



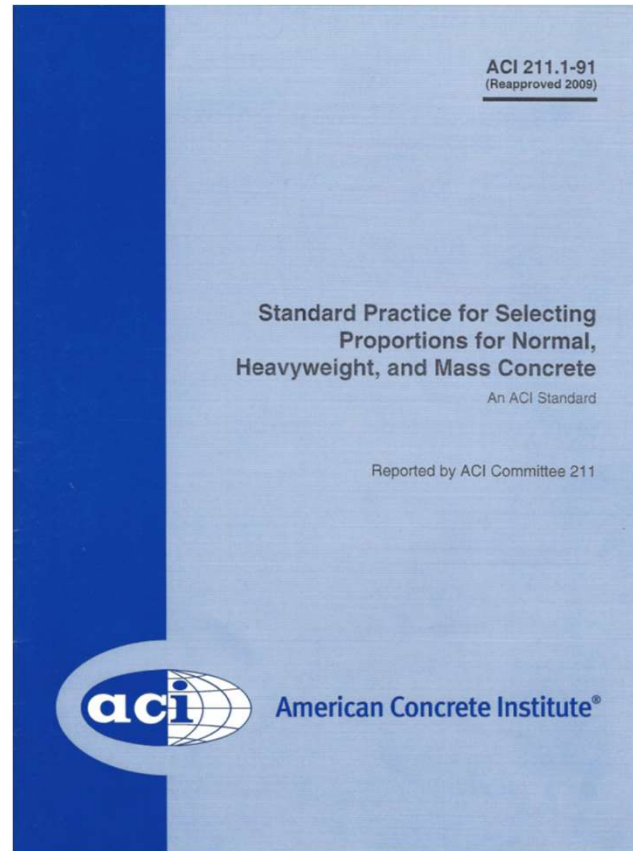
# Fundamentals of Mix Proportioning

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## Absolute Volume Method

The mix is proportioned to yield 27 ft<sup>3</sup> or 1 yd<sup>3</sup>. Each of the component materials occupies a portion of the overall volume that is determined by dividing the mass (weight) of each material in the mix by the relative density (specific gravity) multiplied by 62.4 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>, the density of water.

Example: What is the absolute volume (AV) of 564 lbs of Portland cement?

$$AV = 564 \text{ lb} / (3.15 \times 62.4 \text{ lb/ft}^3) = 2.87 \text{ ft}^3$$



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What information do you need to get started?

specified compressive strength,  $f'_c$

w/c or w/cm ratio (possibly)

what is being constructed

where in the country is it being constructed

contractor requirements

aggregate properties - stone size, fineness modulus - sand, relative density - sand/stone,  
aggregate absorption, aggregate total moisture, bulk density - stone

cementitious properties – relative density of fly ash, slag cement, silica fume



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**TABLE 4.2.1 — EXPOSURE CATEGORIES AND CLASSES**

Category	Severity	Class	Condition	
<b>F</b> Freezing and thawing	Not applicable	F0	Concrete not exposed to freezing-and-thawing cycles	
	Moderate	F1	Concrete exposed to freezing-and-thawing cycles and occasional exposure to moisture	
	Severe	F2	Concrete exposed to freezing-and-thawing cycles and in continuous contact with moisture	
	Very severe	F3	Concrete exposed to freezing-and-thawing and in continuous contact with moisture and exposed to deicing chemicals	
<b>S</b> Sulfate			<b>Water-soluble sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>) in soil, percent by mass*</b>	<b>Dissolved sulfate (SO<sub>4</sub>) in water, ppm<sup>†</sup></b>
	Not applicable	S0	SO <sub>4</sub> < 0.10	SO <sub>4</sub> < 150
	Moderate	S1	0.10 ≤ SO <sub>4</sub> < 0.20	150 ≤ SO <sub>4</sub> < 1500 Seawater
	Severe	S2	0.20 ≤ SO <sub>4</sub> ≤ 2.00	1500 ≤ SO <sub>4</sub> ≤ 10,000
	Very severe	S3	SO <sub>4</sub> > 2.00	SO <sub>4</sub> > 10,000
<b>P</b> Requiring low permeability	Not applicable	P0	In contact with water where low permeability is not required	
	Required	P1	In contact with water where low permeability is required.	
<b>C</b> Corrosion protection of reinforcement	Not applicable	C0	Concrete dry or protected from moisture	
	Moderate	C1	Concrete exposed to moisture but not to external sources of chlorides	
	Severe	C2	Concrete exposed to moisture and an external source of chlorides from deicing chemicals, salt, brackish water, seawater, or spray from these sources	

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**TABLE 4.3.1 — REQUIREMENTS FOR CONCRETE BY EXPOSURE CLASS**

Exposure Class	Max. $w/cm^*$	Min. $f'_c$ , psi	Additional minimum requirements			
			Air content			Limits on cementitious materials
F0	N/A	2500	N/A			N/A
F1	0.45	4500	Table 4.4.1			N/A
F2	0.45	4500	Table 4.4.1			N/A
F3	0.45	4500	Table 4.4.1			Table 4.4.2
			Cementitious materials <sup>†</sup> —types			Calcium chloride admixture
			ASTM C150	ASTM C595	ASTM C1157	
S0	N/A	2500	No Type restriction	No Type restriction	No Type restriction	No restriction
S1	0.50	4000	II <sup>‡</sup>	IP(MS), IS (<70) (MS)	MS	No restriction
S2	0.45	4500	V <sup>§</sup>	IP (HS) IS (<70) (HS)	HS	Not permitted
S3	0.45	4500	V + pozzolan or slag <sup>  </sup>	IP (HS) + pozzolan or slag <sup>  </sup> or IS (<70) (HS) + pozzolan or slag <sup>  </sup>	HS + pozzolan or slag <sup>  </sup>	Not permitted
P0	N/A	2500	None			
P1	0.50	4000	None			
			Maximum water-soluble chloride ion (Cl <sup>-</sup> ) content in concrete, percent by weight of cement <sup>¶</sup>			
			Reinforced concrete	Prestressed concrete	Related provisions	
C0	N/A	2500	1.00	0.06	None	
C1	N/A	2500	0.30	0.06		
C2	0.40	5000	0.15	0.06		

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What if two exposure categories are specified?

Example      Concrete needs to meet both exposure class F3 and C2?  
F3 requires a maximum  $w/cm$  of 0.45 and minimum  $f'_c$  of 4500 psi while  
C2 requires a maximum  $w/cm$  of 0.40 and minimum  $f'_c$  of 5000 psi.

ALWAYS select the most restrictive for developing the mix i.e. C2.



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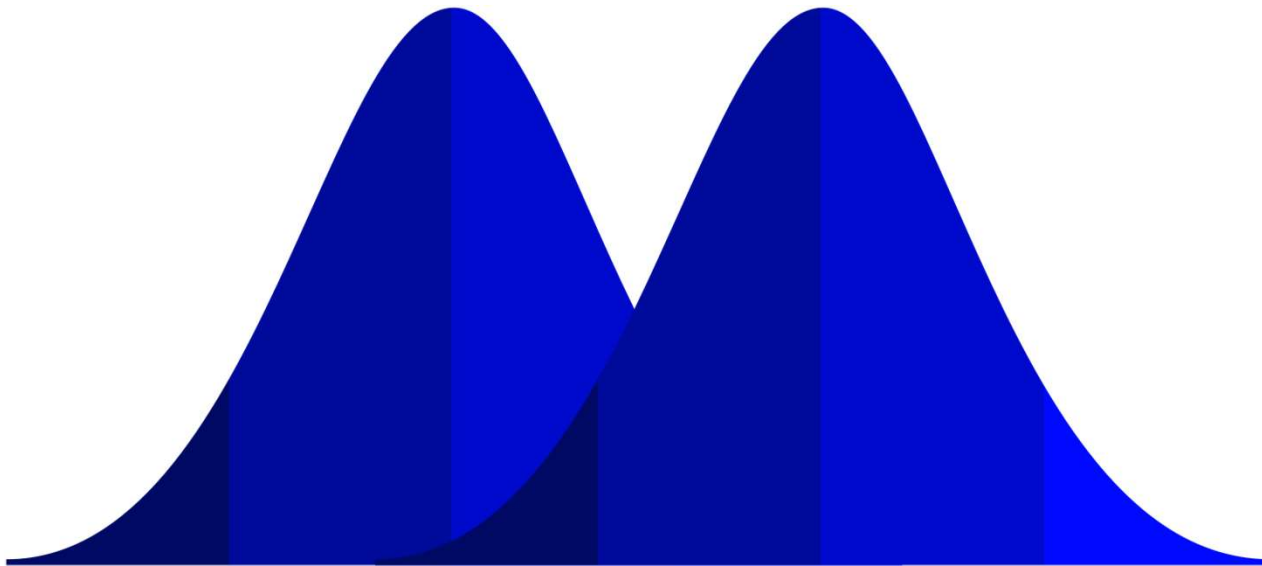
Step 1 Determine the required average compressive strength,  $f'_{cr}$ .

Once the licensed design professional has determined the specified compressive strength,  $f'_c$ , the next step is to determine the required average compressive strength,  $f'_{cr}$ . The required average compressive strength is the overdesign that is necessary to MINIMIZE the possibility of the cylinder strength falling below the specified compressive strength.



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When field strength test records are not available or you lack sufficient data, the required average compressive strength,  $f'_{cr}$ , is determined from Table 4.2.3.1 of ACI 301.

$f'_c$ , psi	$f'_{cr}$ , psi
Less than 3000	$f'_c + 1000$
3000 to 5000	$f'_c + 1200$
Over 5000	$1.1f'_c + 700$

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When field strength test records are available and are not older than 24 months and span no less than 45 calendar days for a class of concrete within 1000 psi of that required for the project, calculate the sample standard deviation,  $s_s$ , and determine the required average compressive strength,  $f'_{cr}$ , using Table 4.2.3.3(a) from ACI 301.

$f'_c$ , psi	$f'_{cr}$ , psi
	Use the larger of:
5000 or less	$f'_{cr} = f'_c + 1.34ks_s$
	$f'_{cr} = f'_c + 2.33ks_s - 500$
Over 5000	$f'_{cr} = f'_c + 1.34ks_s$
	$f'_{cr} = 0.90f'_c + 2.33ks_s$

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If the number of field tests used in calculating the sample standard deviation,  $s_s$ , is not 30 or more (but 15 or greater), use Table 4.2.3.3(a)2 to increase the value of the sample standard deviation,  $s_s$ .

Total number of tests considered	<i>k</i> -factor for increasing sample standard deviation
15	1.16
20	1.08
25	1.03
30 or more	1.00

Note: Linear interpolation for intermediate number of tests is acceptable.

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ACI 211.1-91

- 1.2 The methods provide a first approximation of proportions intended to be checked by trial batches in the laboratory or field and adjusted, as necessary, to produce the desired characteristics of the concrete.
- 2.2 The selection of concrete proportions involves a balance between economy and requirements for placeability, strength, durability, density and appearance. The required characteristics are governed by the use to which the concrete will be put and by conditions expected to be encountered at the time of placement. These characteristics should be listed in the job specifications.

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Let's get started....

Type of structure      warehouse floor, 5 inches thick, unreinforced

Specified strength,  $f'_c$       3500 psi

Sample std deviation,  $s_s$       644 psi, based on 30 tests



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## Coarse aggregate properties

Nominal maximum size	1 inch
Relative density (dry)	2.58
Total moisture	3.5%
Absorption	3.1%
Free moisture	0.4%
Bulk density	97 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>

## Fine aggregate properties

Fineness modulus	2.80
Relative density (dry)	2.64
Total moisture	2.5%
Absorption	1.3%
Free Moisture	1.2%

# Maximum vs Nominal Maximum Size

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maximum size: the smallest sieve opening through which the entire amount of aggregate is **required** to pass.

nominal maximum size: the smallest sieve opening through which the entire amount of aggregate is **permitted** but not required to pass.



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Verify choice of nominal maximum aggregate size per ACI 211.1-91.

- 6.3.2 In no event should the nominal maximum aggregate size exceed:
- a.  $1/5$  the narrowest dimension between sides of forms
  - b.  $1/3$  the depth of the slab
  - c.  $3/4$  the minimum clear spacing between individual reinforcing bars, bundles of bars or pretensioning strands

$1/3$  of 5 inches = 1.67 inches maximum > therefore, 1 inch proposed for use is OK

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Next, determine required overdress,  $f'_{cr}$  for  $f'_c$  equal to 3500 psi:

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{cr} &= f'_c + 1.34 k s_s \\ &= 3500 \text{ psi} + 1.34 (1.0) 644 \text{ psi} = 4363 \text{ psi} \text{ (} k=1.0 \text{ for 30 tests)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'_{cr} &= f'_c + 2.33 k s_s - 500 \\ &= 3500 \text{ psi} + 2.33 (1.0) 644 \text{ psi} - 500 = 4501 \text{ psi} \end{aligned}$$

ALWAYS select the larger of the two for proportioning the mix and round to the nearest 500 psi.

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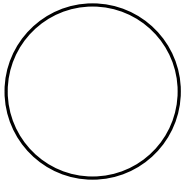
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To determine mix proportions for first approximation:

1. Complete ACI table information
2. Calculate dry batch weights
3. Calculate dry batch volumes
4. Calculate saturated-surface-dry (SSD) weights
5. Adjust batch for actual moisture conditions

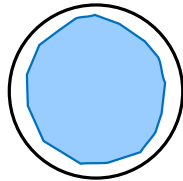
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oven dry



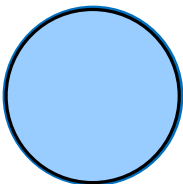
no moisture

air dry



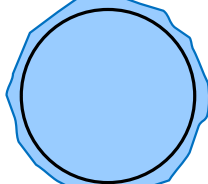
less than  
potential  
absorption

SSD



equal to  
potential  
absorption

wet



greater  
than  
absorption

Aggregates have an internal void or pore structure that at any time may or may not contain water (absorbed water). Depending on the moisture content, the four possible conditions are as follows:

1. **oven dry** - no moisture present (only attainable in lab)
2. **air dry** - dry at surface, capable of absorbing additional water
3. **saturated-surface dry (SSD)** - fully saturated, neither absorbs nor contributes water to the mix
4. **wet** - contains an excess amount of surface moisture

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**ACI 211 CALCULATIONS FOR CONCRETE PROPORTIONS**

**STRUCTURE IDENTIFICATION**  
SPECIFIED STRENGTH (f'<sub>c</sub>) \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED STRENGTH (f'<sub>cr</sub>)** \_\_\_\_\_

**COARSE AGGREGATE**  
A. CLASSIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_  
B. NOMINAL MAX. SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
C. RELATIVE DENSITY (dry), RDC \_\_\_\_\_  
D. TOTAL MOISTURE \_\_\_\_\_ %  
E. ABSORPTION \_\_\_\_\_ %  
F. FREE MOISTURE \_\_\_\_\_ %  
G. BULK DENSITY, M \_\_\_\_\_ lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

**FINE AGGREGATE**  
A. CLASSIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_  
B. FINENESS MODULUS \_\_\_\_\_  
C. RELATIVE DENSITY (dry), RDF \_\_\_\_\_  
D. TOTAL MOISTURE \_\_\_\_\_ %  
E. ABSORPTION \_\_\_\_\_ %  
F. FREE MOISTURE \_\_\_\_\_ %

**ACI TABLES**  
SLUMP (Table 6.3.1) \_\_\_\_\_ in.  
% AIR (Table 6.3.3) \_\_\_\_\_ %  
WATER (Table 6.3.3) \_\_\_\_\_ lb.  
VOL. C.A. (Table 6.3.6) \_\_\_\_\_  
W/C RATIO (Table 6.3.4(a)) \_\_\_\_\_  
W/C RATIO (Table 6.3.4(b)) \_\_\_\_\_  
STRENGTH \_\_\_\_\_  
DURABILITY \_\_\_\_\_

1. DRY DESIGN WEIGHTS (per 27 CU.FT.)		2. DRY ABSOLUTE VOLUME		3. SSD DESIGN WEIGHTS (per 27 CU.FT.)	
CEMENT	Mix Water ( ) W/C Ratio ( ) = _____ lb	( ) lb 3.15 X 62.4 = _____ CU. FT.		CEMENT	= _____ lb
WATER	= _____ lb	( ) lb 1.00 X 62.4 = _____ CU. FT.		WATER	= _____ lb
COARSE ( ) x 27 x ( ) VOL. C.A. M.	= _____ lb	( ) lb ( ) X 62.4 = _____ CU. FT.		COARSE AGGREGATE (Dry Wt.) x (1 + (ABS)) 100	= _____ lb
AIR (entrapped or total) ( ) % (100 %)	x 27 CU.FT. = _____			FINE AGGREGATE (Dry Wt.) x (1 + (ABS)) 100	= _____ lb
FINE ( ) x ( ) x 62.4 ABS. VOL. RDF	= _____ lb	SUB TOTAL = _____ CU. FT.		TOTAL WEIGHT = _____ lb	
		27.0 - SUB TOTAL (ABS. VOL. FINE) = _____ CU. FT.		DENSITY (Total Wt./27.0 ft <sup>3</sup> ) = _____ lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	

**4. MOISTURE CORRECTIONS:** (DRY WEIGHT) x (%FREE MOISTURE) + SSD WEIGHT = WET WEIGHT (Batch Wts.)

CEMENT						
COARSE AGGREGATE	(DRY) x	(%FREE)	=	(lb WATER)	+	(SSD)
FINE AGGREGATE	(DRY) x	(%FREE)	=	(lb WATER)	+	(SSD)
WATER	(SSD WATER)		=	(lb WATER)		

**BATCH WTS.**  
= \_\_\_\_\_ lb  
= \_\_\_\_\_ lb (WET)  
= \_\_\_\_\_ lb (WET)  
= \_\_\_\_\_ lb (NET) = \_\_\_\_\_ Gal.

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STRUCTURE IDENTIFICATION

SPECIFIED STRENGTH ( $f'_c$ )

REQUIRED STRENGTH ( $f_{cr}$ )

warehouse floor, 5" thick

3500 psi

4500 psi

$S_g = 644 \text{ psi}$ ,  $n = 30 \text{ tests}$

### COARSE AGGREGATE

A. CLASSIFICATION	<u>6AA</u>	
B. NOMINAL MAX. SIZE	<u>1</u>	in.
C. RELATIVE DENSITY (dry), RDC	<u>2.58</u>	
D. TOTAL MOISTURE	<u>3.5</u>	%
E. ABSORPTION	<u>3.1</u>	%
F. FREE MOISTURE	<u>0.4</u>	%
G. BULK DENSITY, M	<u>97</u>	lb/ft <sup>3</sup>

### FINE AGGREGATE

A. CLASSIFICATION	<u>2NS</u>	
B. FINENESS MODULUS	<u>2.80</u>	
C. RELATIVE DENSITY (dry), RDF	<u>2.64</u>	
D. TOTAL MOISTURE	<u>2.5</u>	%
E. ABSORPTION	<u>1.3</u>	%
F. FREE MOISTURE	<u>1.2</u>	%

ACI TABLES	SLUMP (Table 6.3.1)	<u>3(4)</u> in.
	% AIR (Table 6.3.3)	<u>1.5</u> %
	WATER (Table 6.3.3)	<u>325</u> lb.

VOL C.A. (Table 6.3.6)	<u>0.67</u>
W/C RATIO (Table 6.3.4(a))	<u>0.52</u>
W/C RATIO (Table 6.3.4(b))	<u>N/A</u>

	4000	0.57
STRENGTH	5000	0.48
DURABILITY	4500	0.52



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**Table 6.3.1 — Recommended slumps for various types of construction\***

Types of construction	Slump, in.	
	Maximum <sup>†</sup>	Minimum
Reinforced foundation walls and footings	3	1
Plain footings, caissons, and substructure walls	3	1
Beams and reinforced walls	4	1
Building columns	4	1
Pavements and slabs	3	1
Mass concrete	2	1

\*Slump may be increased when chemical admixtures are used, provided that the admixture-treated concrete has the same or lower water-cement or water-cementitious material ratio and does not exhibit segregation potential or excessive bleeding.

<sup>†</sup>May be increased 1 in. for methods of consolidation other than vibration.

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**Table 6.3.3 — Approximate mixing water and air content requirements for different slumps and nominal maximum sizes of aggregates**

Water, lb/yd <sup>3</sup> of concrete for indicated nominal maximum sizes of aggregate								
Slump, in.	½ in.*	¾ in.*	1 in.*	1½ in.*	2 in.* <sup>†</sup>	3 in.**	4 in.**	6 in.**
Non-air-entrained concrete								
1 to 2	350	335	315	300	275	260	220	190
3 to 4	385	365	340	325	300	285	245	210
6 to 7	410	385	360	340	315	300	270	—
More than 7*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Approximate amount of entrapped air in non-air-entrained concrete, percent	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0.3	0.2
Air-entrained concrete								
1 to 2	305	295	280	270	250	240	205	180
3 to 4	340	325	305	295	275	265	225	200
6 to 7	365	345	325	310	290	280	260	—
More than 7*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Recommended averages <sup>†</sup> total air content, percent for level of exposure:								
Mild exposure	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5***	1.0***
Moderate exposure	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.5***	3.0***
Severe exposure <sup>‡</sup>	7.5	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5***	4.0***



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**Table 6.3.6 — Volume of coarse aggregate per unit of volume of concrete**

Nominal maximum size of aggregate, in.	Volume of oven-dry-rodded coarse aggregate* per unit volume of concrete for different fineness moduli of fine aggregate <sup>†</sup>			
	2.40	2.60	2.80	3.00
3/8	0.50	0.48	0.46	0.44
1/2	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.53
3/4	0.66	0.64	0.62	0.60
1	0.71	0.69	0.67	0.65
1 1/2	0.75	0.73	0.71	0.69
2	0.78	0.76	0.74	0.72
3	0.82	0.80	0.78	0.76
6	0.87	0.85	0.83	0.81

\*Volumes are based on aggregates in oven-dry-rodded condition as described in ASTM C 29.

These volumes are selected from empirical relationships to produce concrete with a degree of workability suitable for usual reinforced construction. For less workable concrete, such as required for concrete pavement construction, they may be increased about 10 percent. For more workable concrete see Section 6.3.6.1.

<sup>†</sup>See ASTM C 136 for calculation of fineness modulus.

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**Table 6.3.4(a) — Relationship between water-cement or water-cementitious materials ratio and compressive strength of concrete**

Compressive strength at 28 days, psi*	Water-cement ratio, by weight	
	Non-air-entrained concrete	Air-entrained concrete
6000	0.41	—
5000	0.48	0.40
4000	0.57	0.48
3000	0.68	0.59
2000	0.82	0.74

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**Table 6.3.4(b) — Maximum permissible water-cement or water-cementitious materials ratios for concrete in severe exposures\***

Type of structure	Structure wet continuously or frequently and exposed to freezing and thawing <sup>†</sup>	Structure exposed to sea water or sulfates
Thin sections (railings, curbs, sills, ledges, ornamental work) and sections with less than 1 in. cover over steel	0.45	0.40 <sup>‡</sup>
All other structures	0.50	0.45 <sup>‡</sup>

\*Based on report of ACI Committee 201. Cementitious materials other than cement should conform to ASTM C 618 and C 989.

<sup>†</sup>Concrete should also be air-entrained.

<sup>‡</sup>If sulfate resisting cement (Type II or Type V of ASTM C 150) is used, permissible water-cement or water-cementitious materials ratio may be increased by 0.05.

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Note: When looking at the w/c (w/cm) ratio for both strength (Table 6.3.4 (a)) AND durability (Table 6.3.4 (b)) – for example an exterior slab in a cold weather environment - the w/c (w/cm) that is selected for mix proportioning will always be the one that is most restrictive.

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1. DRY DESIGN WEIGHTS (per 27 CU.FT.)				2. DRY ABSOLUTE VOLUME			
CEMENT	Mix Water W/C Ratio	( <u>325</u> ) ( <u>0.52</u> )	= <u>625</u> lb	( <u>625</u> ) lb	= <u>3.18</u> CU. FT.		
				$\frac{625}{3.15 \times 62.4}$			
WATER			= <u>325</u> lb	( <u>325</u> ) lb	= <u>5.21</u> CU. FT.		
				$\frac{325}{1.00 \times 62.4}$			
COARSE	( <u>0.67</u> ) x 27 x (	<u>97</u> )	= <u>1755</u> lb	( <u>1755</u> ) lb	= <u>10.90</u> CU. FT.		
	VOL. C.A.	M.		( <u>2.58</u> ) x 62.4			
				RDC			
AIR (entrapped or total)	( <u>1.5</u> %) ( <u>100</u> %)	x 27 CU.FT.	=		= <u>0.41</u> CU. FT.		
FINE	( <u>7.30</u> ) x ( <u>2.64</u> ) x 62.4	= <u>1203</u> lb					
	ABS. VOL. RDF						
				SUB TOTAL	= <u>19.70</u> CU. FT.		
				27.0 - SUB TOTAL			
				(ABS. VOL. FINE)	= <u>7.30</u> CU. FT.		

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3. SSD DESIGN WEIGHTS (per 27 CU.FT.)		
CEMENT	=	<u>625</u> lb
WATER	=	<u>325</u> lb
COARSE AGGREGATE (Dry Wt.) x (1 + $\frac{ABS}{100}$ )	=	<u>1809</u> lb
$1755 \times (1 + \frac{3.1}{100})$		
FINE AGGREGATE (Dry Wt.) x (1 + $\frac{ABS}{100}$ )	=	<u>1219</u> lb
$1203 \times (1 + \frac{1.3}{100})$		
TOTAL WEIGHT	=	<u>3978</u> lb
DENSITY (Total Wt./27.0 ft <sup>3</sup> )	=	<u>147.3</u> lb/ft <sup>3</sup>

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4. MOISTURE CORRECTIONS: (DRY WEIGHT) x (%FREE MOISTURE) + SSD WEIGHT = WET WEIGHT (Batch Wts.)

CEMENT

COARSE AGGREGATE 1755 (DRY) x  $\left(\frac{.4}{100}\right)$  (%FREE) = 7 (lb WATER) + 1809 (SSD)

FINE AGGREGATE 1203 (DRY) x  $\left(\frac{1.2}{100}\right)$  (%FREE) = 14 (lb WATER) + 1219 (SSD)

WATER 325 (SSD WATER) - 21 (lb WATER)

BATCH WTS.

= 625 lb

= 1816 lb (WET)

= 1233 lb (WET) ÷ 8.33

= 304 lb (NET) = 36 Gal.



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**STRUCTURE IDENTIFICATION**  
 SPECIFIED STRENGTH (f'c) warehouse floor, 5" thick  
3500 psi

**REQUIRED STRENGTH (f'cr)**  
4500 psi

**COARSE AGGREGATE**

A. CLASSIFICATION 6AA

B. NOMINAL MAX. SIZE 1 in.

C. RELATIVE DENSITY (dry), RDC 2.58

D. TOTAL MOISTURE 3.5 %

E. ABSORPTION 3.1 %

F. FREE MOISTURE 0.4 %

G. BULK DENSITY, M 97 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

**FINE AGGREGATE**

A. CLASSIFICATION 3NS

B. FINENESS MODULUS 2.80

C. RELATIVE DENSITY (dry), RDF 2.64

D. TOTAL MOISTURE 2.5 %

E. ABSORPTION 1.3 %

F. FREE MOISTURE 1.2 %

**ACI TABLES**

SLUMP (Table 6.3.1) 3(4) in.

AIR (Table 6.3.3) 1.5 %

WATER (Table 6.3.3) 325 lb.

VOL C.A. (Table 6.3.6) 0.47

W/C RATIO (Table 6.3.4(a)) 0.52

W/C RATIO (Table 6.3.4(b)) N/A

4000 0.57

5000 0.48

4500 0.52

STRENGTH

DURABILITY

**1. DRY DESIGN WEIGHTS (per 27 CU.FT.)**

CEMENT Mix Water (325) = 625 lb

W/C Ratio (0.52)

WATER = 325 lb

COARSE (0.47) x 27 x (97) = 1755 lb

VOL C.A. M.

AIR (1.5 %) x 27 CU.FT. = 0.41 CU. FT.

(entrapped or total)

FINE (7.30) x (2.64) x 62.4 = 1203 lb

ABS. VOL. RDF

**2. DRY ABSOLUTE VOLUME**

(625) lb = 3.18 CU. FT.

3.15 X 62.4

(325) lb = 5.21 CU. FT.

1.00 X 62.4

(1755) lb = 10.90 CU. FT.

(2.58) X 62.4

RDC

SUB TOTAL = 19.70 CU. FT.

27.0 - SUB TOTAL

(ABS. VOL. FINE) = 7.30 CU. FT.

**3. SSD DESIGN WEIGHTS (per 27 CU.FT.)**

CEMENT = 625 lb

WATER = 325 lb

COARSE AGGREGATE (Dry Wt.) x (1 + (ABS)/100) = 1809 lb

1755 x (1 + 3.1/100)

FINE AGGREGATE (Dry Wt.) x (1 + (ABS)/100) = 1219 lb

1203 x (1 + 1.3/100)

TOTAL WEIGHT = 3978 lb

DENSITY (Total Wt./27.0 ft<sup>3</sup>) = 147.3 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

**4. MOISTURE CORRECTIONS:** (DRY WEIGHT) x (%FREE MOISTURE) + SSD WEIGHT = WET WEIGHT (Batch Wts.)

**CEMENT**

COARSE AGGREGATE 1755 (DRY) x (4/100) (%FREE) = 7 (lb WATER) + 1809 (SSD)

FINE AGGREGATE 1203 (DRY) x (1.3/100) (%FREE) = 14 (lb WATER) + 1219 (SSD)

WATER 325 (SSD WATER) = 21 (lb WATER)

**BATCH WTS.**

= 625 lb

= 1816 lb (WET)

= 1233 lb (WET) ÷ 8.33

= 304 lb (NET) = 36 Gal



# Fundamentals of Mix Proportioning

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	Design Weights, lbs	Batch Weights, lbs
Cement	625	625
Water	325	304
Sand	1219 (SSD)	1233
Stone	1809 (SSD)	1816

Slump 3-4 inches

Air 1.5%

Density 147.3 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

# Fundamentals of Mix Proportioning

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Are we finished? Not quite.

The mix must ALWAYS be checked by trial batches in the laboratory or field and adjusted, as necessary, to produce the desired characteristics. Specifically, we will be evaluating slump (3-4 inches), air (1.5%), density (147.3 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>), compressive strength (4500 psi), placeability and appearance (how does the mix look),



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