Material Control Example

4" Target Slump, Range 2.5" – 5.5", AP – 3" / 5"

Truck #1 – Slump 4.75"

Truck #2 – Slump 5.00"

Truck #3 – Slump 5.25" ←

No !! The third QC test exceeds the upper action point of 5" so testing must be continued until material control has been established

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I.d. Material Control Example

Remember that *any* time a QC test fails to conform to the specified requirements or exceeds the upper or lower action points included in the reviewed QC Plan, increase the testing frequency to every truck until material control has been reestablished

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I.d. Material Control Example

3. Air test (AASHTO T152 or T196)

Shall be performed on the first three consecutive trucks and until Material control is established. Additional tests shall be performed as specified in Publication 408.

Concrete Air Content Spec. Limits	4.5 % and	7.5 %
Concrete Air Content Spec. Limits (AAP and Paving)	5.5 % and	8.5 %
Concrete Air content Action Points	5.0 % and	7.0 %
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- Low air content material may be remixed at mixing speed and retested. (1 time only, not to exceed the maximum allowed time or 300 revolutions)
- High air content material may be allowed to mix at agitating revolutions for a period of time and re-tested. (1 time only, not to exceed the maximum allowed time or 300 revolutions)
- Trucks with high air content material may be pulled aside with the barrel stopped, not to exceed 45 minutes, as specified in Pub. 408, Section 704.2(c). Prior to retest, the concrete is agitated for at least 20 revolutions. (1 time only, not to exceed the maximum allowed time or 300 revolutions)
- Consult with ready-mix supplier before any of the above field adjustments are attempted. Field adjustments by adding water are not permitted to adjust plastic air content.(AASHTO M 157)

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I.d. Material Control Example

TESTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Temperature (ASTM C1064)

Shall be performed every time air and slump tests are performed. If the action points shown below are reached, the plant shall be contacted so corrective action can be taken. Additional tests shall be performed as specified in Publication 408. Concrete that does not meet the temperature specification requirements shall not be incorporated.

Concrete Temperature Spec. Limits	50	and	90
Concrete Temperature Spec. Limits (Concrete Deck Placement)	50	and	80
Concrete Temperature Action Points	55	and	85
Concrete Temperature Action Points (Concrete Deck Placement)	55	and	75

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I.e. Pub 408/704 Slump Quality Control Requirements

- Slump provides a measure of the workability of a selected mix
- Slump also provides an indication of the consistency of the concrete delivered to the project

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I.e. Pub 408/704 Slump Specification Summary

- Contractor selects an appropriate target slump for each structural element (in QC Plan)
- Slump must be maintained within ± 1.5 inches of the selected target value



I.e. Pub 408/704 2020 IE Slump Specification Summary

- Specification provides an upper limit that cannot be exceeded**

<u>Type of Mix</u>	<u>Upper Limit</u>
Without WR	5"
With WR	6 ½"
With HRWR (Super Plasticizers)	8"
Extra Cement Mixes [Section 704.1(h)]	2 ½"
Tremie Mixes [Section 1001.2(j)]	8"
AAAP	5 ½"
AAAP LW	6"



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I.f. Field Adjustment of Concrete Mixes

PennDOT's policy for making field adjustments of concrete mixes to improve workability by adding water at the jobsite is defined in *P.O.M. B/6/17*

– District's decision to allow



REPLACES B.6.17	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	PART B	SECTION 6	PAGE 17-1
DATED 04/01/2020		DATE	April 1, 2024	
SUBJECT FIELD ADJUSTMENT OF CONCRETE MIXES				

As specified in Publication 408, Section 704, water may only be added to concrete mixes from a concrete plant's water measuring system. However, due to errors that may occur in the moisture content of the aggregates at the start of a batching operation or due to unforeseen circumstances at or in route to a jobsite, the need may arise to add water to correct the slump of the mix at the project site.

The decision to add water to a mix at a project site must be made by the contractor's PennDOT certified field testing technician. The Department Representative will determine the maximum amount of water that can be added. The addition of water must be done under the supervision of the Department Representative.

Water may only be added to trucks at the start of the batching operation or due to unforeseen circumstances that may occur during the concrete placement. The producer should be informed immediately whenever field adjustments are required. Allow the producer sufficient time to make necessary adjustments at the plant. Concrete shall be mixed to the approved proportions in the design. Water shall not be withheld deliberately.

The addition of water is limited to 1 gallon per cubic yard of concrete in the truck, and the total water in the mix cannot exceed the maximum water/cement ratio of the trial mix on the design. The addition of water is only permitted to be added at the beginning of the full load after the initial testing is complete. All mix adjustments must be recorded in the iPad App eConcrete. After the additional water has been loaded into the mixing drum, the drum must be turned an additional 30 revolutions or more at mixing speed. The total number of mixing revolutions cannot exceed 300. The concrete must be resampled and retested for slump, temperature, and plastic air content and meet the specification requirements prior to incorporating into the work. In addition, compressive strength cylinders must be molded from the retested material.

Transit truck mixers must be inspected annually, including the truck-mounted water systems, and documentation (See Form CS-4337) must be presented to the Inspector prior to adjusting the mix.

Specific details regarding the field adjustment of concrete mixes must be included in the contractor's concrete quality control plan. Districts that do not currently permit the field adjustment of concrete mixes may continue this policy.

This policy is not intended for use with Bridge Decks. For Bridge Decks, do not add water to concrete in the field. Adjustment of slump may be allowed by adding water reducer at the job site if a comprehensive procedure detailed in the QC plan has been submitted and accepted by the DME/DMM for this purpose as specified in Publication 408, Section 1001.3(h).

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POM B/6/17 Field Adjustment of Concrete Mixes

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I.f. Field Adjustment of Concrete Mixes

- The intent of this policy is to allow for corrections at the beginning of a placement or for unforeseen circumstances that may occur during the placement
- It is *NOT* intended for a repetitive means of controlling workability at the jobsite

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I.f. Field Adjustment of Concrete Mixes

- Failure to effectively communicate the problem to the producer from the jobsite and failure of the producer to make necessary adjustments will be grounds for discontinuing this policy
- Failure to provide concrete with a slump within the selected target range is grounds for the contractor to reject

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I.f. Field Adjustment of Concrete Mixes

- Must have permission of the DME
- Inspector confirms District's policy and determines amount of water that can be added and supervises addition of water
- Detail the process in the QC plan

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I.f. Field Adjustment of Concrete Mixes

- Producer must NOT withhold water deliberately
- Communicate results and necessary adjustments immediately to the producer
 - Can make necessary adjustments at the plant (check moistures, increase WR, switch to another adjusted mix)

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Rules for the Addition of Water in the Field

- A maximum of *1 gallon* of water per CY concrete in truck
 - A ½" of slump change $\approx$ 1% air content change
- Must never exceed maximum Design W/C ratio for the mix
- Must be using a mixer-truck

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Until such time as ready-mixed concrete meets acceptance criteria, it is still the property of the ready-mix producer

Remember . . .

Consult with Ready-Mix Supplier before any field adjustments are attempted

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Rules for the Addition of Water in the Field

- Water can only be added upon arrival at the job site and the tested slump of the concrete is less than the target range
- Water is only permitted to be added at the beginning of the full load after initial testing
- Water ***shall not*** be added to the load at any other time

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Rules for the Addition of Water in the Field

- For bridge decks, **do not** add water to concrete in the field
- Add water according to reviewed QC plan
- Additional 30 revolutions (mixing)
- Cannot exceed 300 revolutions
- Must be re-sampled and re-tested
- If used, must make full set of cylinders from each load

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I.g. Slump Adjustments at the Jobsite

Low Slump: (below contractor's target range)

- *Contractor's technician* may reject the material
- Re-mix at mixing speed & retest
- Add water (if approved) per PennDOT Policy, P.O.M. B/6/17, mix & retest



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I.g. Slump Adjustments at the Jobsite

Low Slump (below contractor's target range)

- If the concrete is incorporated into the work, cast a full set of AT & QC cylinders in addition to the cylinders made for the originally selected PTM 1 sample location
 - Required when any slump result is outside the target range and the concrete is incorporated into the work, whether water is added or not
- Adjustment details must be in QC Plan
- Consult with Ready-Mix Supplier before any field adjustments are attempted

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I.g. Slump Adjustments at the Jobsite

High Slump

- If slump exceeds the target range, but not the upper slump limit, you may place concrete:
 - You must cast a Full set of AT & QC cylinders in addition to the cylinders made for the originally selected PTM 1 sample location
- The contractor's technician may also elect to reject the concrete



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I.g. Slump Adjustments at the Jobsite High Slump

- If slump exceeds upper slump limit per PennDOT slump spec, the contractor's technician will reject the concrete



I.h. Air Content Adjustments at the Jobsite

Air Content:

- $6.0\% \pm 1.5\%$
(4.5% to 7.5%) for most applications
- $7.0\% \pm 1.5\%$
(5.5% to 8.5%) for AAAP and AA mixes (bridge decks and paving mixes)
- Check for contract special provisions



I.h. Air Content Adjustments at the Jobsite

Low Air Content

- Re-mix at mixing speed & retest
- The contractor's technician will reject material if unsuccessful
- **Field adjustments by adding water are NOT permitted to adjust plastic air content (AASHTO M 157)**



I.h. Air Content Adjustments at the Jobsite

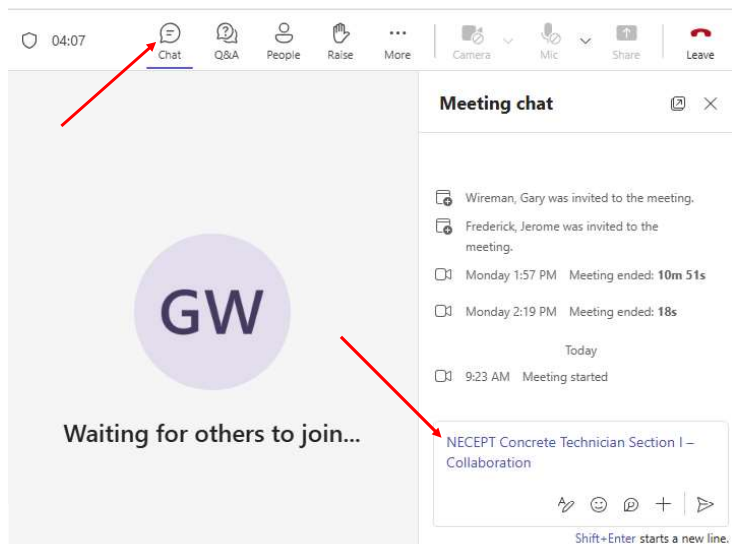
High Air Content

- Mix on agitation (slow) speed & retest
- Stop barrel, not to exceed 45 min. & retest
 - Must agitate barrel for at least 20 revolutions prior to obtaining sample
- If neither procedure is successful, the contractor's technician will reject material



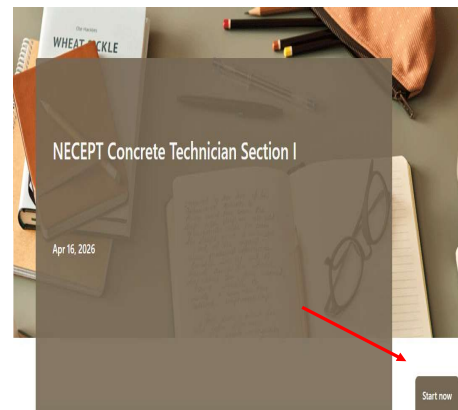
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I. QUALITY CONTROL PRACTICES

Review Questions



• You must answer all the questions before you will be able to Submit!!

NECEPT Concrete Technician Section I

* Required

Section I Questions

1. Upon arrival at a jobsite, concrete from a revolving drum mixer must be agitated for at least _____ revolutions prior to placing the concrete. (5 Points) *

☐ 15

☒ 20

☐ 25

☐ 30

2. Concrete temperature for a bridge deck placement must be between _____ °F and _____ °F. (5 Points) *

☐ 50 and 90

☐ 60 and 80

☒ 50 and 80

☐ 50 and 100

NECEPT Concrete Technician Section I

Points: 35/100

Student information

Student first name *

chip

Student last name *

W

Section I Questions

✓ Correct 5/5 Points

1. Upon arrival at a jobsite, concrete from a revolving drum mixer must be agitated for at least _____ revolutions prior to placing the concrete. *

☐ 15

☒ 20

☐ 25

☐ 30

✗ Incorrect 5/5 Points

2. Concrete temperature for a bridge deck placement must be between _____ °F and _____ °F *

☐ 50 and 90

☐ 60 and 80

☒ 50 and 80

☐ 50 and 100

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REMEMBER: After reviewing your answers, close the internet browser and return to Teams.

1. Upon arrival at a jobsite, concrete from a revolving drum mixer must be agitated for at least 20 revolutions prior to placing the concrete.
2. Concrete temperature for a bridge deck placement must be between 50 °F and 80 °F.
3. The maximum allowable slump for a mix with a high range water reducing admixture is 8 inches.
4. For an accelerated concrete placement the concrete temperature is to be maintained between 50 °F and 100 °F.
5. The contractor's target range for slump is ±1 1/2 inches from the selected target value.
6. The contractor must provide a quality control plan as outlined on CS-704 to the Department at least 3 weeks prior to the first concrete placement.
True / False
7. Central mixed concrete delivered in non-agitating vehicles must be completely discharged in 45 minutes.

8. If out of specification concrete is not brought into specification compliance, it should be rejected by the contractor's technician.
9. The Department permits water to be added to the mix at the jobsite to increase the air content of the mix. True / False

Only for slump (workability) when permitted by the District

10. If the mix arrives with a high plastic air content it must be rejected. True / False **May be allowed to mix on agitating revolutions for a period of time or sit with barrel stopped not to exceed 45 minutes**
11. Where permitted by the district, water may be added at the jobsite to increase the slump for workability at a rate of one (1) gal/CY, not to exceed the maximum W/C ratio of the trial mix on the design.
12. If a slump test result for a mix with a water reducer exceeds the contractors specified target range for acceptance but is less than the 6 ½ inch maximum permitted by specification, the concrete must be rejected. True / False **Contractor may elect to use the concrete provided an additional complete set of QC & AT cylinders are molded and tested for acceptance from the sample.**



17. A 10 CY load of concrete arrives at a jobsite. The slump is within the contractor's selected target range and the plastic air content is tested and is 3.9%. How many gal/CY of water may be added to increase the air content to 4.5%?

NONE – Neither PennDOT nor AASHTO M 157 permits the addition of water to raise the air content

18. In general, communication between the jobsite and the plant can minimize problems on both ends of the project and ensure a quality product as an end result. True / False
19. Material control (uniformity) is established when all test results of concrete slump, air, and temperature on three (3) consecutive trucks are within the established action points.
20. The frequency of QC testing can be reduced to a minimum of once every 50 cubic yards as the placement progresses as long as the material is within specification requirements and established action points.



13. Truck-mixed concrete must be discharged before the drum has revolved 300 revolutions.

14. A full set of QC and AT cylinders must be made if a contractor elects to use concrete with a slump test result that is outside the contractors specified target range for acceptance but is less than the maximum allowed by the specification. True / False

Contractor may elect to use the concrete provided an additional complete set of QC & AT cylinders are molded and tested for acceptance from the sample.

15. A contractor submits a Quality Control Plan in order to provide timely resolution to problems encountered during a concrete placement.
16. During a bridge deck placement if the evaporation rate exceeds 0.06 pounds per square foot per hour, the concrete placement should be stopped until protective measures are taken as specified in the QC Plan.



II. PROJECT DOCUMENTATION



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ECMS Project No. 36003
ECMS/CSOS Release 8.0 Material Certifications Test...

Contractor ALL

PLACEMENT DATE	WORK ITEM	SUPPLIER CODE	CONCRETE PLACED IN	CY	OVERALL STATUS
08/09/24	1001-0001	DUB17A42	Sidewalk	35	Break Sheet
	CYL Series	No. CYLS Molded	No. CYLS Tested	Failed	Completed Status
	I-AT-AA-50	10	2	0	3-Day Break
08/08/24	8010-0000	PE522D42	Deck	20	Break Sheet
	CYL Series	No. CYLS Molded	No. CYLS Tested	Failed	Completed Status
	S-AT-AAAP-1	16	0	0	Not Started
08/01/24	0633-0200	DUB17A42	Flow line	10	Break Sheet
	CYL Series	No. CYLS Molded	No. CYLS Tested	Failed	Completed Status
	I-AT-A-13	10	0	0	Not Started
07/14/24	1001-0001	DUB17A42	IOS 17.5 Testing	10	Break Sheet
	PVT Series	No. PVT C Molded	No. PVT C Tested	Failed	Completed Status
	S-AT-AA-33	8	0	0	Not Started
07/08/24	1001-0001	DUB17A42	Sidewalk LT	20	Complete
	CYL Series	No. CYLS Molded	No. CYLS Tested	Failed	Completed Status
	I-AT-AA-49	10	4	0	Complete
07/01/24	1001-0001	DUB17A42	2.2 Dup testing	10	IIC Review
	CYL Series	No. CYLS Molded	No. CYLS Tested	Failed	Completed Status
	S-AT-AA-31	12	4	0	28-Day Break
06/11/24	1001-0001	DUB17A42	Sidewalk/Curb	20	Complete
	CYL Series	No. CYLS Molded	No. CYLS Tested	Failed	Completed Status
	I-AT-AA-48	10	6	0	Complete
06/03/24	1001-0001	DUB17A42	Sidewalk RT	10	Complete
05/31/24	1001-0001	DUB17A42	IOS 17.5	10	Complete

eConcrete Web Add New Daily Record

Dashboard Air Meter QC Plan / Template VT

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Placement

Contractor Best Contractor Services

Work Item 1001-0001 [E] (CLASS AA...

Supplier (Code - Name) DUB17A42 - M & B Redi...

Released By Bill Eibach/PennDOT

Released On 08/09/2024 07:37 AM

Type of Placement incidental

Small Qty NO

Concrete Placed in Sidewalk

Placement Method Chute

If Other

Plant-Mixed Delivery Mixer Truck

If Other

From Station 100+50 LT

To Station 106+00 LT

Add a Plan Station

Testing Ranges

Class of Concrete AA

JMF No. - Year 601 - 2019

Trial Mix W/C Ratio 0.470

Air Meter No. 1981

Air Meter No. Backup 1980

Target Slump (in) 5

Slump Range (in) 3.5 - 6.5

Slump Action Points (in) 4, 6

Spec Upper Limit (in) 6.5 (in)

Air Content Range (%) 4.5 - 7.5

Air Action Points (%) 5, 7

Concrete Temp Range (°F) 50 - 90

Temp Action Points (°F) 55, 85

Air Temp Range (°F) 73 - 85

Type of Curing White Membrane Forming...

If Other

Weather Cloudy

Placement Trucks / Testing Comments Summary

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TRUCK NO.	W/C RATIO	TIME MIXED	TOTAL MIXING WATER (GAL)	TIME DISCHARGED	CY TOTAL	CY WASTED	TOTAL REV
3	0.450	8/09/24 9:00 AM	230.00	8/09/24 10:20 AM	10.00	0.00	126
TEST NO.	TEST TYPE	SLUMP	CONCRETE TEMP	AIR	REJECTED	NO. CYLS MOLDED	CYL SERIES NO.
1	AT	5.25	76	6.20	No	10	I-AT-AA-50

TRUCK NO.	W/C RATIO	TIME MIXED	TOTAL MIXING WATER (GAL)	TIME DISCHARGED	CY TOTAL	CY WASTED	TOTAL REV
3	0.450	8/09/24 8:28 AM	230.00	8/09/24 9:50 AM	10.00	0.00	152
TEST NO.	TEST TYPE	SLUMP	CONCRETE TEMP	AIR	REJECTED	NO. CYLS MOLDED	CYL SERIES NO.
1	QC	5.00	73	6.50	No		

TRUCK NO.	W/C RATIO	TIME MIXED	TOTAL MIXING WATER (GAL)	TIME DISCHARGED	CY TOTAL	CY WASTED	TOTAL REV
3	0.450	8/09/24 8:07 AM	230.00	8/09/24 9:26 AM	10.00	0.00	135
TEST NO.	TEST TYPE	SLUMP	CONCRETE TEMP	AIR	REJECTED	NO. CYLS MOLDED	CYL SERIES NO.
1	QC	4.50	75	6.30	No		

Sort	CY FOR DAY 30.00	USED 30.00	WASTED 0.00	REJECTED 0.00	Add New Truck
Placement	Trucks / Testing	Comments	Summary		

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DATE	PLACEMENT TYPE	CYLINDER SERIES NO.	VT
143	08/09/2024	Incidental	I-AT-AA-50
142	08/08/2024	Structural	S-AT-AAAP-1
141	08/01/2024	Incidental	I-AT-A-13
140	07/14/2024	Structural	S-AT-AA-33
139	07/08/2024	Incidental	I-AT-AA-49
138	07/01/2024	Structural	S-AT-AA-31
137	06/11/2024	Incidental	I-AT-AA-48
136	06/03/2024	Incidental	
135	05/31/2024	Structural	S-AT-AA-29
134	04/30/2024	Incidental	I-AT-AA-47
133	04/28/2024	Structural	S-AT-AA-28
132	04/23/2024	Incidental	I-AT-AA-46
131	04/09/2024	Incidental	
130	04/09/2024	Incidental	I-AT-A-4
129	04/09/2024	Incidental	I-AT-A-8

Dashboard Air Meter QC Plan / Template VT

PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

Back eConcrete 2.2 SYST-(UAT)
CS 458A - Sidewalk

ECMS PROJECT NO. 36003 S.R. NO. 72 SECTION 053 CONTRACTOR Best Contractor Services OVERALL STATUS Break Sheet
PLACEMENT DATE 08/09/24 ITEM 1001-0001 SUPPLIER DUB17442 CYLINDER SERIES NO. I-AT-AA-50 LOT SIZE 35.0

Two 28-Day QC & Two 28-Day AT Tests Required for Final Sign-off.

QC	AT	VT	IA	QA
Molded By George / 08/09/2024	Witnessed By Bill Eibach/PennDOT / 08/09/2024			
Cert No. 4321	Method of Capping Neoprene			

2 Test Performed By Joe Technician Test Performed Date 08/12/2024 Cert No. 3547

Sample Age 3 Hours Days

Test Type QC Break Type Type 4 (Diagonal)

Diameter #1 (in) 6.00 Diameter #2 (in) 6.00 Diameter Avg. (in) 6.00 Area (sq in) 28.27

Length (in) 12.00 Compressive Strength (psi) 3490

Max Applied Load (lbs.) 98625 Test Result Fail Pass

Test Witnessed By Bill Eibach/PennDOT

1 Test Performed By Joe Technician Test Performed Date 08/12/2024 Cert No. 3547

Sample Age 3 Hours Days

Test Type QC Break Type Type 4 (Diagonal)

Diameter #1 (in) 6.00 Diameter #2 (in) 6.00 Diameter Avg. (in) 6.00 Area (sq in) 28.27

Length (in) 12.00 Compressive Strength (psi) 3660

Max Applied Load (lbs.) 103420 Test Result Fail Pass

Test Witnessed By Bill Eibach/PennDOT

Break Sheet Break Tests Averages Comments Summary

Back eConcrete 2.2 SYST-(UAT)
CS 458A - Sidewalk

ECMS PROJECT NO. 36003 S.R. NO. 72 SECTION 053 CONTRACTOR Best Contractor Services OVERALL STATUS Break Sheet
PLACEMENT DATE 08/09/24 ITEM 1001-0001 SUPPLIER DUB17442 CYLINDER SERIES NO. I-AT-AA-50 LOT SIZE 35.0

Compressive Strength Maximum Applied Load

TEST SPEC: 3-Day QC

1	3660
2	3490
Avg.	3570

Overall Test Result: Fail Pass

Break Sheet Break Tests Averages Comments Summary

PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

Back eConcrete 2.2 SYST-(UAT)
CS 458A - Sidewalk

Inspector: George Relative Humidity: -- Air Temperature: 72° F 60° F

Testing Compressive Strength Machine / Tests Make: Fomey 1 Serial No.: 654345 Date Calibrated: 04/04/2023

Acceptance Test Slump: 5.25 in Air Content: 6.20% Concrete Temp: 76°

Verification Test Slump: -- Air Content: -- Concrete Temp: --

Acceptance First 24 Hours Cure Box Temp: 65° - 79° Method: Cure Box After 24 Hours AT & VT Temp: 71° - 73° Method: Lime Bath

Quality Control, Quality Assurance, and Independent Assurance After 24 Hours QC, QA, IA Temp: 60° - 85° Method: Field

MAX APPLIED LOAD / COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

Sample Age	Test Type	Compressive Strength (psi)	Max Applied Load (lbs)	Test Performed On	Test Performed By	Cert No.	Pass / Fail
3-Day	QC	3490	98625	08/12/2024	Joe Technician	3547	Pass
3-Day	QC	3660	103420	08/12/2024	Joe Technician	3547	Pass
Overall Test Results:							

QUALITY CONTROL

Molded By George Witnessed By Bill Eibach/PennDOT

Cert No. 4321 Method of Capping Neoprene

3-Day Test Performed By Joe Technician 3-Day Test Witnessed By Bill Eibach/PennDOT

Date of Loading / Form Removal -- Date Field Curing Discontinued --

ACCEPTANCE TEST

Molded By George Witnessed By Bill Eibach/PennDOT

Cert No. 4321 Method of Capping --

Date of Loading / Form Removal -- Date Field Curing Discontinued --

COMMENTS

No Compressive Report Comments Added

INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

This record can be reviewed by the Inspector-in-Charge but not approved until Submit occurs.

Break Sheet Break Tests Averages Comments Summary

Final Approval / Submittal

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PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

CS-458A (3-10)

REPORT OF COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH OF PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE

pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Contractor: Specialty Contractors, Inc. Producer: Ready Mixed Concrete Supply, Inc. ECMS Proj. No.: E013456

S.R. No.: 72 Sec.: ARI County: Allegheny Station Moided: 101-46 NB RT

Concrete Placed In: 9" Type A Patches Date Moided: 06-15-2021

Weather: Sunny Air Temp.: 81 LOW 58 Relative Humidity: N/A

Acceptance Test: Air Content: 5.3% Concrete Temp.: 69 Slump: 6.0"

Verification Test: Air Content: 6.4% Concrete Temp.: 79 W/C Ratio: 0.45

Testing Apparatus: Make: FTR Serial No.: 62165 Date Calibrated: 01-06-2021

Quality Control Specimen Curing: First 24 HRS: Temperature: HI 78 LOW 67 After 24 HRS: Temperature: HI 80 LOW 69 Method: Cure Box Method: Plastic

Acceptance Specimen Curing: First 24 HRS: Temperature: HI 78 LOW 67 After 24 HRS: Temperature: HI 80 LOW 69 Method: Cure Box Method: Lime Bath

TEST SPEC.	MAXIMUM APPLIED LOAD - NEWTONS (lb)	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH - MPa (PSI)		
	7-DAY QC	28-DAY QC	28-DAY AT	VERIFICATION
1	109360	3870		
2	106050	3750		
Avg.	107705	3810		
3	130820	4630		
4	133580	4720		
Avg.	132100	4675		
5	137680	4860	4750	
6	136530	4830	4700	
Avg.	136885	4845	4725	

Quality Control & Acceptance Tests

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE & DATE: J. Molder 06-15-2021

SIGNATURE OF DOT REPRESENTATIVE & DATE: B. Wittemer 06-15-2021

SIGNATURE OF DOT REPRESENTATIVE & DATE: B. Wittemer 06-15-2021

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE & DATE: J. Molder 06-15-2021

TEST NO.: 1234 METHOD OF CAPPING: NEOPRENE

TESTED BY: T. Traylor 06-15-2021 WITNESSED BY: S. Lankford 06-15-2021

TESTED BY: T. Traylor 06-15-2021 WITNESSED BY: S. Lankford 06-15-2021

TESTED BY: T. Traylor 06-15-2021 WITNESSED BY: S. Lankford 06-15-2021

TESTED BY: T. Traylor 06-15-2021 WITNESSED BY: S. Lankford 06-15-2021

DATE OF LOADING/FORM REMOVAL: 06-22-2021

DATE FIELD CURING DISCONTINUED: 06-22-2021

Inspector In Charge: B. Eibach

White - Project Engineer Yellow - District Materials Engineer Black - MTE/QA Director

II.e. Compressive Strength Results

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PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

CS 458A (3-10)

pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Concrete Book Compressive Summary

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT INFO

General

Date Completed & Sent to District: 11/23/2021 Test For: Control Class of Concrete: AA

Series No.: A-T-A-B-7 JRF No.: M Mix: 410

Contractor: XYZ Contractor Producer: ABC Ready Mix ECMS Project No.: 12345

S.R. No.: 80 Section: B41 County: Clearfield

Molding

Station Moided: 8-20821 EB Date Moided: 10/26/2021 Concrete Placed In: Cheek Walls

Weather: Cloudy Relative Humidity: 60% Air Temperature: 80°-80°

Testing Testing Apparatus

Make: Fomey Serial No.: 881682305 Date Calibrated: 01/23/2021

Acceptance Test

Air Content: 6.80% Concrete Temperature: 84° Slump: 4.00 in

Verification Test

Air Content: -- Concrete Temperature: -- Slump: --

Quality Control

First 24 Hrs Temperature: 84°-88° Method: Cure Box After 24 Hrs Temperature: 69°-74° Method: Field

Acceptance First 24 Hrs Temperature: 84°-88° Method: Cure Box After 24 Hrs Temperature: 70°-76° Method: Lime Bath

MAX APPLIED LOAD / COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

Sample Age	Test Type	Max Applied Load	Compressive Strength	Test Performed On	Test Performed By	Pass / Fail
7-Day	QC	114670	4630	11/23/2021	J. Tester/PennDOT BP-800000	Pass
7-Day	QC	116730	4130	11/23/2021	J. Tester/PennDOT BP-800000	Pass
28-Day	AT	141500	5030	11/23/2021	M. Tester/PennDOT	Pass
28-Day	QC	131000	4830	11/23/2021	M. Tester/PennDOT	Pass
28-Day	AT	130500	4830	11/23/2021	M. Tester/PennDOT	Pass
28-Day	QC	130800	4770	11/23/2021	M. Tester/PennDOT	Pass

QUALITY CONTROL

Molded By B. Molder Witnessed By J. Tester/PennDOT BP-000000

Cert No. 1234 Method of Capping --

II.e. CS-458A Compressive Strength Results

eConcrete App Web Portal

II.f. Water/Cement Ratio Determination

Importance of W/C Ratio

- **W/C is an indicator of freeze-thaw durability of a concrete mix and its strength potential**
- Air-entrained concrete with a low W/C ratio is much more resistant to freeze-thaw cycles than a high W/C mix

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II.f. Water/Cement Ratio Determination

Importance of W/C Ratio

- There is also a correlation of the W/C to compressive strength
 - Lower W/C mixes provide a higher compressive strength than high W/C mixes

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II.f. Water/Cement Ratio Determination

Table A
Cement Concrete Criteria

Class of Concrete	Use	Cement Factor ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ (lbs./cu. yd.)		Water Cement Ratio ⁽⁵⁾ (lbs./lbs.)		Minimum Mix ^(1,7) Design Compressive Strength (psi)				28-Day Structural Design Compressive Strength (psi)
						Days				
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	3	7	28 ⁽⁸⁾	56 ⁽⁸⁾	
AAAP	Bridge Deck	560	640		0.45	—	3,000	4,000	—	4,000
AAA ⁽³⁾	Other	634	752		0.43	—	3,600	4,500	—	4,000
AAAP LW	Bridge Deck	600	730		0.45	---	3,000	4,000	---	4,000
AA	Slip Form Paving	517	611	0.37	0.42	—	3,000	4,000	—	3,500
AA	Form Paving	517	611	0.37	0.45	—	3,000	4,000	—	3,500
AA	Accelerated Paving ⁽⁶⁾	517	800		0.47	—	—	3,750	—	3,500
HES	Paving	517	800	0.37	0.42	2,000	---	4,000	---	3,500
S	Sidewalk	517	611	0.37	0.45	---	3,000	4,000	---	3,500
AA	Structures and Misc.	587	752		0.47	---	3,000	3,750	---	3,500
AA LW		587	752		0.47	---	3,000	3,750	---	3,000
ASC ⁽⁹⁾		587	846		0.47	---	---	4,000	---	4,000
A		564	752		0.50	---	2,750	3,300	---	3,000
C		394	658		0.66	---	1,500	2,000	---	2,000
HES		752	846		0.40	1,000	---	3,750	---	3,500

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II.f. Water/Cement Ratio Determination

$$W/C = \frac{\text{Total Water (by weight)}}{\text{Total Cementitious (by weight)}}$$

1. Calculate the total weight of water
2. Calculate the total weight of cementitious
3. Divide total water by total cementitious

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II.f. Water/Cement Ratio Determination

Total Water = Batched Water + Surface Moisture
in the Aggregates + Wash Down
Water + Ice

Total Cementitious = Cement + Pozzolan

Pozzolan

Fly Ash

Slag Cement

Silica Fume (microsilica)

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II.f. Water/Cement Ratio Determination

Additional Info to Know

- Water and cementitious material need to be in *like* units
 - lbs/CY
 - lbs/Load
- Some admixtures like accelerators and corrosion inhibitors of 1 gal/CY or more count as water
- 1 gallon of water = 8.33 lbs
- 1 lb of ice = 1 lb of water

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PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

II.f. Determine W/C from Batch-Mixer Slip & Delivery Slip

1. Record # yards on truck	10 CY	Delivery Slip
2. Batched Water for this load	1947 lbs	Delivery Slip
3. Surface Moisture in Aggregates / CY	62 lbs	Batcher/Mixer Slip
4. Surface Moisture in Aggr for this load	620 lbs	(#1 x #3)
5. Wash Down Water for this load	10 gals	Delivery Slip
6. Convert Wash Down from gal to lbs	83 lbs	(#5 x 8.33 lbs/gal)
7. Calculate Total Water in load	2650 lbs	(#2 + #4 + #6)
8. Total Cementitious Material in load (Cement + Pozzolan)	5000 + 880 5880 lbs	Delivery Slip
9. Calculate W/C Ratio	0.45	(#7 ÷ #8)

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PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

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TR-4221 (12-15)



Concrete Mix Design Form

Supplier Code: RMC02A42
JMF No.: 655
JMF Year: 2021
Supplier JMF Design # (Opt.):

Producer: Ready Mix Concrete Supply Inc.

Location: [Blank]

Contractor: [Blank]

Segment: S10W0

Material Class: AA

Mix Identifier: [Blank]

Structure Class: [Blank]

ECMS No./P.O. No.: [Blank]

JMF Status: Approved

II.f. Determine W/C from Batch-Mixer Slip & Delivery Slip

- Review the Approved Mix Design
- Verify that the Plant is sending Mix #2 with the proper amount of water
- The maximum # of gals/CY of water permitted to be added to this load?

Material	Material Code	Material Class	Product Name	Producer Name	Supplier Code	Sp. Gr.	Abs	ASR
Cement	276	F		PA Cement Company - Boomeriville	PACO 15	3.150	0.00	
Pozzolan	276	F		Ash Supply Company - Danville, VA	ASCO 15	2.400	0.00	
Coarse Aggregate	203	AS7		Big Rocks Stone Company - Bedford	BR052A 14	2.600	0.48	0.02
Fine Aggregate	207	A		Gravel/ Sand Company - Sand Lake	GSC02A 14	2.550	1.16	
Water	420	WTRMIX	City of Pittsburgh No Bulletin 15 Listing		NOBLT 15	1.000		
					G30W07	Ozdyz	Mfg Data/Max Min	
Admixture	453	ASA	AE 120	Admixtures, Inc.	ADMAE 15	1.00	3.98	
Admixture	463	WR	WR 160	Admixtures, Inc.	ADAW 15	3.00	17.84	2.00 6.00
Admixture	463	RE	RE 750	Admixtures, Inc.	ADARE 15	2.00	11.76	2.00 5.00

When HVE admixture is used on concrete a 50°F or in hot weather, the manufacturer's maximum recommended dosage rate for HVE admixture must be used to get 60 minutes of cure time.

When using HVE admixture, it must be used at the manufacturer's maximum dosage rate to use the maximum of 8" slump per 104.1 kg/m³.

When additional admixtures are used, the concrete performance may be better than the manufacturer's maximum recommended dosage rate.

RCP Columns: 1547
Microsilica: 0.470
Strength Data Based on Max W/C: 0.470

F_{cr} (Compressive Strength) PSI

7 Days	4,830	Avg PSI	14 Days	5,678	Avg PSI	28 Days	6,272	Avg PSI	56 Days	6,390	Avg PSI
W/C Ratio by wt.											
Cement (lb)	276	1	FACO 15	600	600	600	600	600	600	600	600
Pozzolan (lb)	276	F	ASCO 15	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
Total Cementitious (lb)				590	590	590	590	590	590	590	590
Coarse Agg. (lb)	203	AS7	BR052A 14	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776
Total Coarse Agg. (lb)				1776	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776
Fine Agg. (lb)	207	A	GSC02A 14	1137	1169	1199	1230	1261			
Total Water (gal)				276	265	263	241	229			
Admixture Water (gal)											
Mix Water (gal)				276	265	263	241	229			
Admixture Solidified (lb)											
Total (lb)				3777	3796	3816	3836	3865			
Unit Weight (pccs ft ³)				139.89	142.62	144.32	142.94	142.76			
Coarse Agg. (cu ft)				10.95	10.94	10.95	10.95	10.94			
Total Water (gal)				33.2	31.8	30.4	28.9	27.5			
Total Water (gal)				33.2	31.6	30.4	28.9	27.5			

From trial mix dated: 11/22/2005
28/7 ratio from worksheet dated: 11/22/2005
% Air: 6.00

Designed By: W. G. Girard
Submitted By: J. Johnson
District Approver: T. Jones, DME 11-0

Designed Date: 5/5/21
Submitted Date: 5/6/21
Approved Date: 6/12/21

- Review the Approved Mix Design
- Verify that the Plant is sending Mix #2 with the proper amount of water
- What is the maximum # of gals/CY of water permitted to be added to this load?

- Review the Approved Mix Design
- Verify that the Plant is sending Mix #2 with the proper amount of water
- What is the maximum # of gals/CY of water permitted to be added to this load?

Cancel Calculator Save

W/C From Batcher - Mixer Slip W/C From Materials Ticket

Concrete (CY) Batched Mixing Water (LB)

Pozzolan Weight (LB) Ice (LB)

Portland Cement Weight (LB) Wash Down Water (Gallons)

Total Cementitious 0.0 Added Water (Gallons)

Total Water 0.0 Surface Moisture in Aggregates (LB)

W/C Calculation

App Calculator

Copy From Previous Truck



II.g. Water/Cement Ratio Determination by Batch Plant Printout

A/R Concrete Plants

- Use moisture probes that determine the actual percentage of moisture in the aggregates
- Automatically adjust the amount of batch water based on the design target, actual batched quantities and the amount of moisture in the aggregates determined by the probes
- Some plants are equipped, but do not use
 - Contact supplier prior to placement

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Water/Cement Ratio and Adding Water

- Max W/C ratio for each mix is listed on the mix design form, normally the Trial mix
- This is the W/C ratio used to determine the strength potential of the mix
- When adding water, this is the amount of water that cannot be exceeded for this particular mix

	Material Code	Material Class	Supplier Code	Max W/C	Mix # 2	Mix # 3	Mix # 4	Mix # 5
W/C Ratio by wt.				0.470	0.450	0.430	0.410	0.390
Total Water (gal.)				33.2	31.8	30.4	28.9	27.5

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Concrete Mix Design Form

Supplier Code: RMC02A42 JMF No.: 055 JMF Year: 2021 Supplier JMF Design # (CP#):

Product: Ready Mix Concrete Supply Inc.

Location: Contractor: Sec/Segment: S18W0 Material Class: AA Mix Identifier: Structure Class: ECMS No./PO No.: JMF Status: Approved

Material	Material Code	Material Class	Product Name	Supplier Code	Sp. Gr.	Abs	ASR
Cement	275	I	PA Cement Company - Boomerville	PAC0 15	3.150	0.00	
Pozzolan	276	F	Ash Supply Company - Danville, PA	AS00 15	2.400	0.00	
Coarse Aggregate	203	A57	Big Rocks Stone Company - Bedford	BR502A 14	2.600	0.46	0.02
Fine Aggregate	207	A	Gravel Sand Company - Sand Lake	GS002A 14	2.550	1.16	
Water	420	WTRMIX	City of Pittsburgh No Bulletin 15 Listing	NOBLT 15	1.000		
Admixture	403	AEA	AE120 Admixtures, Inc.	ADM0 15	1.00	5.88	
Admixture	403	WR	WR100 Admixtures, Inc.	ADM0 15	3.00	17.64	2.00
Admixture	403	RE	RE150 Admixtures, Inc.	ADM0 15	2.00	11.76	2.00

When 10% admixture is used in concrete a 80% or 10% test results, the manufacturer's maximum recommended dosage rate for 10% admixture must be used to get 10% reduction of drying time. When using a 10% admixture, it must be used at manufacturer's maximum dosage rate to use the maximum of 10% admixture per 100 lbs of cement.

When using 10% admixture, it must be used at manufacturer's maximum dosage rate to use the maximum of 10% admixture per 100 lbs of cement. Any additional admixture utilized to enhance the concrete performance may be below the manufacturer's maximum recommended dosage rate.

RCPP Columns: 1547 Total admix water per cubic yard: 28.7 ratio from worksheet dated 11/22/2005 Strength Data Based on Max W/C: 0.470 28.7 day strength ratio (AAAP Only) % Air: 6.00

F_{ci} (Compressive Strength) PSI

	7 Days	14 Days	28 Days	56 Days	90 Days
W/C Ratio by wt.	0.470	0.450	0.430	0.410	0.390
Cement (lbs)	580	580	580	580	580
Pozzolan (lbs)	580	580	580	580	580
Total Cementitious (lbs)	1160	1160	1160	1160	1160
Coarse Agg. (lbs)	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776
Total Coarse Agg. (lbs)	1776	1776	1776	1776	1776
Fine Agg. (lbs)	1137	1168	1199	1230	1261
Total Water (lbs)	276	265	253	241	229
Admixture Water (lbs)					
Mix Water (lbs)	276	265	253	241	229
Admixture Solid/dry (lbs)					
Total (lbs)	3777	3796	3816	3836	3855
Unit Weight (lb/cu ft.)	136.88	140.65	141.52	142.04	142.76
Coarse Agg. (cu ft.)	10.95	10.95	10.95	10.95	10.95
Total Water (gal.)	33.2	31.8	30.4	28.9	27.5
Mix Water (gal.)	33.2	31.8	30.4	28.9	27.5

Designed By: W. G. Strad Submitted By: J. Johnson District Approver: T. Jones, DME 11-0

Designed Date: 5/5/21 Submitted Date: 5/8/21 Approved Date: 5/12/21

Water/Cement Ratio and Adding Water



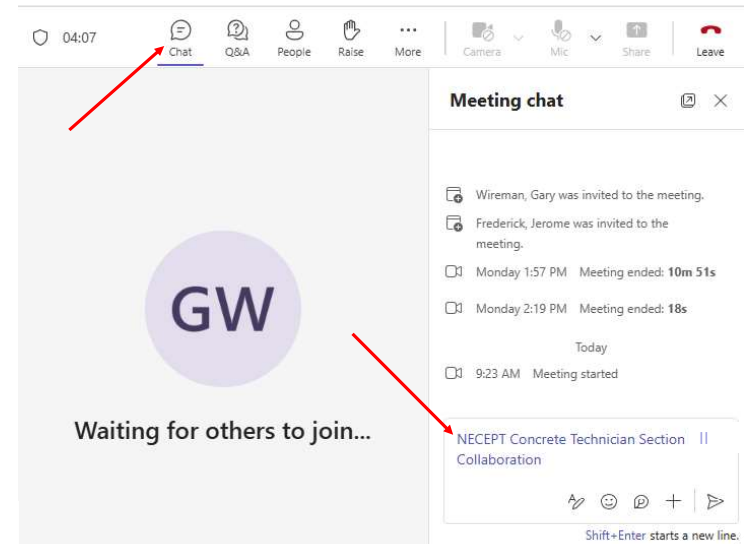
Water/Cement Ratio

- It is essential that the jobsite technicians are familiar with the paperwork and documentation and only the first page of the Mix Design is needed on the project
- Some admixtures like accelerators and corrosion inhibitors of 1 gal/CY or more count as water
 - Example included in Appendix I, Page 153
- The W/C ratio is an indicator of the freeze thaw durability and strength potential of the concrete mix**



II. Project Documentation

Review Questions



II. PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

Review Questions



NECEPT Concrete Technician Section II

* Required

Concrete Technician Section II Questions

1. Concrete delivery tickets must contain the signature of the plant technician or designated company representative. (5 Points) *

☒ True

☐ False

2. The Water/Cement ratio is the Total Water (by weight) divided by the Total Cementitious material (by weight). (10 Points) *

☒ True

☐ False

You must answer all the questions before you will be able to Submit!!



NECEPT Concrete Technician Section I

Points: 35/100

Student information

Student first name *

chip

Student last name *

is

Section I Questions

Correct 35 Points

1. Upon arrival at a jobsite, concrete from a revolving drum mixer must be agitated for at least _____ revolutions prior to placing the concrete. *

☒ 15

☐ 20

☐ 25

☐ 30

Incorrect 0 Points

2. Concrete temperature for a bridge deck placement must be between _____ °F and _____ °F *

☐ 50 and 90

Close Browser

Return to Teams

REMEMBER: After reviewing your answers, close the internet browser and return to Teams.



PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

1. Concrete delivery tickets must contain the signature of the plant technician or designated company representative. **True** / False
2. The Water/Cement ratio is the Total Water (by weight) divided by the Total cementitious material (by weight). **True** / False
3. At the start of a concrete operation and prior to the field adjustment of any mixes, the technician and inspector must have the following information at the placement: quality control plan, approved mix design, batcher-mixer slip, and delivery ticket.
4. A concrete mix design must be reviewed by the DME prior to use. **True** / False
5. A batcher-mixer slip is to be provided with the first truck and at a minimum of every 4 hours during the placement. **True** / False
6. Compressive strength test results are reported on Form CS- 458A.
7. Total cementitious material used to determine the Water/Cement ratio of a mix includes, by weight, Portland cement, fly ash, silica fume, or slag cement.

**PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION**

12. The maximum Water/Cement ratio for a Class AAAP mix design is 0.45.
13. When completing a CS-458A, compressive strengths are recorded to the nearest 10 psi.
14. Calculate the W/C ratio given the following information for a 10 CY load: From the delivery ticket the total cementitious material 6580 lbs and the total batched water is 2048 lbs. From the batcher-mixer slip there is 65 lbs. of surface moisture per CY. 0.41.
Surface moisture is given in lbs/CY. Calculate for a 10 CY load:
10 CY x 65 lbs/CY = 650 lbs of surface moisture in the load
W/C = (2048 lbs + 650 lbs) ÷ 6580 lbs = 0.41
15. When computing W/C ratio in mixes using certain accelerating or corrosion inhibiting admixtures, the admixture liquid needs to be included with the total water when the dosage is one (1) gal/CY or more.

**PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION**

8. The contractor's technician should verify their information is entered in the eConcrete App. **True** / False
9. One gallon of water weighs 8.33 pounds.
10. Calculate the Water/Cement ratio given the total cementitious material is 5,880 lbs. and the total water is 304 gallons. 0.43.
To calculate W/C Ratio, both the water and the cementitious material must be the same units
Total water = 304 gal x 8.33 lbs/gal = 2532 lbs
W/C = total water ÷ total cementitious material = 2532 lbs ÷ 5880 lbs = 0.43
11. One pound of ice equals One (1) pound of water.

**PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION**

16. Total water in the concrete mix includes batched water plus surface moisture plus wash down water plus ice.
17. Only the front sheet of the Master Concrete Mix Design (TR-4221) needs to be submitted to the project. **True** / False
18. A concrete mix has a maximum W/C ratio of 0.47 based on total water in the mix of 33.2 gal/CY. A 10 CY load of concrete from a step-down interval of this mix is delivered to the project. The batched water is 2118 pounds for the load. The batcher-mixer slip tells you the surface moisture in the aggregates is 7.1 gal/CY. The W/C ratio for this step-down interval is 0.46. If the contractor is permitted to add water to improve the workability, how many gallons can be added at the jobsite? 0.7 gal/CY
Or 7 gallons



How many gals/CY of water are allowed in this load of concrete by the Trial Mix (Max. Mix Design W/C)?

(provided in the question) : 33.2 gal/CY

How many gals/CY of water are already in this 10 CY load of concrete?

Batched Water: 2118 lbs (provided in the question) / 8.33 lbs/gal = 254 gal

OR 254 gal / 10 CY = 25.4 gal/CY

Surface Moisture in the Aggregates: (provided in the question) 7.1 gal/CY

Total Water: 25.4 gal/CY + 7.1 gal/CY = 32.5 gal/CY

How many gals/CY of water can be added to this load of concrete?

33.2 gal/CY – 32.5 gal/CY = 0.7 gal/CY

0.7 gal/CY x 10 CY = 7 gallons



III. Acceptance Process

The Department's overall concrete acceptance process includes a combination of Quality Control, Acceptance, Verification, and Quality Assurance sampling and testing



III. Acceptance Process



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III.a. Acceptance Testing

- A higher class of concrete may be used in place of an indicated lower-class concrete if the higher-class concrete conforms to all the requirements of the indicated lower class and if approved by the Department
 - The indicated lower class is the class required by the contract documents
 - Typically, the class is either shown in the plans or the specifications for the element to be constructed



III.a. Acceptance Testing

Table A
Cement Concrete Criteria

Class of Concrete	Use	Cement Factor ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽¹⁰⁾ (lbs./cu. yd.)		Water Cement Ratio ⁽⁵⁾ (lbs./lbs.)		Minimum Mix ^(1,7) Design Compressive Strength (psi)				28-Day Structural Design Compressive Strength (psi)
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Days				
						3	7	28 ⁽⁸⁾	56 ⁽⁸⁾	
AAAP	Bridge Deck	560	640		0.45	—	3,000	4,000	—	4,000
AAA ⁽³⁾	Other	634	752		0.43	—	3,600	4,500	—	4,000
AAAP LW	Bridge Deck	600	730		0.45	—	3,000	4,000	—	4,000
AA	Slip Form Paving	517	611	0.37	0.42	—	3,000	4,000	—	3,500
AA	Form Paving	517	611	0.37	0.45	—	3,000	4,000	—	3,500
AA	Accelerated Paving ⁽⁶⁾	517	800		0.47	—	—	3,750	—	3,500
HES	Paving	517	800	0.37	0.42	2,000	—	4,000	—	3,500
S	Sidewalk	517	611	0.37	0.45	—	3,000	4,000	—	3,500
AA	Structures and Misc.	587	752		0.47	—	3,000	3,750	—	3,500
AA LW		587	752		0.47	—	3,000	3,750	—	3,000
ASC ⁽⁹⁾		587	846		0.47	—	—	4,000	—	4,000
A		564	752		0.50	—	2,750	3,300	—	3,000
C		394	658		0.66	—	1,500	2,000	—	2,000
HES		752	846		0.40	3,000	—	3,750	—	3,500

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III.a. Acceptance Testing

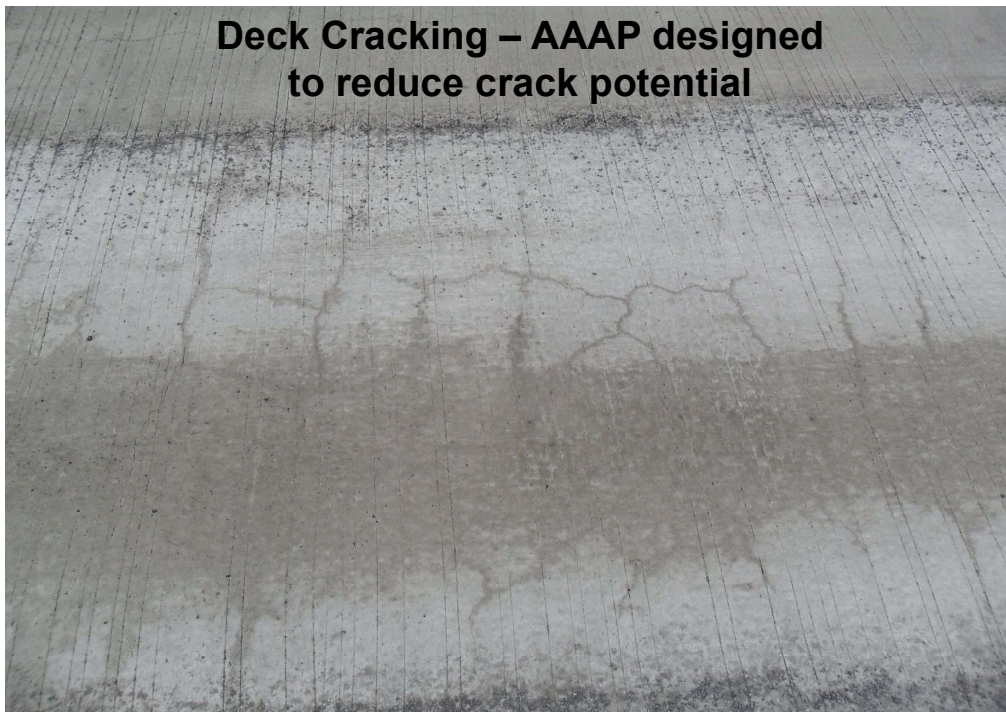
- Minimum mix design compressive strength for AAAP is 4000 psi
- Maximum Water/Cement ratio is 0.45 for AAAP
- The goal of Class AAAP is to increase resistance to chloride ion penetration and to reduce shrinkage potential while still exceeding compressive strength requirements

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Deck Cracking – AAAP designed to reduce crack potential



III.a. Acceptance Testing

- Acceptance Lots are established DAILY in accordance with Table B
 - Do not continue Lots from one day to the next
 - Except for RPS and Long-Life Concrete Pavements

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III.a. Acceptance Testing

TABLE B
Maximum Lot Size for Concrete Acceptance

Construction Area	Maximum Lot Size
Structural Concrete	100 cu. yd.
Pavement Concrete	500 cu. yd.
Pavement Patching Concrete	200 cu. yd.
Incidental Concrete	100 cu. yd.

Daily lot sizes are determined by the contractor, not to exceed maximum lot sizes



III.a. Acceptance Testing

- Bridge Deck 110 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
 - 2 lots, 100 CY and 10 CY or
 - 2 lots, 50 CY and 60 CY etc.
- Paving Patching 300 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
- Paving 450 cubic yards on Monday and 50 cubic yards on Tuesday for a total of 500 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?



III.a. Acceptance Testing

- Bridge Deck 110 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
- Paving Patching 300 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
- Paving 450 cubic yards on Monday and 50 cubic yards on Tuesday for a total of 500 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?



III.a. Acceptance Testing

- Bridge Deck 110 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
 - 2 lots, 100 CY and 10 CY or
 - 2 lots, 50 CY and 60 CY etc.
- Paving Patching 300 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
 - 2 lots, 200 CY and 100 CY or
 - 2 lots, 150 CY and 150 CY etc.
- Paving 450 cubic yards on Monday and 50 cubic yards on Tuesday for a total of 500 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?



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- Bridge Deck 110 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
 - 2 lots, 100 CY and 10 CY or
 - 2 lots, 50 CY and 60 CY etc.
- Paving Patching 300 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
 - 2 lots, 200 CY and 100 CY or
 - 2 lots, 150 CY and 150 CY etc.
- Paving 450 cubic yards on Monday and 50 cubic yards on Tuesday for a total of 500 cubic yards
 - How many lots? Size of the lots?
 - 1 lot on Monday, 450 CY
 - 1 lot on Tuesday, 50 CY

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III.a. Acceptance Testing

- Acceptance samples will be obtained and tested by the contractor – *witnessed* by the *Inspector*
- Acceptance samples will be tested for plastic air content, temperature, and compressive strength according to Pub 408 Section 704.1(d)5

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III.a. Acceptance Testing

- Acceptance Lots must be specific to each structural element unless allowed in writing to combine
- Acceptance sampling locations are determined randomly per PTM No. 1 by the Inspector
- Acceptance samples are obtained at the point of placement
 - Exception, Section 1001.3(k)4, Pumping

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III.a. Acceptance Testing

- AT cylinders are lime-bath cured and must be tested at 28 days
 - Strength requirements are outlined in Table A
 - Lot Acceptance is based on the 28-day AT compressive strength results as well as the 28-day QC cylinder results
 - The 28-day breaks are not extended when cold weather curing temperatures are not maintained

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III.a. Acceptance Testing

- 2 Acceptance cylinders are tested with the results averaged
 - Most Contractors mold 4 acceptance cylinders – 2 are back-ups for unforeseen issues



For AAAP mixes, mold 56-day cylinders and conduct compressive strength testing **only** if cylinders fail to meet their strength requirements at 28 days



III.b. QC Cylinder Requirements



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III.b. QC Cylinder Requirements

- Quality Control cylinders must be obtained from the same sample selected for *Acceptance testing*
- Contractor's responsibility to mold sufficient cylinders for form removal, loading strengths, and any other special requirements
- Handling and protection of field-cured QC cylinders should be covered in detail in the contractor's QC plan

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III.b. QC Cylinder Requirements

- 7-day QC Compressive Strength Cylinders
 - Used to discontinue field cure for the Lot
 - If 7-day strengths aren't met, curing must be continued until 28-day strengths are met or 28 days
 - The 7-day breaks are not extended when cold weather curing temperatures are not maintained

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III.b. QC Cylinder Requirements

- 28-day QC Compressive Strength Cylinders
 - Lot Acceptance is based on the 28-day QC compressive strength results as well as the Acceptance cylinder strength results
 - The 28-day breaks are not extended when cold weather curing temperatures are not maintained
 - Care must be taken to protect QC cylinders if they are relocated after curing is discontinued on the structural element, they represent

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III.c. Verification Testing

- Verification testing (VT) is performed by a **Department Representative** from the same sample of material obtained for Acceptance testing
- The Department Rep., using the same equipment as the contractor, should be able to provide similar results from the same sample of material
- VT cylinders are lime-bath cured with the AT cylinders

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III.b. QC Cylinder Requirements

- 28-day QC Compressive Strength Cylinders
 - If the 28-day QC compressive strength test results are < the Table A 28-day structural design compressive strength, acceptance of the lot is based on core results as per Section 110.10(d)
 - For bridge decks, Section 110.10 says to conduct 56-day cylinder compressive strength testing
 - Make sure to mold enough cylinders

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III.c. Verification Testing

- VT testing is performed in conjunction with the first acceptance test and once for every 10 acceptance tests thereafter for each type of concrete specified in Table B, not by class of concrete

TABLE B
Maximum Lot Size for Concrete Acceptance

Construction Area	Maximum Lot Size
Structural Concrete	100 cu. yd.
Pavement Concrete	500 cu. yd.
Pavement Patching Concrete	200 cu. yd.
Incidental Concrete	100 cu. yd.

- Department Representative will determine all test locations and document all results

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III.c. Verification Testing

- Use a back-up thermometer and check the temperature concurrently with the contractor
- Immediately after the contractor runs an **acceptable** plastic air content test, the Department Representative runs an air test from the same sample using the **same air meter** to verify the contractor's results



III.c. Verification Testing

If the test results differ by more than 5 °F for Temperature, 1.0% for Plastic Air Content, or **500 psi** for Compressive Strength, the Department will immediately review test procedures, equipment, and personnel used in the acceptance testing process and implement corrective measures to ensure tests meet the specified tolerances



III.c. Verification Testing

- The Department Representative molds two (2) verification cylinders from the same sample as the acceptance cylinders
- Cure the cylinders in the lime bath with the acceptance cylinders
- **Department Representative will perform tests for 28-day compressive strength**



III.c. Verification Testing



Please test the AT and VT cylinders until failure when performing comparison tests!!!



III.d. Quality Assurance/Independent Assurance Testing

QA/IA testing provides an independent check on the equipment used in the acceptance process by having the Quality Assurance representative run tests from the same sample of material with two sets of equipment.

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III.d. Quality Assurance/Independent Assurance Testing

- With a QC test, Quality Assurance will obtain a companion temperature of the concrete along with the technician's temperature
- After the Contractor's technician runs the plastic air content test, the QA representative will run a second air content test using the back-up air meter



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III.d. Quality Assurance/Independent Assurance Testing

- QA/IA cylinders will be molded and are tested at both the project and LTS at 28-days to provide a check on the compression machine used in the acceptance process
- QA/IA cylinders are field-cured the same as the QC cylinders



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III.d. Quality Assurance/Independent Assurance Testing

If the test results differ by more than 5 °F for Temperature, 1.0% for Plastic Air Content, or **500 psi** for Compressive Strength, the Quality Assurance Representative will immediately review test procedures, equipment, and personnel used in the acceptance testing process and implement corrective measures to ensure tests meet the specified tolerances

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III.d. Quality Assurance/Independent Assurance Testing



Please test the QC cylinders until failure when performing comparison tests!!!

- LTS will test QA/IA cylinders until failure



III.e. Section 501 Concrete Pavements

- The mix design will have an air content of **7.0% +/- 1.5%** in the plastic state
- The mix design will have an optimized aggregate structure
- Does not apply to Accelerated AAPAVE



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III.e. Section 501 Concrete Pavements

- Comprehensive QC plan required
 - Covers the entire concrete production and pavement process, not just concrete testing
 - QC test frequencies may be reduced to one set of tests for every 50 cubic yards or 30 minutes whichever is greater of continuous production
 - QC cylinders for Opening to Traffic

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III.e. Section 501 Concrete Pavements

- Curing Materials
 - Poly-alpha-methylstyrene (PAMS) liquid membrane



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III.e. Section 501 Concrete Pavements

- Opening to Traffic
 - QC cylinders molded from the same sample of concrete selected for Acceptance testing and from the last mixer load of the day for accelerated strength pavements
 - Strength Requirements

Table D

Slab Thick, inches	Strength for Opening to Traffic, psi	
	Slab Length < 10 ft	Slab Length ≥ 10 ft
	f'_c	f'_c
6.0	3000	3600
7.0	2400	2700
8.0	2150	2150
9.0 +	2000	2000

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III.f. RPS Cement Concrete Pavements

- RPS (Restricted Performance Specification) Concrete Pavements – Pub. 408 Section 506



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III.g. Long-Life Concrete Pavements (LLCP)

- Pub. 408 Section 530



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III.h. Accelerated Concrete for Patching



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III.h. Accelerated Concrete for Patching

- Accelerated strength concrete patches require special consideration with regards to curing temperatures and opening to traffic strengths
- Read contract special provisions carefully to ensure all requirements are being met as conditions differ statewide

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III.h. Accelerated Concrete for Patching

Curing

- Cylinders are to be cured under the same conditions as the patch
- Ambient air temperature around the patch must be 80 °F or above
- Curing temperature in any 1 hr period cannot vary in excess of 40 °F
 - Patches will be considered defective if > 40 °F
 - Temperatures should be monitored and recorded

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III.h. Accelerated Concrete for Patching

- The mix design will have an air content of 6.0% +/- 1.5% in the plastic state (SOL 481-21-01)
- Does not require optimized aggregate gradation
- Section 501.3(l) provides general "curing"
- Section 501.3(q) provides "opening to traffic" compressive strength requirements

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III.h. Accelerated Concrete for Patching

QC Cylinder Testing

- 1,200 psi compressive strength required prior to "opening to traffic"
- MINIMUM "opening to traffic" QC cylinders required every 200 CY or fraction thereof and from the final load placed

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III.h. Accelerated Concrete for Patching

AT Cylinder Testing

- Daily Lots and every 200 CY or fraction thereof
- 28-day AT & QC cylinders are also required for acceptance
 - Except for Opening to Traffic failures
 - Section 704 Table A requires 3,750 psi

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III.i. Placing Concrete in Water

- Do not begin concrete placement until the placement procedures, concrete mix design, inspection procedures, and concrete sampling procedures have been approved
- Details for an underwater concrete placement should be clearly defined in the contractor's QC Plan and reviewed at the pre-placement meeting
- Water must have a temperature of $\geq 40^{\circ}\text{F}$

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III.i. Placing Concrete in Water

- When placing concrete in extremely wet conditions or under water a concrete mix with an Anti-Washout Admixture (AWA) is required by specification
- A mix with a 2.5" max slump and +25% extra cement may be permitted by DME/DMM if AWA is waived



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III.i. Concrete with Anti-Washout Admixture (AWA)

- Concrete with an AWA must have a plastic air content between 4.5% and 7.5%
 - Not required to be air-entrained below the frost line
- Maximum allowable slump is 8"
- All AT & QC compressive strength requirements must be met

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III.i. +25% Extra Cement Concrete

- Maximum allowable slump is 2.5"
- Plastic air content must be between 4.5% and 7.5% - Regardless of above/below frost line
- All AT & QC compressive strength requirements must be met
 - If $\geq 50\%$ of the Lot is +25% extra cement, sampling can be used from a +25% load
 - If $< 50\%$ of the Lot is +25% extra cement, select another random number so sampling is not from a +25% load

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III.j. Pumping Concrete



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III.j. Pumping Concrete

Section 1001.3(k)4

- The objective of this specification is to minimize disruptions to the concrete pumping and placement operations
 - Permits AT sampling & testing at a location other than at the point of placement

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III.j. Pumping Concrete

QC & AT SAMPLING & TESTING

- QC & AT sampling location will be determined daily on the first load and every 200 CY thereafter
 - Obtain a sample prior to the concrete pump and test for slump and plastic air content
 - Obtain another sample at the discharge end of the pump at the most severe configuration and test for slump and plastic air content
 - Compare test results

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SECTION 1001—CEMENT CONCRETE STRUCTURES

1001.3(k)4.a. Concrete Pump and Reduction Device. Revise to read as follows:

4.a Concrete Pump and Reduction Device. Provide a concrete pump with a flexible end section at least 10 feet long equipped with a reduction device or combination of devices to provide a steady and continuous discharge. Devices that may be used include, but are not limited to, a combination of 90-degree angles, a tapered reduction hose, a slide gate, a 6-foot diameter loop in rubber hose, or a finger reducer. **Prime the pump and line set using only grout material either prepackaged from a manufacturer listed in Bulletin 15 and mixed according to the manufacturer's instructions, or grout mixed as follows: one part cement, two parts fine aggregate, and enough water to provide the desired consistency for priming the pump and line set.**



1001.3(k)4.b. Determining QC and Acceptance Testing Location

Revised to read as follows:

If the test results for slump and air content are within the correlation tolerances, perform all QC and acceptance testing for slump and air content, including molding of the compressive strength cylinders, on material obtained before placement into the pump.

If the test results for slump and air content are not within the correlation tolerances, discard the sample and waste additional material through the pump to ensure the grout has been fully discharged from the system. **Obtain a new sample at the discharge end of the pump and test for slump and air content, a maximum of one time only.**

If these test results are still not within the correlation tolerances, continue to perform the QC and acceptance testing for slump and air content before placement into the pump. However, the compressive strength cylinders must be molded from concrete obtained at the point of placement.



1001.3(k)4.b. Determining QC and Acceptance Testing Location

Revised to read as follows:

4.b Determining QC and Acceptance Testing Location. The location of the QC and acceptance sampling will be determined daily on the first load of concrete, whenever the pump is relocated, and for every 200 cubic yards thereafter, by the following procedure:

- **Provide a concrete mixture in conformance with specification requirements for slump, air content, and temperature before placement into the pump.**
- Obtain a sample of concrete before placement into the pump and perform slump, air content, and temperature testing.
- **Pump and waste enough material through the pump to ensure the grout used to prime the pump has been completely discharged from the system.**
- Position the pump into the most severe vertical drop boom configuration anticipated during the placement. If using an extended slick line configuration, obtain the sample at the greatest distance from the pump that will be encountered during the placement.
- Obtain a sample of concrete at the discharge end of the pump and perform slump and air content testing.
- Compare the test results from the sample obtained before placement into the pump to the test results from the sample obtained at the discharge end of the pump to determine correlation.
- **Correlation tolerances: ± 1.0 inch for slump and $\pm 2.0\%$ for air content.**



III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)



III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

- SCC mix designs must meet Class A Concrete requirements with the following modifications:
 - The Maximum W/C ratio is 0.45
 - Must have a plastic air content $6.5\% \pm 1.5\%$ (5.0% to 8.0%)

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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

QC & AT Sampling & Testing

- Similar to Section 704 except:
 - QC Slump testing is replaced with Slump Flow, J-Ring (passing ability) and Visual Stability Index (VSI)
 - The Slump Flow and VSI are determined in accordance with ASTM C1611
 - Slump Flow must be between 20" and 30"
 - VSI must be ≤ 1
 - The J-Ring is tested in accordance with ASTM C1621
 - J-Ring result must be within 2" of the Slump Flow result

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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

- SCC mix designs use admixtures which enable the mix to flow and still maintain stability (cohesion of aggregate and cement)
 - HRWR's and VMA's are admixtures that are permitted to be added in the field, but the process is to be detailed in the QC Plan

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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

QC & AT Sampling & Testing

- Action points and corrective actions are to be detailed in the QC Plan for:
 - Slump Flow
 - J-Ring (passing ability)
 - Visual Stability Index (VSI)

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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

Slump Flow (ASTM C1611)

- Slump cone can be used either in the "normal" position or it can be "inverted"
- Slump Cone is filled in ONE lift
- Wait for concrete to stop flowing; measure the largest diameter of resulting circular spread
- Measure a second diameter of the spread at an approximate perpendicular angle to the original measured diameter
- Slump Flow = $(d_1 + d_2)/2$; reported to nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ "



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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

VSI = 0 (ASTM C1611)

- Highly stable mix
- Coarse aggregate is evenly distributed
- Not segregated
- No bleeding or mortar halo



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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

VSI = 1 (ASTM C1611)

- Stable mix
- Coarse aggregate is evenly distributed
- Not segregated
- Slight bleeding
- Slight mortar halo



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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

VSI = 2 (ASTM C1611)

- Unstable mix
- Coarse aggregate is slightly segregated
- Slight bleeding
- Slight mortar halo $\leq \frac{1}{2}$ "



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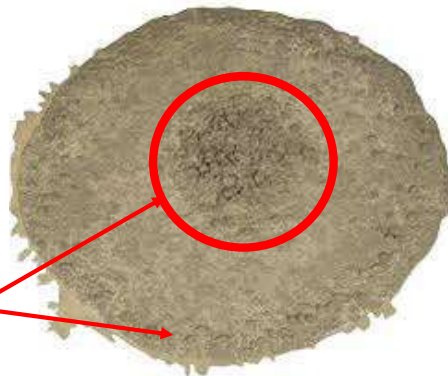


III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

VSI = 3 (ASTM C1611)

- Highly unstable mix
- Coarse aggregate is segregated
- Bleeding
- Mortar halo > 1/2"

Note the coarse aggregate pile in the center and perimeter



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III.l. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

- Latex Modified Mortar
 - Depths less than 1 1/4 inches
- Latex Modified Concrete
 - Depths 1 1/4 inches or greater



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III.k. Self-Consolidating Concrete (SCC)

J-Ring (ASTM C1621)

- Determines the passing ability of the SCC mix
- Conducted the same as Slump Flow except cone is placed inside of J-Ring
- J-Ring = $(d_1 + d_2)/2$; reported to nearest 1/2"



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III.l. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Latex Placement Quality Control plan required (CS-1042)
- Contractor provides test equipment
- Approved mix designs required
- Calibrated mobile mixers required
- Department must witness all testing

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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

- Evaporation Rate
 - Provide equipment to monitor before deck placement and every hour during placement
 - Cannot exceed 0.06 lbs/ft²/hr
 - If exceeded, stop the placement until protective measures are taken

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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

LATEX SAMPLING & TESTING

- Slump
 - Discharge the sample from the mixer and transport it to a point unaffected by vibration
 - Do not disturb for 5 minutes
 - Remix and perform the slump test
 - Slump range for mortar is 4" to 6"
 - Slump range for concrete is 3" to 7"

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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

- The supplier of the latex should make satisfactory arrangements with the Representative at least 7 calendar days in advance of calibration
- Mobile mixers must be calibrated by the supplier and witnessed by the Department in advance of the placement
- They must be re-calibrated for every 100 CY of production per unit or as directed
- Re-calibrate if aggregate sources are changed

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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

LATEX SAMPLING & TESTING

- Plastic Air Content
 - Due to constraints of the slump sample, provide an additional sample for air testing and cylinders
 - Perform while waiting for the slump test
 - Specified range 1% to 7%



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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

LATEX SAMPLING & TESTING

- Plastic Latex Mixture Temperature
 - Place latex at a plastic latex mixture temperature between 50 °F to 85 °F
 - If ambient temperatures are expected to reach 80 °F any time 24 hours before placement, the mix component temperatures must be mitigated



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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

TABLE A
Curing Times and Application of Live Load

Overlay Type	Depth	Water Cure (hours)	Dry Cure (hours)	Live Load Application Total Cure Time MIN (hours)	Live Load Application Comp. Strength MIN (psi)
LMM or LMC	≤ 2 inches	48	72	120	3,000
	> 2 inches	48	96	144	3,000
Accelerated LMC, 3 Hour	All	3	None	3	3,000
Accelerated LMC, 12 Hour	All	12	None	12	3,000

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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

LATEX SAMPLING & TESTING

- Cylinders
 - Perform initial cure for 48 hrs +/- 2 hrs
 - Strip cylinders and air cure cylinders as specified in Section 1042 Table A



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III.I. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

QC SAMPLING & TESTING

- Quality Control plan required
- Test each 5 CY until control is established for plastic air content, slump, and temperature



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III.l. Latex Modified Concrete or Mortar

AT SAMPLING & TESTING

- Acceptance is on a lot-by-lot basis
- Lots consist of 20 CY or a day's placement (whichever is less)
- Acceptance is based on 5-day compressive strengths meeting 3,000 psi (Table A)
 - 6-day strength if > 2" depth
 - No 28-day testing is required

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III.m. Acceptance of Small Quantities

P.O.M. B/6/6

- Department's policy for Acceptance of Small Quantities of Portland Cement Concrete
- The Contractor must provide a QC Plan (CS-704)
 - Covering the Acceptance of Small Quantities of Materials
- The District will inform the Contractor at the preconstruction conference of the circumstances under which this acceptance procedure will be used

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III.m. Acceptance of Small Quantities

- Must be < 25 CY per day per class of concrete per project for non-critical, incidental items
- Is not permitted for structures of any type; mainline, shoulders, and ramp paving; or other structurally critical items which may carry traffic loads
- Specifications are not to be waived nor are materials of lower quality to be accepted

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III.m. Acceptance of Small Quantities

- This procedure may be used for non-critical, incidental items to allow reduced inspection and acceptance procedures
 - Paved Ditch
 - Curb Cuts
 - Pipe Headwalls
 - Base Course Widening
 - Fence Posts
 - Sign Bases (Except Overhead Structure Foundations)
 - Curb and Gutter
 - Raised Medians
 - Inlets
 - Sidewalks
 - Guide Rail Anchors

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III.m. Acceptance of Small Quantities

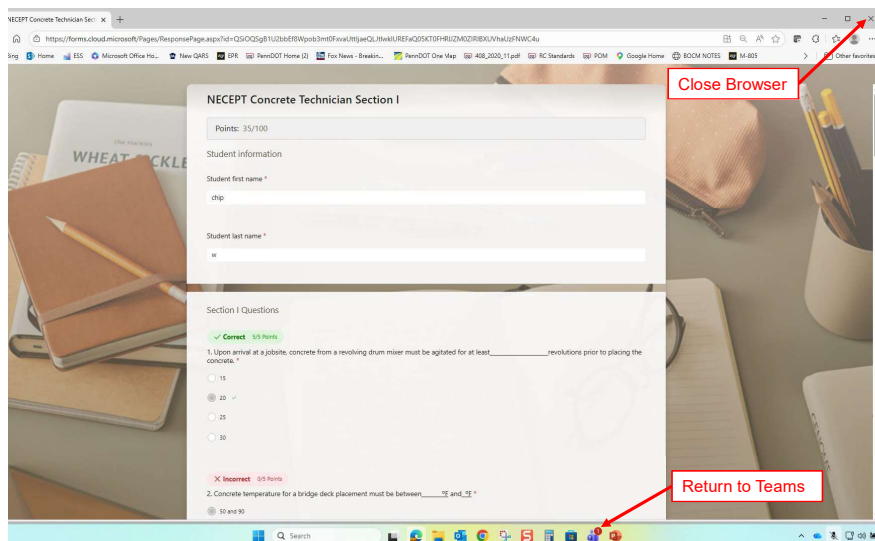
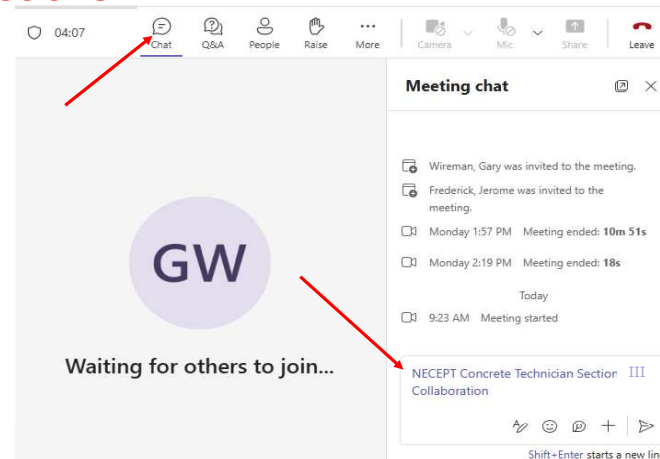
- Molding cylinders may be waived but it is recommended that QC testing for slump, air content and temperature be performed
 - If the total quantity of Portland Cement Concrete for a contract line item exceeds 100 CY, at least one set of AT cylinders is to be molded during **one** of the daily placements for acceptance of that day's material
- The Contractor will provide a Form CS-4171 daily, from the material producer, certifying the material was produced in accordance with the approved mix design and PennDOT specifications

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III. Acceptance Process Review Questions

- Do not Submit until you answer all the questions!!**



REMEMBER: After reviewing your answers, close the internet browser and return to Teams.



- The Department's concrete acceptance process includes sampling and testing for acceptance, quality control, verification and quality assurance. **True** / False
- Acceptance sample locations are determined by the Department in accordance with PTM #1. **True** / False
- Acceptance lots must be specific to each structural element unless approved in writing to combine prior to placing concrete. **True** / False
At contractor's request, structural elements may be combined if approved in writing
- When a higher class of concrete is used in place of an indicated lower class (contractor elects to place Class AA instead of Class A which was indicated), the concrete placed must meet all specification requirements of the indicated class. **True** / False

If the concrete does not meet the higher class, you should probably determine why and inform the producer and DME



PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

5. When the lime-bath Acceptance cylinders are tested at 28 days and meet the 28-day minimum design compressive strengths in Table A, the concrete is accepted for 100% payment. True / **False**

28-day QC results are also required to confirm strength gain of in place concrete

6. If the 7-day QC cylinder compressive strength is not met in 7 days, curing must be continued until **28-day compressive strength is met** or **28 days**.
7. It is the responsibility of the **contractor** to ensure a sufficient number of QC cylinders are molded to satisfy all specification requirements for cure removal, opening to traffic, form removal, etc.
8. When QC cylinders meet the 28-day minimum design compressive strengths in Table A, the concrete is accepted and no additional testing for compressive strength is required. True / **False**
28-day QC & AT testing are required
9. Verification testing is performed by **Department representative** using concrete from the same sample of material and with the same equipment used for acceptance testing.

**PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION**

14. Minimum "opening to traffic" cylinders are required every **200** cubic yards or fraction thereof and from the final load placed.
15. When placing concrete in extremely wet conditions or under water, the concrete mix must contain **an anti-washout admixture** or **+ 25 % cement**.
16. When placing concrete in water, the water must have a temperature $\geq$ **40** °F.
17. After material control has been established, the frequency of QC testing for Section 506 RPS and Section 530 Long-Life concrete pavements may be reduced to a minimum of one test every **50 CY or 30 minutes whichever is greater**.
18. For Latex Concrete or Mortar, mobile mixers must be calibrated by the supplier and witnessed by the Representative in advance of the placement and must be re-calibrated if aggregate sources change and for every 100 cubic yards of production per unit or as directed. **True** / False

**PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION**

10. Verification testing will consist of testing for **temperature**, **air content**, and **compressive strength** on the initial acceptance sample and for each type of concrete specified in Table B and a minimum of one for every ten acceptance tests thereafter.
11. Quality Assurance testing on a project for temperature and air content provides a check on the equipment used in the acceptance process by having a concrete technician and QA representative run tests on different sets of equipment from the same sample of concrete. **True** / False
12. When Verification or QA/IA compressive strength testing is performed, all cylinders must be tested to absolute failure at the project. **True** / False
13. Accelerated concrete patches must meet a minimum compressive strength of **1200** psi at the time of opening to traffic or it will be considered defective and must be removed and replaced.

**PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION**

19. If the test results for slump and air content taken at the discharge end of the pump are within ± 1.0 inch of the slump and $\pm 2.0\%$ of the air content taken before the pump, QC and acceptance testing may be performed before the pump. **True** / False
20. For small quantities of concrete that have a contract line item that exceeds 100 cubic yards, at least one set of AT cylinders is molded during one of the daily placements for acceptance of that day's material. **True** / False



IV. PENNDOT CONCRETE TESTING PROCEDURES



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IV.a. Slump Test Method

- Slump
 - PennDOT references AASHTO T-119 Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete



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Standard Method of Test for

Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete

AASHTO Designation: T 119M/T 119-13
ASTM Designation: C 143/C 143M-12



1.	SCOPE
1.1.	This test method covers determination of slump of concrete, both in the laboratory and in the field.
1.2.	The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the inch-pound units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.
1.3.	The text of the standard reference notes and footnotes provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.
1.4.	<i>This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns 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.</i> Warning —Fresh hydraulic cementitious mixtures are caustic and may cause chemical burns to skin and tissue upon prolonged exposure.
2.	REFERENCED DOCUMENTS
2.1.	AASHTO Standards: ■ R 60, Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete ■ T 23, Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field ■ T 121M/T 121, Density (Unit Weight), Yield, and Air Content (Gravimetric) of Concrete ■ T 152, Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method ■ T 196M/T 196, Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method
2.2.	ASTM Standards: ■ C 150/C 150M, Standard Specification for Portland Cement ■ C 670, Standard Practice for Preparing Precision and Bias Statements for Test Methods for Construction Materials
3.	SUMMARY OF TEST METHOD
3.1.	A sample of freshly mixed concrete is placed and compacted by rodding in a mold shaped as the frustum of a cone. The mold is raised and the concrete allowed to subside. The vertical distance between the original and the displaced position of the center of the top surface of the concrete is measured and reported as the slump of the concrete.

- Slump
- AASHTO T-119 Slump of Hydraulic Cement Concrete



IV.b. Air Content Test – Pressure Method

- Air Content – Pressure Method
 - PennDOT references AASHTO T-152 Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method
 - Used for stone and gravel mixes
 - DO NOT APPLY AGG CORR FACTOR as per Pub. 408 Section 704.1(c)3



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IV.c. Air Content Test – Volumetric Method

- Air Content – Volumetric (Roll-a-Meter)
 - PennDOT references AASHTO T-196 Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Volumetric Method
 - Used for slag coarse aggregate and lightweight aggregate mixes
 - DO NOT APPLY AGG CORR FACTOR as per Pub. 408 Section 704.1(c)3



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IV.c. Air Content Test – Volumetric Method

- Air Content – Volumetric (Roll-a-Meter)
 - AASHTO T-196
 - When determining the air content, the final meter reading will be the air content if less than 3.0 pints of isopropyl alcohol is used
 - If 3.0 pints or more isopropyl alcohol is used, subtract the Table 1 correction factor from the final meter reading to determine the air content



Table 1—Correction for the Effect of Isopropyl Alcohol on ASTM C 173/C 173M Air Meter Reading

70% Isopropyl Alcohol Used			Correction (Subtract) ^a
pt	oz	L	
0.5	8	0.2	0.0 ^b
1.0	16	0.5	0.0 ^b
1.5	24	0.7	0.0 ^b
2.0	32	0.9	0.0 ^b
3.0	48	1.4	0.3
4.0	64	1.9	0.6
5.0	80	2.4	0.9

^a Subtract from final meter reading.

^b Corrections less than 0.125 are not significant and are to be applied only when 1.2 L [2.5 pt] or more alcohol is used. The effect occurs when the meter is inverted after being filled with an alcohol-water solution which then becomes further diluted when it's mixed with the water in the concrete. The values given are for air meters that have a bowl volume of 2.1 L [0.075 ft³] and a top section that is 1.2 times the volume of the bowl.



IV.d. Density (Unit Weight), Yield, and Air Content of Concrete (Gravimetric) Method

- Unit Weight, Yield, and Grav. Air Content
 - AASHTO T-121
 - Air meter bowl is permitted for unit weight test



IV.e. Concrete Temperature Test Method

- Temperature of Freshly Mixed Hydraulic-Cement Concrete Content
 - ASTM C1064
 - Includes thermometer calibration procedure



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IV.f. Sampling Concrete

- Sampling Fresh Concrete
 - PTM No. 601
 - AASHTO R-60 except as follows when sampling from revolving drum truck mixers:
 - Sample from the first 1/3rd of the batch
 - Do NOT sample from the beginning or end of the discharge
 - Variance from AASHTO R-60 which specifies samples from the middle of the batch

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IV.f. Sampling Concrete

PTM No. 601

- Protect the sample from the elements during testing
- Remix prior to testing
- Complete testing within 15 minutes



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IV.g. Concrete Test Cylinders

- Making and Curing Concrete Compression and Flexural Test Specimens in the Field
 - PTM No. 611
 - Numerous differences from ASTM C31 and AASHTO T-23:
 - Cylinder size
 - Curing times

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IV.g. Concrete Test Cylinders

PTM No. 611

- Only 6" x 12" cylinders
- Rodding vs Vibrating
- Complete storage within 15 minutes
- Initial cure – 24 ± 2 hours



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IV.g. Concrete Test Cylinders

PTM No. 611

- Don't scribe cylinder tops
- Covering - must be tight fitting domed cap
 - Ensure cylinder roundness



IV.g. Concrete Test Cylinders

- PTM No. 611 Section 13
 - Section 13 is for the identification and security of both the compression test specimen molds and compression test specimens
 - These security measures are to ensure the specimens are not tampered with prior to testing and/or at any time during the curing period

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IV.g. Concrete Test Cylinders

- PTM No. 611 Section 13
 - Each Specimen Mold and Cylinder Specimen Must Contain
 - Date Molded
 - Construction Area
 - Series Number
 - Class of Concrete
 - Specimen Type
 - PennDOT Representative Signature
 - Contractor's Certified Technician Signature and Certification Number

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Specimen Types

Acceptance Testing	(AT)
Quality Control Testing	(QC)
Verification Testing	(VT)
Independent Assurance Testing	(IA)
Quality Assurance Testing	(QA)

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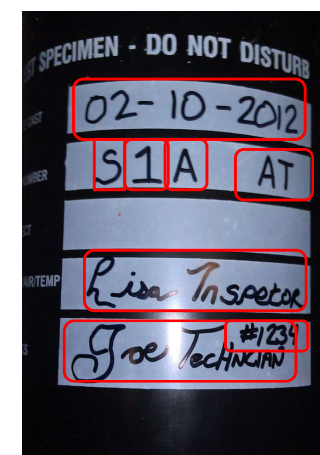
Construction Areas

Structural Concrete	(S)
Pavement Concrete	(P)
Pavement Patching Concrete	(PP)
Incidental Concrete	(M)
RPS Pavement Concrete	(RPS)

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- Date Molded
- Construction Area
- Series Number
- Class of Concrete
- Specimen Type
- PennDOT Rep Signature
- Concrete Technician
- Technician's Certification #



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- Date Molded
- Construction Area
- Series Number
- Class of Concrete
- Specimen Type
- PennDOT Rep Signature
- Concrete Technician
- Technician's Certification #



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IV.i. Care of Concrete Test Cylinders

- Initial Curing
 - First 24 hours are the most crucial, but the remainder cannot be ignored!
 - Moist condition
 - 60 – 80°F
 - Free from vibration/disturbance
 - Stored in safe location
 - Out of direct sunlight

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3. Testing Facilities and Equipment. Provide sufficient thermometers, air meters conforming to AASHTO T 196 and T 152, and slump cones conforming to AASHTO T 119 for each separate project operation as needed. In the presence of the Inspector, calibrate all air meters a maximum 2 weeks before beginning concrete placement. Recalibrate all air meters, in the presence of the Inspector, every 2 weeks during concrete placement. Have back-up equipment available to ensure no tests are missed. Provide sufficient 6-inch by 12-inch cylinder molds and tight-fitting domed caps (PTM No. 611) for QC, acceptance, verification, and QA samples. Provide sufficient incidental equipment such as wheelbarrows, shovels, and scoops as needed.

Provide acceptable means to conduct compressive strength testing using a compression machine and capping device conforming to PTM No. 604. Provide a curing tank conforming to PTM No. 611. Provide curing boxes, or other acceptable equipment, conforming to PTM No. 611 and capable of maintaining the temperature immediately adjacent to the field-cured cylinders in the range of 60°F to 80°F for the first 24 ± 2 hours. Provide a digital system, accessible by Bluetooth, that records and stores temperature in the curing box at least every hour, within the range of 30°F to 120 °F and to an accuracy of 1°F. Collect temperature data for the first 24 hours and provide it to the Representative. Have the output from the automated temperature measuring device made available in real time to the Representative, upon request. If required, cap cylinders at the testing site under the Representative's supervision.

If using the maturity method to estimate concrete compressive strength, provide one or more maturity meters and a sufficient number of temperature sensors conforming to PTM No. 640. Note: Casting concrete cylinders according

to PTM 611 is recommended in case maturity meter equipment malfunctions. Maintain all equipment used for testing in an operable condition. Department, calibrate scales, balances, and the compression machine whenever it is relocated. Maintain accurate records. If equipment is out of tolerance or malfunctions, return it to working order without delay. If a problem is corrected.

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Curing boxes should be durable and well insulated, with enough room for adequate ventilation

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IV.i. Care of Concrete Test Cylinders

• Cure Boxes

- Heat inside box can exceed 120 °F due to exothermic reaction of cement
- Sufficient air circulation minimizes adverse effects and helps maintain required temperature (60 – 80 °F)
- Do not overcrowd cylinders in curing box
- Monitor temperature with a digital Bluetooth Hi/Low thermometer
- If ice is used, prevent direct contact with cylinders

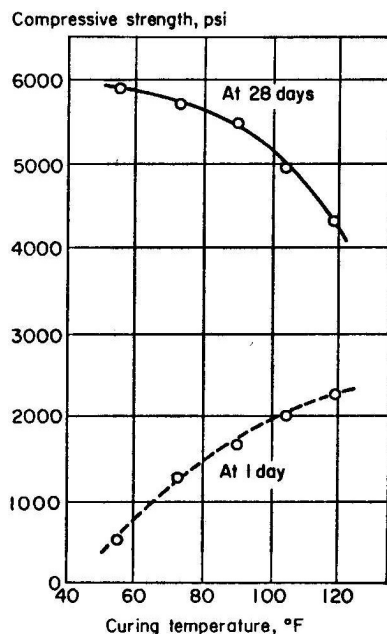
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Proper storage in a curing box requires ample spacing between cylinders to allow for adequate air circulation

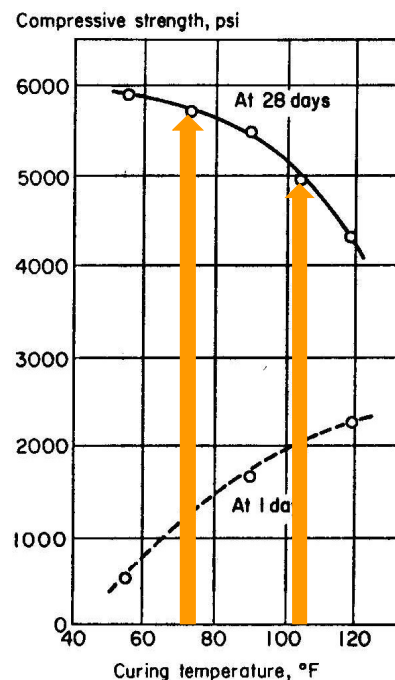


Importance of Maintaining Proper Curing Temperature

- Greatest variances in strength result from high temperatures in first 24 hours

Ref. Verbeck & Helmuth; Structures and Physical Properties of Cement Pastes, 1968

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The Chart shows that concrete cylinders cured above 80 F will produce higher 24-hour compressive strengths but **LOWER** 28-Day compressive strengths

Ref. Concrete International / MARCH 2007



IV.i. Care of Concrete Test Cylinders

- After Initial Cure
 - AT cylinders are stripped from molds and stored in curing tank at 73 ± 3 °F until tested for compressive strength at 28 days
 - QC cylinders are stripped from molds at the time formwork is removed
 - QC cylinders are cured and stored on the jobsite and receive the same protection from the elements as the structure which they represent

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IV.i. Care of Concrete Test Cylinders

- Curing Cylinders After 1st 24 ($\pm$ 2) hours

AT/VT specimens

- De-molded
- Placed in lime-bath @ 73 ± 3 °F

QC/QA/IA specimens

- De-molded when the formwork is removed
- Cured on site, adjacent to structure

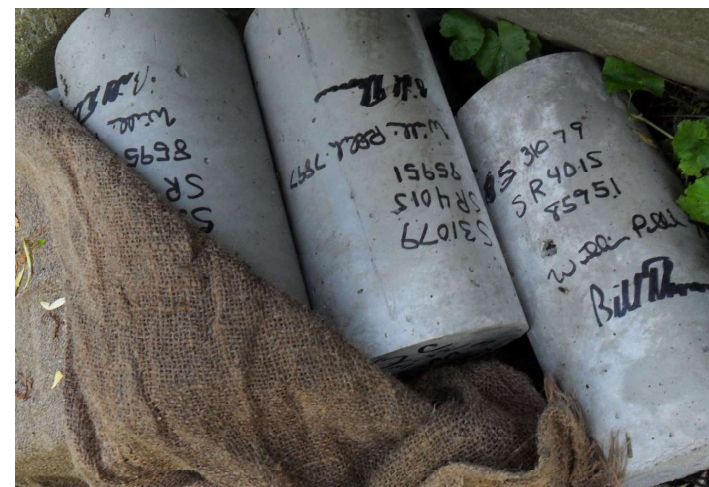
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AT & VT
cylinders
Saturation in
lime water
tank



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QC/QA cylinders cured on-site must be cured under the same conditions as the structure they represent

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Key Cylinder Issues

- Standard size of cylinder 6" x 12"
- Cast on rigid, level surface, free of vibration
- Proper consolidation (rodding)
- Finished surface smooth and free from defects
- Maintain roundness & flatness
- Cap with tight-fitting domed lids (PTM 611)
- Variations can affect outcome of compressive strength test

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Why do Cylinders Fail to Meet Strength?

Field Related Factors

- Obvious
 - out-of-round
 - poor finished surface
 - not flat or plane
- Not so obvious
 - temperature related strength development
 - moisture depravation
 - improper transportation
 - disturbance during strength development

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Concrete cylinders are not meant to be used as worktables, stools . . .



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. . . or end tables

Cylinders must be protected throughout the curing process



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Hopefully, the condition of the molds are better than this, and the placement of the tight-fitting domed lid is better as well



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Proper transportation of cylinders to lab



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IV.h. Testing Facilities & Equipment

- The Contractor is Responsible for all Testing Facilities & Equipment
 - The specification requirements are as per Section 704.1(d)3



Compression testing machine must be calibrated annually or whenever it is relocated

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IV.j. Compressive Strength of Molded Cylinders

- PTM No. 604
 - AASHTO T-22 except:
 - Compressive strength results from the same sample cannot differ by more than 1000 psi
 - Not covered by ACI – Grade I
 - ASTM C39

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IV.j. Compressive Strength of Molded Cylinders

- Cylinders not out of round more than 2%
- 28-day tests within ± 20 hours
- Properly align cylinders in machine
- 100 uses max for neoprene caps
- Tested at proper load rate
 - 35 ± 7 psi/s (989 ± 198 lbs/s)

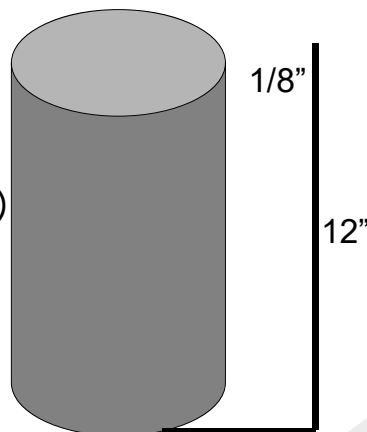


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IV.j. Compressive Strength of Molded Cylinders

- Ends of all compression test cylinders must be plane within 0.002 inches
- Perpendicular to the axis of the cylinder within 0.5° ($1/8''$ in $12''$)
- Two types of caps
 - Sulfur
 - Neoprene



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IV.j. Compressive Strength of Molded Cylinders

Strength Test Results

<u>Cylinder Position</u>	<u>Comp. Strength (psi)</u>
On Center	7660
1/8" Off Center	7030
1/4" Off Center	5910
1/2" Off Center	4500

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IV.j. Compressive Strength of Molded Cylinders



Because neoprene cap use must not exceed 100 tests per cap, a usage log must be kept



IV.l. Concrete Air Meter Calibrations

- Section 704.1(d)3
 - “In the presence of the Inspector, calibrate all air meters a maximum 2 weeks before beginning concrete placement. Re-calibrate all air meters, in the presence of the Inspector, every 2 weeks during concrete placement. Have back-up equipment available to ensure that no tests are missed.”
 - The Inspector will document these calibrations



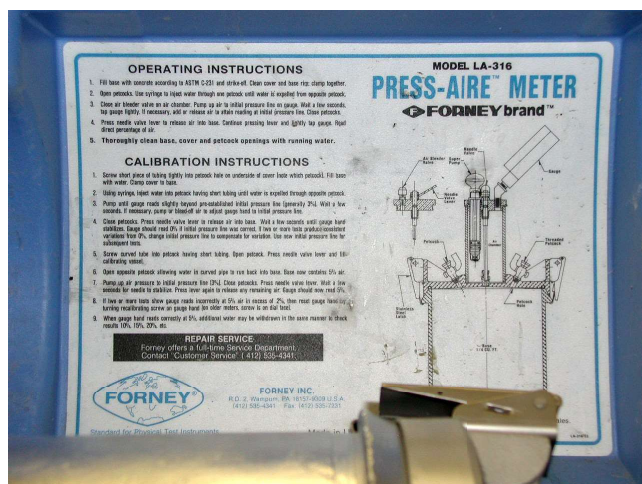
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IV.l. Concrete Air Meter Calibrations

- Follow Manufacturer's instructions



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IV.m. Packaging QA Cylinders being sent to LTS



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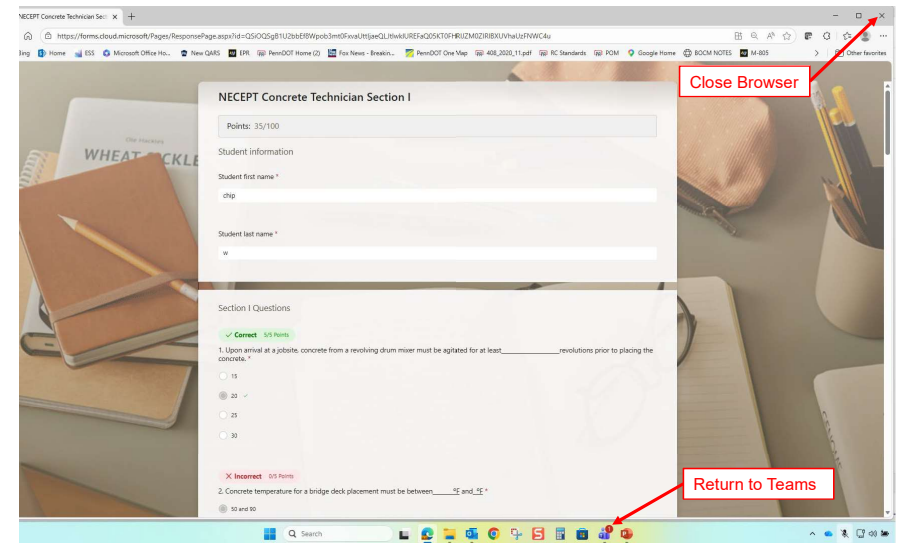
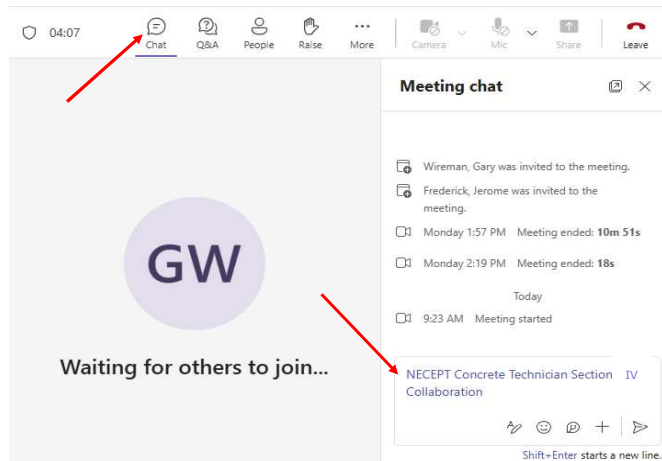
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IV. PENNDOT CONCRETE TESTING PROCEDURES

Review Questions

- Do not Submit until you answer all the questions!!



REMEMBER: After reviewing your answers, close the internet browser and return to Teams.

- All Pennsylvania Test Methods (PTM's) have been eliminated by the Department and replaced with AASHTO Standards. True / **False**
Pub. 19 Field Test Manual identifies PTM's active & PTM's replaced
- When testing for plastic air content, the aggregate correction factor must be calculated for each concrete mix and added to the results obtained using AASHTO T-152 or T-196 methods. True / **False**
- PTM 601, Sampling Fresh Concrete, specifies that concrete must be sampled from what portion of the load?
first 1/3rd, but not the initial discharge from truck
- The Department specifies in Section 704.1(d)4.a that concrete temperatures are to be taken in accordance with ASTM C1064 "Standard Test Method for Temperature of Freshly Mixed Hydraulic Cement Concrete".

- After the initial 15 minutes, PTM 611 specifies the initial cure period for all cylinders is 24 hours $\pm$ 2 hours.
- The contractor must re-calibrate air meters, including back-up air meters, every two (2) weeks during concrete placements.
- All concrete test cylinders must be covered during initial curing using tight-fitting domed lids.
- Cylinders need only to be identified with the date molded and the series number True / **False** Must meet PTM 611 Section 13 criteria
- Plastic air content for concrete with lightweight aggregates must be obtained by testing using the volumetric method – Roll-a-Meter method.
- Neoprene caps may be re-used for compression testing of cylinders a maximum of 100 times.
- Compressive strength testing machines must be calibrated yearly or whenever the machine is relocated.

12. After initial cure, Quality Control cylinders are stripped from the molds at the time that the form work is removed from the concrete placement, and they are cured and stored on the jobsite and receive the same protection from the elements, in so far as practical, as the structure which they are to represent. **True** / False
13. Refer to the **Manufacturer's** instructions for complete detailed procedures when calibrating air meters.
14. All concrete testing should be completed within **15** minutes of obtaining the sample.
15. Concrete samples do not need to be protected from the elements with damp burlap if all testing is completed within 15 minutes of obtaining the sample. True / **False**
16. A pressure meter is used to test plastic air content of concrete using lightweight aggregates. True / **False**
17. The bowl of a pressure meter may be used as the measuring vessel for determining the unit weight of a concrete sample. **True** / False



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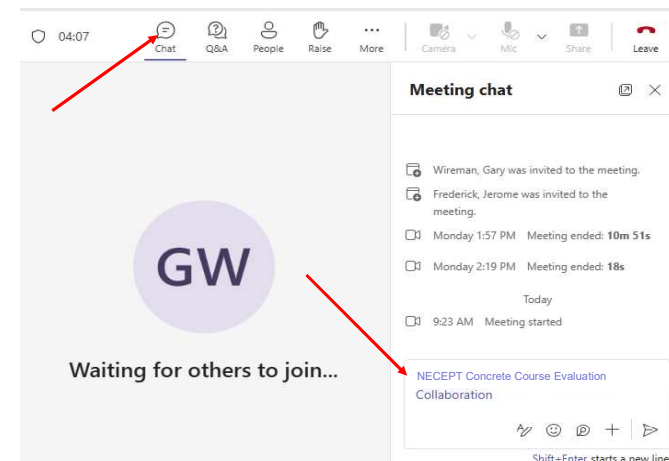


18. The slump and air content shall be determined before 1/3 of the batch has been placed. **True** / False
19. After the first 15 minutes up until 24 hours (± 2 hrs), cylinders must be cured at a constant, moist temperature between **60** °F and **80** °F.
20. After the first 24 hours (± 2 hrs), acceptance cylinders are cured in a lime bath solution at a constant temperature between **70** °F and **76** °F until compressive strength testing is performed at **28** days.



Course Evaluation

- Do not Submit until you answer all the questions!!



PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

NECEPT Concrete Technician Section I

Points: 35/100

Student information

Student first name *

chp

Student last name *

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Section I Questions

1. Upon arrival at a jobsite, concrete from a revolving drum mixer must be agitated for at least _____ revolutions prior to placing the concrete. *

Correct 5/5 Points

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Incorrect 5/5 Points

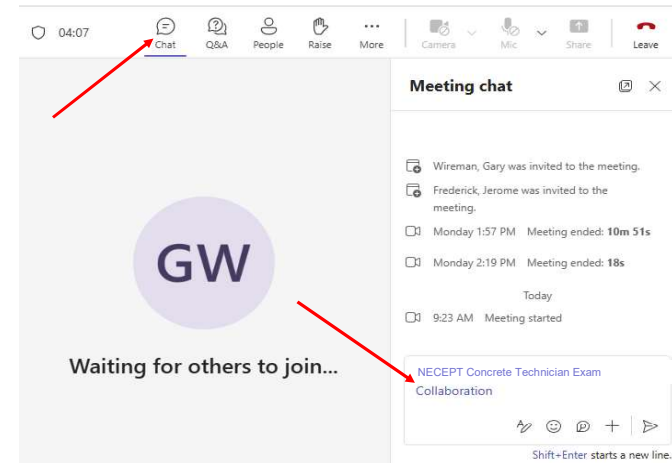
2. Concrete temperature for a bridge deck placement must be between _____ °F and _____ °F *

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PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

Certification Test



PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

Certification Test

- 50 Questions (all must be answered)
- 60 Minutes

1. According to Section 704, material is within the establish...

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This question is required.

PENNDOT CONCRETE FIELD TESTING TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

Certification Test

- Test Results

Concrete Field Testing Technician Certification Initial Certification

ACI Certification (Concrete Field Testing Technician-Grade 1): If this is your initial Concrete Field Testing Technician certification OR your certification expired after April 30 of the expiring year, this is required BEFORE you can apply for a course. Verification must be emailed to superpave@psu.edu at least 15 business days prior to the course. If your ACI cannot be verified, your registration will be cancelled since you would not qualify according to Pub. 536. There will be no exceptions.

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Certification Test

- Need a sheet of scratch paper
- Different exam versions
- 60 minutes allowed for the completion of the exam
- Thanks for your participation!



Make sure you answer all 50 questions before hitting Submit.

Once you have submitted your exam, you are free to leave.

GOOD LUCK !!!

