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# Standard Specification for Reinforced Concrete Elliptical Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe (Metric)<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

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

1.2 Pipe designed for placement with the major axis horizontal shall be designated as “Horizontal Elliptical Pipe.” Pipe designed for placement with the major axis vertical shall be designated as “Vertical Elliptical Pipe.”

1.3 This specification is the SI companion to Specification C507; therefore, no inch-pound equivalents are presented in this specification. Reinforced concrete pipe that conforms to the requirements of C507 are acceptable under this Specification C507M 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, and care that the installation conforms to 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.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

<sup>1</sup> This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C13 on Concrete Pipe and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C13.02 on Reinforced Sewer and Culvert Pipe.

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## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

- 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
- 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, Concrete Box Sections, 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
- 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

<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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

Flexible Joint Sealants (Metric)  
**C1017/C1017M** Specification for Chemical Admixtures for  
 Use in Producing Flowing Concrete (Withdrawn 2022)<sup>3</sup>  
**C1116/C1116M** Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete  
**C1602/C1602M** Specification for Mixing Water Used in the  
 Production of Hydraulic Cement Concrete

Horizontal Elliptical Pipe	Vertical Elliptical Pipe
Class HE-A	Class VE-II
Class HE-I	Class VE-III
Class HE-II	Class VE-IV
Class HE-III	Class VE-V
Class HE-IV	Class VE-VI

4.2 The strength requirements for horizontal elliptical pipe are prescribed in **Table 1** and for vertical elliptical pipe are prescribed in **Table 2**.

### 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 **Table 1**.

5.1.1 *Acceptance on Basis of Plant Load-Bearing Tests, Material Tests, and Inspection of Manufactured Pipe for Visual*

### 3. Terminology

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

### 4. Classification

4.1 Pipe manufactured according to this specification shall be of five classes each for horizontal elliptical and vertical elliptical pipe with identification as follows:

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).

**TABLE 1 Design Requirements for Horizontal Elliptical (HE) Pipe<sup>A</sup>**

NOTE 1—The test load in kilonewtons per linear metre equals D-load × inside span in millimetres.

NOTE 2—Single cage reinforcement, providing tension steel at the top, bottom, and springline, shall be permitted instead of double cage reinforcement. The area of such reinforcement shall be 112 % of the tabulated inner cage area.

NOTE 3—An inner and outer cage plus quadrant mats shall be permitted instead of double cage reinforcement. The area of such reinforcement shall be in accordance with **Fig. 1**.

NOTE 4—An inner and outer cage plus a middle cage shall be permitted instead of double cage reinforcement. The area of such reinforcement shall be in accordance with **Fig. 2**.

Designated Diameter, Equivalent Round Size, mm	Designated Rise, mm × Span, mm	Minimum Wall Thickness, mm	Reinforcement, cm <sup>2</sup> /linear m									
			Class HE-A		Class HE-I		Class HE-II		Class HE-III		Class HE-IV	
			D-Loads									
			0.3 = 30 Ult = 45		0.3 = 40 Ult = 60		0.3 = 50 Ult = 75		0.3 = 65 Ult = 100		0.3 = 100 Ult = 150	
			In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage
375	300 × 480	63	1.5	...	1.5	...	1.5	...	1.9	...	3.4	...
450	365 × 575	69	1.7	...	2.3	...	3.0	...	4.0	...	5.7	...
600	490 × 770	82	2.3	...	3.2	...	4.0	...	5.5	...	8.3	...
675	550 × 865	88	3.0	...	3.8	...	4.9	...	6.6	...	9.7	...
750	610 × 960	94	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.8	3.6	3.6	4.9	4.9	7.2	7.2
825	670 × 1055	94	2.5	2.5	3.6	3.6	4.4	4.4	5.9	5.9	8.7	8.7
900	730 × 1150	113	2.3	2.3	3.2	3.2	4.0	4.0	5.5	5.5	8.3	8.3
975	795 × 1250	119	2.8	2.8	3.6	3.6	4.4	4.4	6.1	6.1	9.3	9.3
1050	855 × 1345	125	3.2	3.2	4.2	4.2	5.1	5.1	7.0	7.0	10.6	10.6
1200	975 × 1535	138	3.6	3.6	4.9	4.9	5.9	5.9	8.3	8.3	...	...
1350	1095 × 1730	150	4.2	4.2	5.7	5.7	7.2	7.2	9.5	9.5	...	...
1500	1220 × 1920	163	5.1	5.1	6.8	6.8	8.5	8.5	11.2	11.2	...	...
1650	1340 × 2110	175	5.7	5.7	7.6	7.6	9.5	9.5	12.9	12.9	...	...
1800	1465 × 2305	188	6.6	6.6	8.7	8.7	11.0	11.0	14.8	14.8	...	...
1950	1585 × 2495	200	7.2	7.2	9.5	9.5	11.9	11.9	16.5	16.5	...	...
2100	1705 × 2690	213	8.0	8.0	10.6	10.6	13.3	13.3	18.6	18.6	...	...
2250	1830 × 2880	225	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2400	1950 × 3070	238	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2550	2075 × 3265	244	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2700	2195 × 3455	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2850	2315 × 3648	263	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3000	2440 × 3840	275	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3300	2680 × 4225	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3600	2925 × 4610	325	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concrete strength <sup>B</sup> , MPa			27.6		27.6		27.6		†450 to 1650 mm, 27.6		27.6	
									†1800 to 2100 mm, 34.5			

<sup>A</sup> Concrete strength for designs with reinforcement tabulated. For modified or special designs, see **7.3**.

<sup>B</sup> For sizes and loads beyond those shown in this table, pipe designs are available that make use of one or a combination of the following: shear steel, multiple cages, or thicker walls in accordance with the provisions of **7.3**.

**TABLE 2 Design Requirements for Vertical Elliptical Pipe<sup>A</sup>**

NOTE 1—Test load in kilonewtons per linear metre equals D-load × inside span in millimetres.

NOTE 2—An inner and outer cage plus quadrant mats shall be permitted instead of double cage reinforcement. The area of such reinforcement shall be in accordance with Fig. 3.

NOTE 3—Single cage reinforcement, providing tension steel at the top, bottom, and spring line shall be permitted instead of double cage reinforcement. The area of such reinforcement shall be 112 % of the tabulated inner cage area.

NOTE 4—An inner and outer cage plus a middle cage shall be permitted instead of double cage reinforcement. The area of such reinforcement shall be in accordance with Fig. 4.

Designated Diameter, Equivalent Round Size, mm	Designated Rise, mm × Span, mm	Minimum Wall Thickness, mm	Reinforcement, cm <sup>2</sup> /linear m									
			Class VE-II		Class VE-III		Class VE-IV		Class VE-V		Class VE-VI	
			D-Loads									
			0.3 = 50 Ult = 75		0.3 = 65 Ult = 100		0.3 = 100 Ult = 150		0.3 = 140 Ult = 175		0.3 = 190 Ult = 235	
			In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage	In Cage	Out Cage
900	1150 × 730	113	1.7	1.1	2.3	1.5	3.4	2.1	4.9	3.0	6.6	4.0
975	1250 × 795	119	1.9	1.1	2.5	1.5	3.8	2.3	5.5	3.4	7.4	4.4
1050	1345 × 855	125	2.1	1.3	2.8	1.7	4.2	2.5	6.1	3.6	8.0	4.9
1200	1535 × 975	138	2.3	1.5	3.2	1.9	4.7	2.8	7.0	4.2	9.3	5.5
1350	1730 × 1095	150	2.8	1.7	3.8	2.3	5.7	3.4	8.5	5.1	11.2	5.8
1500	1920 × 1220	163	3.4	2.1	4.4	2.8	6.6	4.0	9.9	5.9	...	...
1650	2110 × 1340	175	3.8	2.3	5.3	3.2	7.6	4.7	11.6	7.0	...	...
1800	2305 × 1465	188	4.4	2.8	5.9	3.6	8.7	5.3	...	...	...	...
1950	2495 × 1585	200	4.9	3.0	6.6	4.0	9.9	5.9	...	...	...	...
2100	2690 × 1705	213	5.5	3.4	7.4	4.4	11.2	6.8	...	...	...	...
2250	2880 × 1830	225	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2400	3070 × 1950	238	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2550	3265 × 2075	244	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2700	3455 × 2195	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2850	3648 × 2315	263	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3000	3840 × 2440	275	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3300	4225 × 2680	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3600	4610 × 2925	325	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concrete strength <sup>B</sup> , MPa			27.6		27.6		27.6		34.5		41.4	

<sup>A</sup> For sizes and loads beyond those shown in this table, pipe designs are available which make use of one or a combination of the following: shear steel, multiple cages, or thicker walls in accordance with the provisions of 7.3.

<sup>B</sup> Concrete strength for designs with reinforcement tabulated. For modified or special designs, see 7.3.

**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 prescribed 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 by the owner and the 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 they conform 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, admixtures, if used, and water, 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.