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Standard Specification for Reinforced Concrete Low-Head Pressure Pipe¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers reinforced concrete pipe intended to be used for the construction of pressure pipelines with low internal hydrostatic heads generally not exceeding 125 ft.

1.2 This specification is the inch-pound companion to Specification C361; therefore, no SI equivalents are presented in the specification.

NOTE 1—Field tests on completed portions of the pipeline are not covered by this specification for the manufacture of the pipe but should be included in specifications for pipe laying.

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

- A27/A27M Specification for Steel Castings, Carbon, for General Application
- A36/A36M Specification for Carbon Structural Steel
- A283/A283M Specification for Low and Intermediate Tensile Strength Carbon Steel Plates
- A575 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Merchant Quality, M-Grades
- A576 Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-Wrought, Special Quality
- A615/A615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- A675/A675M Specification for Steel Bars, Carbon, Hot-

- Wrought, Special Quality, Mechanical Properties
- A706/A706M Specification for Deformed and Plain Low-Alloy Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- A1008/A1008M Specification for Steel, Sheet, Cold-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, Required Hardness, Solution Hardened, and Bake Hardenable
- A1011/A1011M Specification for Steel, Sheet and Strip, Hot-Rolled, Carbon, Structural, High-Strength Low-Alloy, High-Strength Low-Alloy with Improved Formability, and Ultra-High Strength
- A1064/A1064M Specification for Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete
- C31/C31M Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Field
- C33/C33M Specification for Concrete Aggregates
- C39/C39M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens
- C150/C150M Specification for Portland Cement
- C260/C260M Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
- C309 Specification for Liquid Membrane-Forming Compounds for Curing 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
- C655 Specification for Reinforced Concrete D-Load Culvert, Storm Drain, and Sewer Pipe
- C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products
- C1602/C1602M Specification for Mixing Water Used in the Production of Hydraulic Cement Concrete
- C1619 Specification for Elastomeric Seals for Joining Concrete Structures
- D698 Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Standard Effort (12,400 ft-lbf/ft³ (600 kN-m/m³))
- D4253 Test Methods for Maximum Index Density and Unit Weight of Soils Using a Vibratory Table

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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.

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

D4254 Test Methods for Minimum Index Density and Unit Weight of Soils and Calculation of Relative Density

2.2 Other Standards:

ACI Code 318 Standard Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete³

AISI-C 1012⁴

ASCE 15-93 Standard Practice for Direct Design of Buried Precast Concrete Pipe Using Standard Installations (SIDD)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions—For definitions of terms relating to concrete pipe, see Terminology **C822**.

4. Classification

4.1 Pipe manufactured according to this specification shall be for hydrostatic heads of 25, 50, 75, 100, and 125 ft measured to the centerline of the pipe. Designs are provided in **Table 1** for the above hydrostatic heads combined with external loadings of 5, 10, 15, and 20 ft (designated *A*, *B*, *C*, and *D* in **Table 1**) of earth cover over the top of the pipe under specific installation conditions. The specific installation conditions are covered in **Appendix X1**. Where the hydrostatic head, external loadings, and installation conditions vary from those given in **Table 1** and **Appendix X1**, detailed design calculations shall be made. The design criteria for **Table 1** are presented in **Appendix X2**.

5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 Acceptability of the pipe in all diameters and classes shall be determined by the results of such material tests as are required in **6.2** through **6.9** by crushing tests on cured concrete cylinders, by hydrostatic pressure tests on units of the pipe, by joint leakage tests, and by inspection during or after manufacture to determine whether the pipe conforms to this specification as to design and freedom from defects.

5.2 Age for Acceptance—Pipe shall be considered ready for acceptance when they conform to the requirements, as indicated by the specified tests.

6. Materials

6.1 Reinforced Concrete—The reinforced concrete shall consist of portland cement, mineral aggregates, and water, in which steel has been embedded in such a manner that the steel and concrete act together. Fly ash or pozzolan is not prohibited when used as a partial cement replacement; see **9.1**.

6.2 Cementitious Materials:

6.2.1 Cement:

6.2.1.1 Portland Cement—Portland cement shall conform to the requirements of Specification **C150/C150M**.

6.2.1.2 Blended Hydraulic Cement—Blended cement shall conform to the requirements of Specification **C595/C595M** for Type IS portland blast furnace slag cement or Type IP portland

pozzolan cement, except that the pozzolan constituent in the Type IP portland pozzolan cement shall not exceed 20 % by weight.

6.2.2 Fly Ash or Pozzolan—Fly ash or pozzolan shall conform to the requirements of Specification **C618**.

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

6.2.3.1 Portland cement only,

6.2.3.2 Portland blast furnace slag cement only, or

6.2.3.3 Portland pozzolan cement only.

6.2.3.4 A combination of portland cement and fly ash or pozzolan, wherein the proportion of fly ash or pozzolan is between 5 and 20 % by weight of total cementitious material (portland cement plus fly ash or pozzolan).

6.3 Aggregates—Aggregates shall conform to Specification **C33/C33M**, except that the requirements for grading are waived.

6.4 Admixtures—Admixtures, except for air-entraining agents, shall not be added to the concrete unless permitted by the owner. At the option of the manufacturer, or if specified by the owner, the concrete in precast concrete pipe placed by the cast-and-vibrated method shall contain an air-entraining agent conforming to Specification **C260/C260M**. The amount of air-entraining agent used shall be such as will affect the entrainment of not more than 3 % air by volume of concrete as discharged from the mixer.

6.5 Steel Reinforcement—Reinforcement shall consist of wire conforming to Specification **A1064/A1064M**, or of bars of Grades 40 or 60 steel conforming to Specification **A615/A615M** or of Grade 40 steel conforming to Specification **A36/A36M**, or Grade 60 steel conforming to Specification **A706/A706M**.

6.6 Steel for Joint Rings:

6.6.1 Steel strips for bell rings less than ¼ in. thick shall conform to Grade SS30 of Specification **A1011/A1011M** or Grade Designation 1012 of Specification **A575**. Steel that meets the requirements of AISI-C1012 for chemical components will be acceptable provided it conforms to Grade SS30 of Specification **A1011/A1011M** in other respects.

6.6.2 Steel plate for bell rings ¼ in. or more in thickness and special shapes for spigot joint rings shall conform to Specification **A36/A36M**, or to Grade A of Specification **A283/A283M**, or to Grade Designation 1012 of Specification **A576**, or to Grade 50 of Specification **A675/A675M**. Steel that meets the requirements of AISI-C1012 for chemical components will be acceptable provided it conforms to Specification **A36/A36M** or to Specification **A283/A283M** Min other respects.

6.7 Steel Castings for Fittings—Steel castings for fittings shall conform to Grade 70-36, Normalized, of Specification **A27/A27M**.

6.8 Steel Plates and Sheets for Specials and Fittings—Steel plates for specials and fittings shall conform to Specification **A36/A36M** or to Grade B or C of Specification **A283/A283M** or Grade SS30 or SS33 of Specification **A1011/A1011M** or Grade SS30 of Specification **A1008/A1008M**.

³ Available from American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, <http://www.concrete.org>.

⁴ Available from American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), 1140 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 705, Washington, DC 20036, <http://www.steel.org>.