



# Standard Test Method for Temperature of Freshly Mixed Portland Cement Concrete<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This test method covers the determination of temperature of freshly mixed portland cement concrete.

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

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.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

C 172 Practice for Sampling Freshly Mixed Concrete<sup>2</sup>

## 3. Significance and Use

3.1 This test method provides a means for measuring the temperature of freshly mixed concrete. It may be used to verify conformance to a specified requirement for temperature of concrete.

3.2 Concrete containing aggregate of a nominal maximum size greater than 3 in. [75 mm] may require up to 20 min for the transfer of heat from aggregate to mortar. (See ACI Committee 207.1R Report.<sup>3</sup>)

## 4. Apparatus

4.1 *Container*, shall be made of nonabsorptive material and large enough to provide at least 3 in. [75 mm] of concrete in all directions around the sensor of the temperature measuring

device; concrete cover must also be at least three times the nominal maximum size of the coarse aggregate.

4.2 *Temperature Measuring Device*, shall be capable of accurately measuring the temperature of the freshly mixed concrete to  $\pm 1^\circ\text{F}$  [ $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ ] throughout a range of  $30^\circ$  to  $120^\circ\text{F}$  [ $0^\circ$  to  $50^\circ\text{C}$ ]. The design of the temperature measuring device shall be such that it allows 3 in. [75 mm] or more immersion during operation.

4.3 Partial immersion liquid-in-glass thermometers (and possibly other types) shall have a permanent mark to which the device must be immersed without applying a correction factor.

4.4 *Reference Temperature Measuring Device*, shall be readable and accurate to  $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{F}$  [ $0.2^\circ\text{C}$ ] at the verification points in 5.1. A certificate or report that verifies the accuracy shall be available in the laboratory for review. Accuracy of liquid-in-glass reference temperature measuring devices shall be verified once. Verification of direct-reading resistance reference temperature measuring device shall be performed every twelve months. The certificate or report shall provide documentation that the reference standard used in the verification is traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

## 5. Calibration of Temperature Measuring Device

5.1 Each temperature measuring device used for determining temperature of freshly mixed concrete shall be calibrated annually, or whenever there is a question of accuracy. This calibration shall be performed by comparing the readings of the temperature measuring device at two temperatures at least  $30^\circ\text{F}$  [ $15^\circ\text{C}$ ] apart.

5.2 Calibration of the temperature measuring devices may be made in oil or other suitable baths having uniform density if provision is made to:

5.2.1 Maintain the bath temperature constant within  $0.5^\circ\text{F}$  [ $0.2^\circ\text{C}$ ] during the period of the test.

5.2.2 Have both the temperature and reference temperature measuring devices maintained in the bath for a minimum of 5 min before reading temperatures.

5.2.3 Continuously circulate the bath liquid to provide a uniform temperature.

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.02.

<sup>3</sup> Available from American Concrete Institute, Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333.

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

5.2.4 Slightly tap thermometers containing liquid to avoid adhesion of the liquid to the glass if the temperature exposure is being reduced.

## 6. Sampling Concrete

6.1 The temperature of freshly mixed concrete may be measured in the transporting equipment provided the sensor of the temperature measuring device has at least 3 in. [75 mm] of concrete cover in all directions around it.

6.2 Temperature of the freshly mixed concrete may be obtained following concrete placement using the forms as the container.

6.3 If the transporting equipment or placement forms are not used as the container, a sample shall be prepared as follows:

6.3.1 Immediately, prior to sampling the freshly mixed concrete, dampen (with water) the sample container.

6.3.2 Sample the freshly mixed concrete in accordance with Practice C 172, except that composite samples are not required if the only purpose for obtaining the sample is to determine temperature.

6.3.3 Place the freshly mixed concrete into the container.

6.3.4 When concrete contains a nominal maximum size of aggregate greater than 3 in. [75 mm], it may require 20 min before the temperature is stabilized after mixing.

## 7. Procedure

7.1 Place the temperature measuring device so that the end of the temperature sensing portion is submerged a minimum of 3 in. [75 mm] into the freshly mixed concrete. Close the void left by the placement by gently pressing the concrete around the temperature measuring device at the surface of the concrete to prevent ambient air temperature from affecting the reading.

7.2 Leave the temperature measuring device in the freshly mixed concrete for a minimum period of 2 min or until the temperature reading stabilizes, then read and record the temperature.

7.3 Complete the temperature measurement of the freshly mixed concrete within 5 min after obtaining the sample.

## 8. Report

8.1 Record the measured temperature of the freshly mixed concrete to the nearest 1°F [0.5°C].

## 9. Precision and Bias

9.1 The precision and bias of this test method have not been determined. A precision and bias statement will be included when sufficient test data have been obtained and analyzed.

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee C09 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue, C 1064/C 1064M – 01, that may impact the use of this standard (Approved October 2003).

- (1) Revised 4.2 to require a temperature-measuring device to accommodate a 3 in. minimum immersion in the concrete.      (2) Revised 7.1 for clarity.

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