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The first five sections of this Specification cover general requirements for concrete construction. These sections cover materials and proportioning of concrete; reinforcement and prestressing steel; production, placing, finishing, and curing of concrete; formwork performance criteria and construction; treatment of joints; embedded items; repair of surface defects; and finishing of formed and unformed surfaces. Provisions governing testing, evaluation, and acceptance of concrete as well as acceptance of the structures are included. The remaining sections are devoted to architectural concrete, lightweight concrete, mass concrete, post-tensioned concrete, shrinkage-compensating concrete for interior slabs, industrial floor slabs, tilt-up construction, precast structural concrete, and precast architectural concrete.

The materials, processes, quality control measures, and inspections described in this document should be tested, monitored, or performed as applicable only by individuals holding the appropriate ACI Certification or equivalent.

Keywords: architectural concrete; cold weather; compressive strength; consolidation; curing; durability; finish; formwork; grouting; hot weather; industrial floors; inspection; joints; lightweight concrete; mass concrete; mixture proportions; placing; post-tensioned concrete; precast concrete; prestressing steel; repair; reshoring; shoring; shrinkage-compensating concrete; slabs-on-ground; steel reinforcement; testing; tilt-up; tolerance; welded wire reinforcement.

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