



Standard Practice for Fabricating Test Specimens with Self-Consolidating Concrete¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers procedures for fabricating test specimens in the laboratory or field using a representative sample of fresh self-consolidating concrete (SCC). This practice is applicable to SCC with a nominal maximum aggregate size up to 25 mm [1 in.] and a slump flow of 500 mm [20 in.] or greater. If the slump flow is less than 500 mm [20 in.] follow the fabrication procedures described in the standard for which the test specimen is required.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use. (Warning—Fresh hydraulic cementitious mixtures are caustic and may cause chemical burns to exposed skin and tissue upon prolonged exposure.²)*

1.4 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C09 on Concrete and Concrete Aggregates and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C09.47 on Self-Consolidating Concrete.

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² See section on Safety Precautions, *Manual of Aggregate and Concrete Testing, Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol. 04.02.

³ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

C125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates

C172 Practice for Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete

C192/C192M Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Laboratory

C1611/C1611M Test Method for Slump Flow of Self-Consolidating Concrete

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this practice, refer to Terminology C125.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *test specimen, n*—self-consolidating concrete placed in a mold, measure, measuring bowl, or other container following this standard with the top surface struck off and finished following the standard for which the test specimen is required.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 Existing practices and test methods for fabricating fresh concrete test specimens are not suited to SCC. This practice provides requirements and procedures for fabricating test specimens with SCC having a slump flow of 500 mm [20 in.] or greater.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Specimen Container*—Molds, measures, measuring bowls, and containers used for fabricating test specimens according to this practice shall conform to the requirements described in the standard for which the test specimen is required.

5.2 *Sample Receptacle*—A pan or wheelbarrow that is water-tight, has a nonabsorbent surface, and is large enough to allow both remixing of the entire sample and retain a volume of concrete sufficient to fill the specimen container.

5.3 *Pouring Vessel for SCC*—A water-tight container having a volume such that concrete is not spilled during placement in the specimen container.

NOTE 1—A pouring vessel with a pouring lip is useful in reducing the probability of concrete spilling while filling the specimen container.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

5.4 *Other Tools*—Items such as shovels and scoops capable of remixing the concrete in the sample receptacle, filling the pouring vessel, or both.

6. Sampling Concrete

6.1 Obtain a sample of freshly mixed self-consolidating concrete in accordance with Practice **C172**, or Practice **C192/C192M**, and place it in the sample receptacle.

7. Procedure

7.1 Measure and record the slump flow of the sampled concrete in accordance with Test Method **C1611/C1611M**. For concrete with a slump flow of 500 mm [20 in.] or greater, fabricate test specimens as follows.

7.2 Identify, position, and prepare the specimen container, and any related equipment, as described in the practice or test method for which the test specimen is required.

7.3 *Fill Pouring Vessel*—Immediately fill the pouring vessel with a portion of SCC from the sample receptacle, either by

passing the pouring vessel through the concrete or by scooping concrete into the vessel.

7.4 *Filling Procedure*—Immediately fill the specimen container with SCC by tilting the pouring vessel. Position the lowest point on the rim of the pouring vessel no more than 125 mm [5 in.] above the top of the container. Ensure an even distribution of concrete, without rodding the concrete or tapping the sides of the container, while filling the container.

7.5 If necessary, repeat the procedures in **7.3** and **7.4** until the specimen container is filled slightly above its rim.

7.6 After filling, follow all subsequent specimen fabrication and testing procedures as specified in the practice or test method for which the test specimen is required.

8. Keywords

8.1 fabricate; self-consolidating concrete; slump flow; specimen container; test specimens

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee C09 has identified the location of selected changes to this test method since the last issue, C1758/C1758M–13, that may impact the use of this test method. (Approved Feb. 1, 2015)

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