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Standard Specification for Nonreinforced Concrete Specified Strength Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe (Metric)¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers nonreinforced concrete pipe designed for specified strengths and 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 metric counterpart of Specification C985.

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 conditions and the designated strength of the pipe. However, experience has shown that the successful performance of this product depends upon the proper selection of the pipe strength, type of bedding and backfill, and care that the installation conforms to the construction specifications. The owner of the concrete pipe specified herein is cautioned that he must correlate the field requirements with the pipe strength specified and provide inspection at the construction site.

1.3 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[A615/A615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-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](#)

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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.

[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](#)

[C1017/C1017M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete \(Withdrawn 2022\)³](#)

[C1116/C1116M Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete](#)
[C1602/C1602M Specification for Mixing Water Used in the Production of Hydraulic Cement Concrete](#)

[E105 Guide for Probability Sampling of Materials](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology [C822](#).

4. Basis of Acceptance

4.1 The acceptability of the pipe design shall be determined in accordance with Section 9. After the pipe design has been accepted, or if the pipe design has been accepted previously in accordance with Section 9, production pipe shall be accepted in accordance with 4.2.

4.2 *Acceptance on the Basis of Pipe Load and Material Tests and Inspection of Manufactured Pipe for Defects*—Determine in accordance with Sections 5, 6, 8, and 11.

NOTE 2—It is necessary that samples be selected at random. For guidance, see Practice [E105](#).

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

5. Design and Manufacturing Data

5.1 The manufacturer shall provide the following information regarding the pipe unless waived by the owner:

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

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

- 5.1.1 Basis of acceptance and supporting data,
- 5.1.2 Designated pipe strength,
- 5.1.3 *Physical Characteristics*—Diameter, wall thickness, laying length, and joint details,
- 5.1.4 Admixtures,
- 5.1.5 Manufacturing and curing process, and
- 5.1.6 *Handling Reinforcement*:
 - 5.1.6.1 Type of reinforcement, applicable reinforcement specification, and grade.
 - 5.1.6.2 Placement, placement tolerance, diameter, spacing and cross-sectional area of circumferential, longitudinal, and special reinforcement.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Materials:

6.1.1 *Concrete*—The concrete shall consist of cementitious materials, mineral aggregates, admixtures, if used, and water.

6.1.2 *Cementitious Materials*:

6.1.2.1 *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.

6.1.2.2 *Fly Ash*—Fly ash shall conform to the requirements of Specification **C618**, Class F or Class C.

6.1.2.3 *Slag Cement*—Slag cement shall conform to the requirements of Grade 100 or 120 of Specification **C989/C989M**.

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

- (1) Portland cement only,
- (2) Portland blast-furnace slag cement only,
- (3) Portland-pozzolan cement only,
- (4) Portland-limestone cement only,
- (5) A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement and fly ash,
- (6) A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement and slag cement,
- (7) A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement, slag cement, and fly ash, or
- (8) A combination of portland-pozzolan cement and fly ash.

6.1.3 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to the requirements of Specification **C33/C33M**, except that the requirement for gradation shall not apply.

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

6.1.4.1 Air-entraining admixture conforming to Specification **C260/C260M**;

6.1.4.2 Chemical admixture conforming to Specification **C494/C494M**;

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

6.1.4.4 Chemical admixture or blend approved by the owner.

6.1.5 *Steel Reinforcement*—Reinforcement shall consist of welded wire reinforcement conforming to Specification **A1064/A1064M** for steel wire and welded wire reinforcement, plain and deformed, for concrete. If billet steel is used, it shall be used conforming to Specification **A615/A615M**.

6.1.6 *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.

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

6.2 Manufacture:

6.2.1 *Mixture*—The aggregates shall be sized, graded, proportioned, and mixed with cementitious materials, water, and admixtures, if any, to produce a thoroughly-mixed concrete mixture of such quality that the pipe will conform to the design and test requirements of this specification.

6.2.2 *Handling Reinforcement*—Circumferential handling reinforcement shall be provided in all pipe larger than 900 mm in diameter.

6.2.2.1 *Placement*—Where one line of circular reinforcement is used, it shall be placed between 30 and 50 % of the wall thickness from the inside surface. Where two lines of circular reinforcement are used, each line shall be so placed that the protective covering over the circumferential reinforcement in the wall of the section shall be 25 mm.

6.2.2.2 *Splices*—If the splices are not welded, the reinforcement shall be lapped not less than 20 diameters for deformed bars and deformed cold-worked wire, and 40 diameters for plain bars and cold-worked wire. The measurement of this lap length shall be tip-to-tip from the ends of the circumferential wires. In addition, where lapped cages of welded wire reinforcement are used without welding, the lap shall contain a longitudinal wire. When splices are welded and are not lapped to the minimum requirements above, there shall be a minimum lap of 50 mm and pull tests of representative specimens shall develop at least 50 % of the minimum specified strength of the steel.

6.2.2.3 *Spacing*—Handling reinforcements shall be individual hoops or shall be formed into a cage or cages. It shall be distributed along the length of the pipe section, or one half of the minimum reinforcement shall be allowed to be placed in each of the extreme quarters of the length of a 2.4-m or less pipe section, or one third of the minimum reinforcement shall be allowed to be placed in each third of the length of a longer than 2.4-m pipe section. Additionally, at least 75 % of the minimum area shall be located not less than one fifteenth of the length of the pipe section from any portion of the joint.

6.2.2.4 *Area*—The minimum area of circumferential handling reinforcement shall be equal to $0.06 (D + t)^2$ in square mm per m of pipe, where “D” equals the designated diameter in mm and “t” equals the wall thickness in mm.

6.2.2.5 *Special Designs*—The manufacturer shall be allowed to submit special designs to the owner for approval.