



Standard Test Methods for Freezing and Thawing Compacted Soil-Cement Mixtures ¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 These test methods cover procedures for determining the soil-cement losses, water content changes, and volume changes (swell and shrinkage) produced by repeated freezing and thawing of hardened soil-cement specimens. The specimens are compacted in a mold, before cement hydration, to maximum density at optimum water content using the compaction procedure described in Test Methods D 558.

1.2 Two test methods, depending on soil gradation, are covered for preparation of material for molding specimens and for molding specimens as follows:

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1.3 All observed and calculated values shall conform to the guidelines for significant digits and rounding established in Practice D 6026.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard, except as noted below. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units, and are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4.1 The gravitational system of inch-pound units is used when dealing with inch-pound units. In this system, the pound (lbf) represents a unit of force (weight), while the unit for mass is slugs.

1.4.2 The slug unit of mass is almost never used in commercial practice (density, scales, balances, etc.). Therefore, the standard unit for mass in this standard is either kilogram (kg) or gram (g), or both. Also, the equivalent inch-pound unit (slug) is not given.

1.4.3 It is common practice in the engineering/construction profession to use pounds to represent both a unit of mass (lbm) and of force (lbf). This implicitly combines two separate

systems of unit; that is, the absolute system and the gravitational system. It is scientifically undesirable to combine the use of two separate sets of inch-pound units within a single standard. As stated in 1.4.2, this standard includes the gravitational system of inch-pound units and does not use/present the slug unit for mass. However, the use of balances or scales recording pounds of mass (lbm) or recording density in lbm/ft³ shall not be regarded as nonconformance with this standard.

1.5 *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 150 Specification for Portland Cement²
- C 595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements²
- D 558 Test Methods for Moisture-Density Relations of Soil-Cement Mixtures³
- D 559 Test Methods for Wetting-and-Drying Compacted Soil-Cement Mixtures³
- D 653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids³
- D 2168 Test Methods for Calibration of Laboratory Mechanical-Rammer Soil Compactors³
- D 2216 Test Method for Laboratory Determination of Water (Moisture) Content of Soil and Rock by Mass³
- D 3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction³
- D 4753 Specification of Evaluating, Selecting, and Specifying Balances and Scales for Use in Soil, Rock, and Construction Material Testing³
- D 6026 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Geotechnical Data⁴
- E 11 Specification for Wire-Cloth and Sieves for Testing Purposes⁵

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.01.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.08.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.09.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

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

E 145 Specifications for Gravity-Convection and Forced-Ventilation Ovens⁶

3. Terminology

3.1 For common definitions of terms used in this standard, refer to Terminology D 653.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 These test methods are used to determine the resistance of compacted soil-cement specimens to repeated freezing and thawing. These test methods were developed to be used in conjunction with Test Methods D 559 and criteria given in the *Soil-Cement Laboratory Handbook*⁷ to determine the minimum amount of cement required in soil-cement to achieve a degree of hardness adequate to resist field weathering.

NOTE 1—The quality of the result produced by this standard is dependent on the competence of the personnel performing it and the suitability of the equipment and facilities used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Practice D 3740 are generally considered capable of competent and objective testing/sampling/inspection/etc. Users of this standard are cautioned that compliance with Practice D 3740 does not in itself assure reliable results. Reliable results depend on many factors; Practice D 3740 provides a means of evaluating some of those factors.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Mold*—A cylindrical metal mold having a volume of $\frac{1}{30} \pm 0.00040 \text{ ft}^3$ ($944 \pm 11 \text{ cm}^3$) with an internal diameter of $4.0 \pm 0.016 \text{ in.}$ ($101.60 \pm 0.41 \text{ mm}$) and conforming to Fig. 1 to permit preparing compacted specimens of soil-cement mixtures of this size. The mold shall be provided with a detachable collar assembly approximately $2\text{-}\frac{1}{2} \text{ in.}$ (63.5 mm) in height. The mold may be of the split type consisting of two half-round sections or a section of pipe with one side split perpendicular to the pipe circumference and that can be securely locked in place to form a closed cylinder having the dimensions described above. The mold and collar assembly shall be so constructed that it can be fastened firmly to a detachable base.

5.2 *Rammer*:

5.2.1 *Manual Rammer*—A manually operated metal rammer having a $2.000 \pm 0.005\text{-in.}$ ($50.80 \pm 0.13\text{-mm}$) diameter circular face and a mass of $2.49 \pm 0.01 \text{ kg}$. The rammer shall be equipped with a suitable guidesleeve to control the height of drop to a free fall of $12.0 \pm \frac{1}{16}\text{in.}$ ($304.8 \pm 1.6 \text{ mm}$) above the elevation of the soil-cement. The guidesleeve shall have at least four vent holes not smaller than $\frac{3}{8} \text{ in.}$ (9.5 mm) spaced 90° apart and located with centers $\frac{3}{4} \pm \frac{1}{16}\text{in.}$ ($19.0 \pm 1.6 \text{ mm}$) from each end and shall provide sufficient clearance that free-falls of the rammer shaft and head will not be restricted.

5.2.2 *Mechanical Rammer*—A mechanically operated metal rammer having a $2.000 \pm 0.005\text{-in.}$ ($50.80 \pm 0.13\text{-mm}$) diameter face and a manufactured mass of $2.49 \pm 0.01 \text{ kg}$. The operating mass of the rammer shall be determined from a calibration in accordance with Methods D 2168. The rammer shall be equipped with a suitable arrangement to control the height of drop to a free-fall of $12.0 \pm \frac{1}{16}\text{in.}$ ($304.8 \pm 1.6 \text{ mm}$) above the elevation of the soil-cement.

5.2.3 *Rammer Face*—Strength and resistance to freezing and thawing of specimens compacted with the sector face rammer may differ from that of specimens compacted with the circular face rammer. Therefore, the sector face rammer shall not be used unless previous tests on like soil-cement mixtures show that similar resistance to freezing and thawing is obtained with the two types of rammers.

5.3 *Sample Extruder*—A jack, lever frame, or other device adapted for the purpose of extruding compacted specimens from the mold. Not required when a split-type mold is used.

5.4 *Balances*—A balance or scale conforming to the requirements of Class GP5 with a readability of 1g in Specification D 4753, except that a Class GP2 balance of 0.1g readability is required for water content determination.

5.5 *Drying Oven*—Thermostatically controlled, preferably of the forced-draft type, meeting the requirements of Specification E 145 and capable of maintaining a uniform temperature of $110 \pm 5^\circ \text{C}$ ($230 \pm 9^\circ \text{F}$) throughout the drying chamber.

5.6 *Freezing Cabinet*—A freezing cabinet capable of maintaining temperatures of -10°F (-23°C) or lower.

5.7 *Moist Room*—A moist room or suitable covered container capable of maintaining a temperature of $70 \pm 3^\circ \text{F}$ ($21 \pm 1.7^\circ \text{C}$) and a relative humidity of 100 % for 7-day storage of compacted specimens and for thawing frozen specimens.

5.8 *Wire Scratch Brush*—A wire scratch brush made of 2 by $\frac{1}{16}\text{-in.}$ (50.800 by 1.588-mm) flat No. 26 gage (0.46 mm) wire bristles assembled in 50 groups of 10 bristles each and mounted to form 5 longitudinal rows and 10 transverse rows of bristles on a $7\text{-}\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\text{-}\frac{1}{2}\text{-in.}$ (190.0 by 63.5-mm) hardwood block.

5.9 *Straightedge*—A stiff metal straightedge of any convenient length but not less than 10-in. (250 mm). The total length of the straightedge shall be machined straight to a tolerance of $\pm 0.005\text{-in.}$ ($\pm 0.1\text{-mm}$). The scraping edge shall be beveled if it is thicker than $\frac{1}{8}\text{-in.}$ (3-mm).

5.10 *Sieves*—3-in. (75-mm), $\frac{3}{4}\text{-in.}$ (19.0-mm), and No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieves conforming to the requirements of Specification E 11.

5.11 *Mixing Tools*—Miscellaneous tools such as mixing pan, and trowel, or a suitable mechanical device for thoroughly mixing the soil with cement and water.

5.12 *Butcher Knife*—A butcher knife approximately 10 in. (250 mm) in length for trimming the top of the specimens.

5.13 *Scarifier*—A six-pronged ice pick or similar apparatus to remove the smooth compaction plane at the top of the first and second layers of the specimen.

5.14 *Container*—A flat, round pan, for moisture absorption by soil-cement mixtures, about 12 in. (305 mm) in diameter and 2 in. (50 mm) deep.

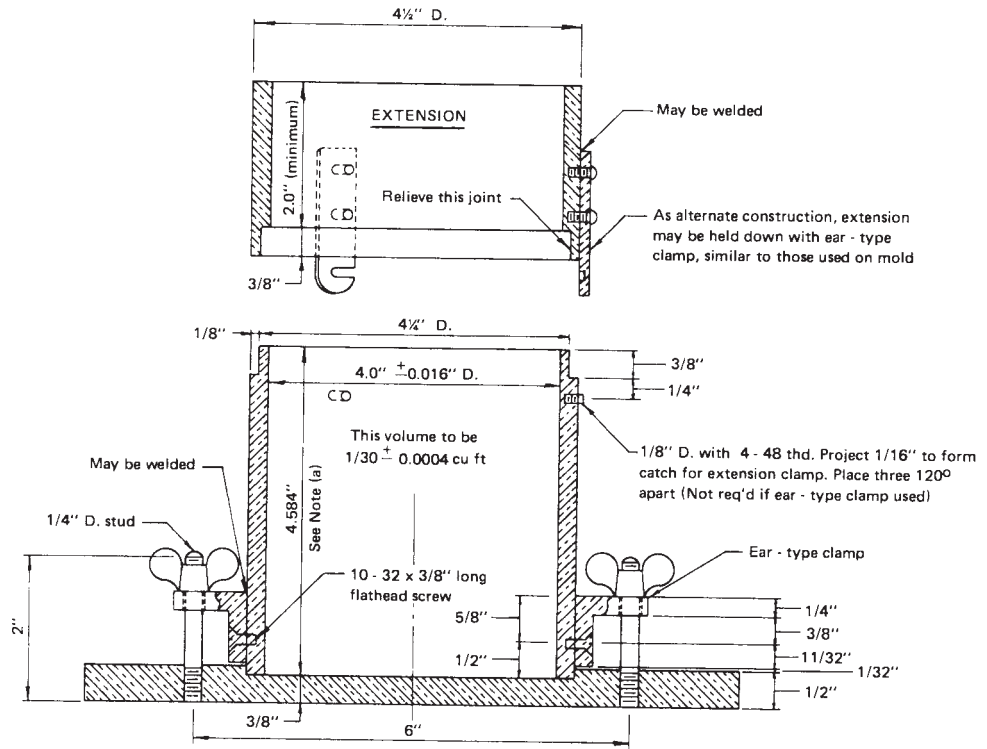
5.15 *Measuring Device*—A measuring device suitable for accurately measuring the heights and diameters of test specimens to the nearest 0.01 in. (0.2 mm).

5.16 *Pans and Carriers*—Suitable pans for handling materials and carriers or trays for handling test specimens.

5.17 *Absorptive Pads*— $\frac{1}{4}\text{-in.}$ (6-mm) thick felt pads, blotters, or similar absorptive material for placing between specimens and specimen carriers.

⁶ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.04.

⁷ Soil-Cement Laboratory Handbook, Portland Cement Assn., 1971.



Metric Equivalents

in.	mm
0.016	0.41
0.026	0.66
1/32	0.80
1/16	1.6
1/8	3.2
1/4	6.4
11/32	8.7
3/8	9.5
1/2	12.7
5/8	15.9
2	50.8
2 1/2	63.5
4	101.6
4 1/4	108.0
4 1/2	114.3
4.584	116.43
6	152.4
6 1/2	165.1
8	203.2
ft ³	cm
1/30	944
0.004	11
	2124
0.0009	25

NOTE 1—The tolerance on the height as governed by the allowable volume and diameter tolerances.

NOTE 2—The methods shown for attaching the extension collar to the mold and the mold to the base plate are recommended. However, other methods are acceptable, providing the attachments, are equally as rigid as those shown.

FIG. 1 Cylindrical Mold

5.18 *Graduate*—A graduated cylinder of 250-mL capacity for measuring water.

5.19 *Water Content Containers*—Suitable containers made of material resistant to corrosion and change in mass upon

repeated heating, cooling, exposure to materials of varying pH, and cleaning. Unless a desiccator is used, containers with close filling lids shall be used for testing specimens having a mass of

about 200g, containers without lids may be used. One container is needed for each water content determination.

6. Calibration

6.1 Perform calibrations before initial use, after repairs or other occurrences that might affect the test results, at intervals not exceeding 500 test specimens, or annually, whichever occurs first, for the following apparatus:

6.1.1 *Balance*—Evaluate in accordance with Specification D 3740.

6.1.2 *Molds*—Determine the volume as described in D 698, Annex 1.

6.1.3 *Manual Rammer*—Verify the free fall distance, rammer mass, and rammer force in accordance with 5.2. Verify the sleeve requirements in accordance with 5.2.1.

6.1.4 *Mechanical Rammer*—Calibrate and adjust the mechanical rammer in accordance with Test Method D 2168.

7. Test Method A—Using Soil Material Passing a No. 4 (4.75-mm) Sieve

7.1 Preparation of Material for Molding Specimens:

7.1.1 Prepare the soil sample in accordance with Test Method A of Test Methods D 558.

7.1.2 Select a sufficient quantity of the soil prepared as described in 7.1.1 to provide two (Note 2) compacted specimens and required water content samples.

NOTE 2—(Optional)—Usually only one specimen (identified as No. 2) is required for routine testing. The other specimen (identified as No. 1) is made for research work and for testing unusual soils.

7.1.3 Add to the soil the required amount of cement conforming to Specification C 150 or Specification C 595. Mix the cement and soil thoroughly to a uniform color.

7.1.4 Add sufficient potable water to raise the soil-cement mixture to optimum water content at time of compaction and mix thoroughly.

7.1.5 When the soil used is a heavy textured clayey material, compact the mixture of soil, cement, and water in a container to a depth of about 2 in. (50 mm) using the rammer described in 5.2 or similar hand tamper, cover, and allow to stand for not less than 5 min but not more than 10 min to aid dispersion of the moisture and to permit more complete absorption by the soil-cement.

7.1.6 After the absorption period, thoroughly break up the mixture, without reducing the natural size of individual particles, until it will pass a No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve, as judged by eye, and then remix.

7.2 Molding Specimens:

7.2.1 Form a specimen by immediately compacting the soil-cement mixture in the mold, with the collar attached, and later trimming the specimen in the same manner as directed for Test Method A of Test Methods D 558, and in addition scarify the tops of the first and second layers to remove smooth compaction planes before placing and compacting the succeeding layers. This scarification shall form grooves at right angles to each other, approximately $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm) in width and $\frac{1}{8}$ in. (3.2 mm) in depth and approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6.4 mm) apart.

7.2.2 During compaction, take a representative sample from the batch of soil-cement mixture, that has a mass of at least 100

g. Determine and record the mass. Immediately, dry the specimen in an oven at $230 \pm 9^\circ\text{F}$ ($110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$) for at least 12 h or to a constant mass. Determine and record the oven-dry mass of the specimen to four significant digits. Calculate the water content according to Method D 2216 and check against design water content. (Note 7)

7.2.3 Determine and record the mass of the compacted specimen to four significant digits and remove it from the mold. Calculate the dry unit weight in lbf/ft^3 according to Method D 558 to check against the design dry density. (Note 7).

7.2.3.1 If the dry unit weight obtained is within the design tolerances specified, identify the specimen with a metal tag (or other suitable device) as No. 1, together with any other needed identification marks. This specimen will be used to obtain data on water content and volume changes during the test.

7.2.3.2 If the dry unit weight obtained does not meet the tolerances specified, then another specimen will need to be compacted.

7.2.4 Form a second specimen as rapidly as possible and determine the water content and oven-dry mass as described in 7.2.1-7.2.3. Identify this specimen as No. 2, together with other needed identification marks and use to obtain data on soil-cement losses during the test.

7.2.5 Determine the average diameter and height of the No. 1 specimen and calculate its volume.

7.2.6 Place the specimens on suitable carriers in the moist room and protect them from free water for a period of 7 days.

7.2.7 Determine and record the mass and measurement of the No. 1 specimen at the end of the 7-day storage period to provide data for calculating its water content and volume.

NOTE 3—It is important that all height and diameter measurements be accurate to within 0.01 in. (0.2 mm) and be taken at the same points on the specimen at all times.

7.3 Procedure:

7.3.1 At the end of storage in the moist room, place water-saturated felt pads about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm) thick, blotters, or similar absorptive material between the specimens and the carriers, and place the assembly in a freezing cabinet having a constant temperature not warmer than -10°F (-23°C) for 24 h and remove. Determine and record the mass and measurements of the No. 1 specimen (water content and volume change specimen).

7.3.2 Place the assembly in the moist room or suitable covered container having a temperature of 70°F (21°C) and a relative humidity of 100 % for 23 h and remove. Free potable water shall be made available to the absorbent pads under the specimens to permit the specimens to absorb water by capillary action during the thawing period. Determine and record the mass and measurements of the No. 1 specimen.

7.3.3 Give specimen No. 2 (soil-cement loss specimen) two firm strokes on all areas with the wire scratch brush. The brush shall be held with the long axis of the brush parallel to the longitudinal axis of the specimen or parallel to the ends as required to cover all areas of the specimen. Apply these strokes to the full height and width of the specimen with a firm stroke corresponding to approximately 3-lbf (13.3-N) force (Note 4).

Eighteen to twenty vertical brush strokes are required to cover the sides of the specimen twice and four strokes are required on each end.

NOTE 4—This pressure is measured as follows: clamp a specimen in a vertical position on the edge of a platform scale and zero the scale. Apply vertical brushing strokes to the specimen and note the force necessary to register approximately 3 lbf (13.3 N).

7.3.4 After being brushed, the specimens shall be turned over end for end before they are replaced on the water-saturated pads.

7.3.5 The procedures described in 7.3.1-7.3.4 constitute one cycle (48 h) of freezing and thawing. Again place the specimens in the freezing cabinet and continue the procedure for 12 cycles.

NOTE 5—Mass determinations of specimen No. 2 before and after brushing are usually made at the end of each cycle when conducting research and making special investigations. Some specimens made of silty and clayey soils tend to scale on sides and ends particularly after about the sixth cycle of test. This scale shall be removed with a sharp-pointed instrument such as an ice pick, since the regular brushing may not be effective.

7.3.6 The No. 1 specimen may be discontinued prior to 12 cycles should measurements become inaccurate due to soil-cement loss of the specimen.

NOTE 6—If it is not possible to run the cycles continuously because of Sundays, holidays, or for any other reason, the specimens shall be held in the freezing cabinet during the layover period if possible.

7.3.7 After 12 cycles of test, dry the specimens to constant mass at 230°F (110°C). Determine and record the oven-dry mass of the specimens.

7.3.8 The data collected will permit calculations of volume and water content changes of specimen No. 1 and the soil-cement losses of specimen No. 2 after the prescribed 12 cycles of test.

8. Test Method B—Using Soil Material Passing a ¾-in. (19.0-mm) Sieve

8.1 Preparation of Material for Molding Specimens:

8.1.1 Prepare the soil sample in accordance with Test Method B of Test Methods D 558.

8.1.2 Select and maintain separate representative samples of soil passing the No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve and of saturated, surface-dry aggregate passing the ¾-in. (19.0-mm) sieve and retained on the No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve so that the total sample will be enough to provide two (Note 2) compacted specimens and required water content samples. The percentage, by oven-dry mass, of aggregate passing the ¾-in. (19.0-mm) sieve and retained on the No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve shall be the same as the percentage passing the 3-in. (75-mm) sieve and retained on the No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve in the original sample.

8.1.3 Add to the sample passing the No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve, the amount of cement conforming to Specification C 150, or Specification C 595, required for the total sample described in 8.1.2. Mix the cement and soil thoroughly to a uniform color.

8.1.4 Add to the sample passing the No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve, sufficient water to raise the total soil-cement mixture specified

in 8.1.2 to optimum water content at time of compaction and facilitate moisture dispersion as described for Test Method A in 7.1.4-7.1.6.

8.1.5 After preparation of the mixture as described in 8.1.1-8.1.4, add the saturated, surface-dry aggregate to the mixture and mix thoroughly.

8.2 Molding Specimens:

8.2.1 Form a specimen by immediately compacting the soil-cement mixture in the mold (with the collar attached) and later trimming the specimen in accordance with Test Method B of Test Methods D 558, and in addition as the mixture for each layer is placed in the mold, spade along the inside of the mold with a butcher knife before compaction to obtain uniform distribution of the material retained on the No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve and scarify the tops of the first and second layers as described for Test Method A of these test methods.

8.2.2 During compaction take from the batch a representative sample of the soil-cement mixture with a mass of at least 500 g. Determine and record the moist mass immediately, and dry in an oven at 230 ± 9°F (110 ± 5°C) at least 12 h or to constant mass to determine the water content to check against design water content.

8.2.3 Form a second specimen as rapidly as possible in the same manner.

8.2.4 Determine and record the mass of each compacted specimen to check against design dry unit weight, identify, and measure the No. 1 specimen (Note 2), place in the moist room, and measure the No. 1 specimen again at the end of the 7-day storage period as described for Test Method A in 7.2.3-7.2.7 (Note 3).

8.3 Procedure—Proceed as directed in Test Method A (see 7.3).

9. Calculation

9.1 Calculate the volume and water content changes and the soil-cement losses of the specimens as follows:

9.1.1 Calculate the difference between the volume of specimen No. 1 at the time of molding and subsequent volumes as a percentage of the original volume.

9.1.2 Calculate the water content of specimen No. 1 at the time of molding and subsequent water contents as a percentage of the original oven-dry mass of the specimen.

9.1.3 Correct the oven-dry mass of specimen No. 2 as obtained in 7.3.7 for water that has reacted with the cement and soil during the test and is retained in the specimen at 230°F (110°C) as follows:

$$\text{Corrected oven-dry mass} = (A/B) \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where:

A = oven-dry mass after drying at 230°F (110°C), and
B = percentage of water retained in specimen plus 100.

The percentage of water retained in specimen No. 2 after drying at 230°F (110°C) for use in the above formula can be assumed to be equal to the water retained in specimen No. 1. When No. 1 specimens are not molded, the foregoing data are not available and the average values prescribed in Table 1 are used.

TABLE 1 Average Values

AASHTO Soil Classification	Average Water Retained After Drying at 230°F (110°C), %
A-1, A-3	1.5
A-2	2.5
A-4, A-5	2.0
A-6, A-7	3.5

TABLE 2 Weight Loss of Replicate Specimens in the Freezing-and-Thawing Test^A

Soil No.	AASHTO Soil Class	Cement Content, %	Weight Losses Replicate Specimens, %
8295 ^B	A-4 (5)	3	14, 14
		5	6, 8
		7	3, 3
8939 ^B	A-1-b (0)	2	29, 26
		3	3, 3
8942 ^B	A-6 (10)	5	19, 23
		7	10, 9
		10	2, 2
9069 ^B	A-4 (8)	8	34, 38
		10	15, 18
		12	8, 7
9247 ^B	A-4 (8)	7	9, 7
9248 ^B	A-1-b (0)	4	66, 40
		6	4, 7
9263 ^B	A-2-4 (0)	2	31, 30
		3	10, 6
9268 ^B	A-2-4 (0)	4	20, 17
		5	9, 10
		3.5	17, 16
9271 ^B	A-2-4 (0)	5	3, 3
9287 ^B	A-1-a (0)	6	76, 34
9295 ^B	A-2-4 (0)	4	44, 100
9296 ^B	A-1-b (0)	9	10, 10
9307 ^B	A-3 (0)	8	6, 5
9312 ^B	A-4 (7)	5	4, 4
9319 ^B	A-2-4 (0)	8	19, 17
9423 ^C	A-3 (0)	8	11, 8
		10	7, 5
		12	15, 12
9427 ^C	A-3 (0)	8	9, 7
		10	6, 7
		12	6, 4, 5, 5
9429 ^C	A-4 (6)	14	2, 2, 2, 2
9433 ^C	A-6 (10)	4	9, 6
9443 ^C	A-4 (2)	5	5, 4
		5	1, 4, 1
9444 ^C	A-1-a (0)	6	12, 10
9465 ^C	A-2-4 (0)	8	5, 6
		12	6, 8
9468 ^C	A-3 (0)	12	6, 8

^AData condensed from Packard, R. G., and Chapman, G. A., "Developments in Durability Testing of Soil-Cement Mixtures," *Highway Research Record*, No. 36, 1963. Additional information given in Packard, R. G., "Alternate Methods for Measuring Freeze-Thaw and Wet-Dry Resistance of Soil-Cement Mixtures," *Highway Research Board Bulletin*, No. 353, 1962.

^BMolded from same batch by same operator.

^CMolded from separate batches at different times by different operators; from unpublished data of Portland Cement Association.

9.1.4 Calculate the soil-cement loss of specimen No. 2 as a percentage of the original oven-dry mass of the specimen as follows:

$$\text{Soil-cement loss, \%} = (A/B) \times 100 \quad (2)$$

where:

A = original calculated oven-dry mass minus final corrected oven-dry mass, and

B = original calculated oven-dry mass.

10. Report

10.1 The report shall include the following:

10.1.1 The designed optimum water content to the nearest 0.5 %, and maximum dry unit weight of the molded specimens to the nearest 0.5 lbf/ft³,

10.1.2 The water content and dry unit weight obtained in molded specimens.

NOTE 7—Unless otherwise specified, normal laboratory practice permits the following tolerances between design factors and those obtained in the molded specimens:

Water content	±1 percentage point
Dry Unit Weight	±3 lbf/ft ³

10.1.3 The designed cement content, in percent, of the molded specimens,

10.1.4 The maximum volume change, in percent, and maximum water content during test of specimen No. 1,

10.1.5 The soil-cement loss, in percent, of specimen No. 2,

10.1.6 Sample identification (i.e., sample number, project, location, depth, etc., and

10.1.7 Procedure used (Method A or Method B).

11. Precision and Bias

11.1 *Precision*—Only limited data are available from which to judge the variability of results for these test methods. These data are shown in Table 2.

11.1.1 A larger amount of mass loss data is listed in these test methods than in Test Methods D 559. It is expected that variations of results of these tests would be similar to results of Test Methods D 559 since the same brushing operation is used in both test methods to achieve the mass loss.

11.1.2 Experience indicates that the variations in test results are greater for high mass losses and less for low mass losses. The degree of variation of most interest is that at the allowable

mass loss criteria. Suggested allowable mass loss criteria are given in the literature.⁷

11.2 *Bias*—Since there is no accepted reference material suited for determining the bias for the procedure for measuring mass loss, no statement on bias is being made.

12. Keywords

12.1 durability; freeze-thaw; soil-cement; soil-cement mixtures; soil stabilization

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

In accordance with Committee D 18 policy, this section identifies the locations of changes to this standard since the last edition (1996) that may impact the use of this test method.

- (1) Changed “moisture” to “water content” in Sections 1.1, 5.19, 7.1.4, 8.2.2, 9.1.2, Note 7, and 10.1.4 to conform with D 18 terminology.
- (2) Changed referenced sections for Method A and Method B in Section 1.2.
- (3) Added new Section 1.3 to reference D 6026. Renumbered subsequent sections.
- (4) Revised Section 1.4 to clarify units used in the test method.
- (5) Updated titles and added D 653, D 2216, D 4753, D 6026, and E 145 to Section 2 “Referenced Documents”.
- (6) Updated Note 1 statement on Practice D 3740.
- (7) Added new Section 3 on “Terminology”. Renumbered subsequent sections.
- (8) Revised Sections 5.4, 5.5, 5.9, and 5.19 to conform to D 18 guidelines and policies.
- (9) Corrected errors with respect to significant digits.
- (10) Added new Section 6 on “Calibration”. Renumbered subsequent sections.
- (11) Revised Section 7.2.2 to provide clarity and to include significant digits.
- (12) Revised Section 7.2.3 for clarity and to add more specific instructions.
- (13) Revised last sentence in Sections 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 for clarity.
- (14) Revised Section 10 “Report” to add new requirements.
- (15) Revised Note 7.
- (16) Revised “Summary of Changes” section.
- (17) Changed “weight” to “mass” in several locations throughout the standard to conform to ASTM and D 18 policy.

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