



Standard Specification for Reinforced Concrete Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe (Metric)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers reinforced concrete pipe intended to be used for the conveyance of sewage, industrial wastes, and storm water, and for the construction of culverts.

1.2 This specification is the SI companion to Specification C76; therefore, no inch-pound equivalents are presented in this specification. Reinforced concrete pipe that conform to the requirements of C76 are acceptable under this Specification C76M unless prohibited by the Owner.

NOTE 1—This specification is a manufacturing and purchase specification only, and does not include requirements for bedding, backfill, or the relationship between field load condition and the strength classification of pipe. However, experience has shown that the successful performance of this product depends upon the proper selection of the class of pipe, type of bedding and backfill, controlled manufacture in the plant, and care and installation conforms to the construction specifications. The owner of the reinforced concrete pipe specified herein is cautioned that he must correlate the field requirements with the class of pipe specified and provide inspection at the construction site.

NOTE 2—Attention is called to the specification for reinforced concrete D-load culvert, storm drain, and sewer pipe (ASTM Designation C655M).

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- A36/A36M Specification for Carbon Structural Steel
- A615/A615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- A706/A706M Specification for Deformed and Plain Low-Alloy Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- A1064/A1064M Specification for Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete
- C33/C33M Specification for Concrete Aggregates

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

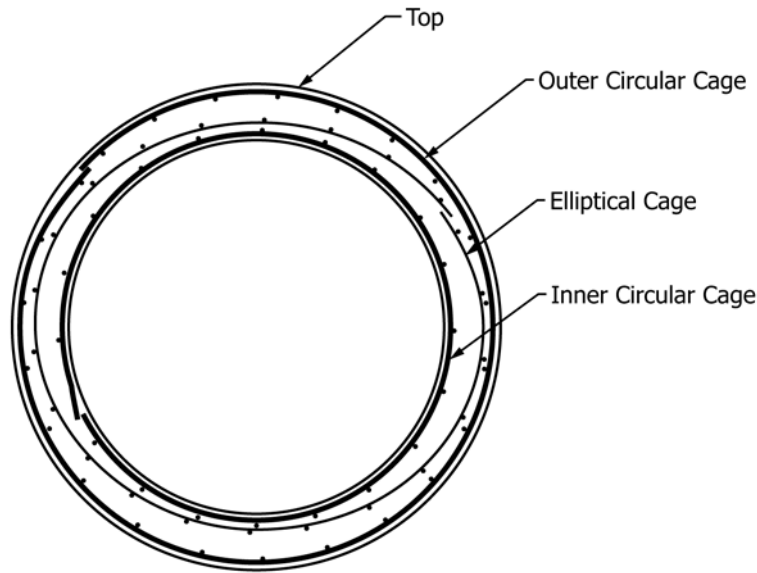
- C150/C150M Specification for Portland Cement
- C260/C260M Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
- C309 Specification for Liquid Membrane-Forming Compounds for Curing Concrete
- C443M Specification for Joints for Concrete Pipe and Manholes, Using Rubber Gaskets (Metric)
- C494/C494M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
- C497M Test Methods for Concrete Pipe, Manhole Sections, or Tile (Metric)
- C595/C595M Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
- C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
- C655M Specification for Reinforced Concrete D-Load Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe (Metric)
- C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products
- C989/C989M Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars
- C990M Specification for Joints for Concrete Pipe, Manholes, and Precast Box Sections Using Preformed Flexible Joint Sealants (Metric)
- C1017/C1017M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete
- C1116/C1116M Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete
- C1602/C1602M Specification for Mixing Water Used in the Production of Hydraulic Cement Concrete
- C1628 Specification for Joints for Concrete Gravity Flow Sewer Pipe, Using Rubber Gaskets

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology C822.

4. Classification

4.1 Pipe manufactured in accordance with this specification shall be of five classes identified as Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, and Class V. The corresponding strength requirements are prescribed in Tables 1-5.



NOTE 1—The total reinforcement area of the inner circular cage and the elliptical cage shall not be less than that specified for the inner cage in [Tables 1-5](#).

NOTE 2—The total reinforcement area of the outer circular cage and the elliptical cage shall not be less than that specified for the outer cage in [Tables 1-5](#).

FIG. 1 Triple Cage Reinforcement

5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 Unless otherwise designated by the owner at the time of, or before placing an order, there are two separate and alternative bases of acceptance. Independent of the method of acceptance, the pipe shall be designed to meet both the 0.01-in. crack and ultimate strength requirements specified in [Tables 1-5](#).

5.1.1 *Acceptance on the Basis of Plant Load-Bearing Tests, Material Tests, and Inspection of Manufactured Pipe for Visual Defects and Imperfections*—Acceptability of the pipe in all diameters and classes produced in accordance with [7.1](#) or [7.2](#) shall be determined by the results of the three-edge bearing tests as defined in [11.3.1](#); by such material tests as are required in [6.2](#), [6.3](#), [6.5](#) and [6.6](#); by an absorption test of the concrete from the wall of the pipe as required in [11.9](#); and by visual inspection of the finished pipe to determine its conformance with the accepted design and its freedom from defects.

5.1.2 *Acceptance on the Basis of Material Test and Inspection of Manufactured Pipe for Defects and Imperfections*—Acceptability of the pipe in all diameters and classes produced in accordance with [7.1](#) or [7.2](#) shall be determined by the results of such material tests as are required in [6.2](#), [6.3](#), [6.5](#) and [6.6](#); by crushing tests on concrete cores or cured concrete cylinders; by an absorption test of the concrete from the wall of the pipe for each mix design that is used on an order; and by inspection of the finished pipe including amount and placement of reinforcement to determine its conformance with the accepted design and its freedom from defects.

5.1.3 When agreed upon between the owner and manufacturer, any portion or any combination of the tests itemized in [5.1.1](#) or [5.1.2](#) may form the basis of acceptance.

5.2 *Age for Acceptance*—Pipe shall be considered ready for acceptance when it conforms to the requirements as indicated by the specified tests.

6. Materials

6.1 *Reinforced Concrete*—The reinforced concrete shall consist of cementitious materials, mineral aggregates, water, and admixtures, if any, in which steel has been embedded in such a manner that the steel and concrete act together.

6.2 Cementitious Materials:

6.2.1 *Cement*—Cement shall conform to the requirements for portland cement of Specification [C150/C150M](#) or shall be portland blast-furnace slag cement, portland-limestone cement, or portland-pozzolan cement conforming to the requirements of Specification [C595/C595M](#), except that the pozzolan constituent in the Type IP portland-pozzolan cement shall be fly ash.

6.2.2 *Slag Cement*—Slag cement shall conform to the requirements of Grade 100 or 120 of Specification [C989/C989M](#).

6.2.3 *Fly Ash*—Fly ash shall conform to the requirements of Class F or Class C of Specification [C618](#).

6.2.4 *Allowable Combinations of Cementitious Materials*—The combination of cementitious materials used in the concrete shall be one of the following:

6.2.4.1 Portland cement only,

6.2.4.2 Portland blast-furnace slag cement only,

6.2.4.3 Portland-pozzolan cement only,

6.2.4.4 Portland-limestone cement only,

6.2.4.5 A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement and slag cement,

6.2.4.6 A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement and fly ash,

6.2.4.7 A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement, slag cement, and fly ash, or

6.2.4.8 A combination of portland-pozzolan cement and fly ash.

TABLE 1 Design Requirements for Class I Reinforced Concrete Pipe^A

NOTE 1—See Section 5 for basis of acceptance specified by owner.

The strength test requirements in newtons per linear metre of pipe under the three-edge-bearing method shall be either the D-load (test load expressed in newtons per linear metre per millimetre of diameter) to produce the 0.3-mm crack, or the D-loads to produce the 0.3-mm crack and the ultimate load as specified below, multiplied by the internal diameter of the pipe in millimetres.

Internal Designated Diameter, mm	Reinforcement, cm ² /linear m of pipe wall								
	Wall A					Wall B			
	Concrete Strength, 27.6 MPa					Concrete Strength, 27.6 MPa			
	Wall Thickness, mm	Circular Reinforcement ^B		Elliptical Reinforcement ^C	Wall Thickness, mm	Circular Reinforcement ^B		Elliptical Reinforcement ^C	
Inner Cage		Outer Cage	Inner Cage			Outer Cage			
1500	125	5.3	3.2	5.9	150	4.4	2.6	4.9	
1650	138	6.4	3.8	7.0	163	5.3	3.2	5.9	
1800	150	7.4	4.4	8.3	175	6.1	3.7	6.8	
1950	163	8.5	5.1	9.3	188	6.8	4.1	7.6	
2100	175	9.5	5.7	10.6	200	7.8	4.7	8.7	
2250	188	10.4	6.2	11.4	213	8.7	5.2	9.7	
2400	200	11.4	6.8	12.7	225	9.7	5.8	10.8	
Concrete Strength, 34.5 MPa									
2550	213	13.3	8.0	Inner Circular Plus Elliptical 5.3 8.0	238	11.4	6.8	Inner Circular Plus Elliptical 4.6 6.8	
2700	225	14.4	8.6	Inner Circular Plus Elliptical 5.8 8.6	250	12.9	7.7	Inner Circular Plus Elliptical 5.2 7.7	
2850	A	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
3000	A	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
3150	A	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
3300	A	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
3450	A	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
3600	A	...	...	...	A	...	...	...

^A For modified or special designs, see 7.2 or with the permission of the owner utilize the provisions of Specification C655M. Steel areas may be interpolated between those shown for variations in diameter, loading, or wall thickness. Pipe over 2400 mm in diameter shall have two circular cages or an inner circular plus one elliptical cage.

^B As an alternative to designs requiring both inner and outer circular cages the reinforcement may be positioned and proportioned in either of the following manners:

An inner circular cage plus an elliptical cage such that the area of the elliptical cage shall not be less than that specified for the outer cage in the table and the total area of the inner circular cage plus the elliptical cage shall not be less than that specified for the inner cage in the table,

An inner and outer cage plus quadrant mats in accordance with Fig. 2, or

An inner and outer cage plus an elliptical cage in accordance with Fig. 1.

^C Elliptical and quadrant steel must be held in place by means of holding rods, chairs, or other positive means throughout the entire casting operation.

6.3 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to Specification C33/C33M except that the requirement for gradation shall not apply.

6.4 *Admixtures*—The following admixtures and blends are allowable:

6.4.1 Air-entraining admixture conforming to Specification C260/C260M;

6.4.2 Chemical admixture conforming to Specification C494/C494M;

6.4.3 Chemical admixture for use in producing flowing concrete conforming to Specification C1017/C1017M; and

6.4.4 Chemical admixture or blend approved by the owner.

6.5 *Steel Reinforcement*—Reinforcement shall consist of wire and welded wire conforming to Specification A1064/A1064M, or of bars conforming to Specification A36/A36M, Specification A615/A615M Grade 280 or 420, or Specification A706/A706M Grade 420. For helically wound cages only, weld shear tests are not required.

6.6 *Fibers*—Synthetic fibers and nonsynthetic fibers shall be allowed to be used, at the manufacturer's option, in concrete pipe as a nonstructural manufacturing material. Synthetic fibers (Type II and Type III) and nonsynthetic fiber (Type I) designed

and manufactured specifically for use in concrete and conforming to the requirements of Specification C1116/C1116M shall be accepted.

6.7 *Water*—Water used in the production of concrete shall be potable or nonpotable water that meets the requirements of Specification C1602/C1602M.

7. Design

7.1 *Design Tables*—The diameter, wall thickness, compressive strength of the concrete, and the area of the circumferential reinforcement shall be as prescribed for Classes I to V in Tables 1-5, except as provided in 7.2.

7.1.1 The reinforcement as presented in the tables herein allows single circular cage reinforcement or separate inner and outer circular cage reinforcement or single elliptical cage reinforcement or a combination thereof.

Footnotes to the tables are intended to clarify tabulated requirements or provide acceptable alternative reinforcement designs, either of which are applicable and binding as if they were contained in the body of the specification.

7.2 Modified and Special Designs: