

DESIGNING PRECAST for Climate, Quality, Durability

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CURING CONCRETE

Concrete's strength and durability is determined largely by how it is cured YET IT IS THE MOST NEGLECTED ASPECT OF CONCRETE



WHAT IS IT



 Curing is a procedure that is adopted to promote the hardening of concrete under conditions of humidity and temperature which are conducive for the HYDRATION reaction to continue



HYDRATION REACTION



• Cement + Water \rightarrow CSH + Ca(OH)₂

Cementitious Gel (BINDER)

In order to achieve complete HYDRATION it is **ESSENTIAL** that moisture does not evaporate from the product.

CURING







PLASTIC FILM



1) Maintaining / reducing loss of mixing water in concrete



Saturated wet coverings





 Applying membraneforming curing compounds



2) Accelerating strength gain using heat



Electrical heated forms or pads

Insulation blankets

Live steam Steam at atm. pressure (Temp. should be < 60-70°C)



HOW LONG



- American Concrete Institute (ACI) Committee 301 recommends a min. curing period corresponding to concrete attaining 70% of the specified compressive strength.
- The commonly specified 7-day curing corresponds to approx. 70% of the specified compr. Strengths
- This can be reached sooner when concrete cures at higher temperatures.





Criteria for GOOD CONCRETE









Reasons for CURING



- 1. Beside achieving STRENGTH
- 2. DURABILITY :
 - i. better surface hardness
 - ii. better surface wear and abrasion resistance
 - iii. Water tightness to prevent ingress of moisture & other deleterious compounds which cause corrosion
- 3. SERVICEABILITY : – Prevent CRAZING, DUSTING & SCALING





EFFECT OF CURING DURATION



EFFECT OF CURING TEMPERATURE

on COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH DEVELOPMENT

 Higher curing temperatures promote an early strength gain in concrete but may decrease its 28-day strength





PLANT 1













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PLASTIC SHRINKAGE Evaporation rate ~ 1 kg/m²/hr



1 m³ Concrete : 180 kg water 1 cm layer /m2 : 1.8 kg

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PLANT 2











PLANT 3

























Missing elements of Durability :



Lack of good curing practice

• No FLY ASH (ABDUN NUR)

V. High contents of Cement – High Heat of Hydration, Internal microcracking from temp.stresses
& Drying shrinkage

CARBONATION







Spalling

Exposed surface



DESIGN for INDIAN Climate



| Material | Thermal resistance R m ² .K/W | Thermal Conductance 1/R | |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Brick 10" | 0.3 | 3.3 | |
| Poured Concrete 6" | 0.084 | 11.9 | |
| Expanded Polystyrene 2" | 0.65 | 1.5 | |
| Extruded Polystyrene 2" | 0.9 | 1.1 | |



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| INSULATION | Brick 10" | 0.3 | 3.3 | |
| SANDWICH | Poured Concrete 6" | 0.084 | 11.9 | |
| PANELS | Sandwich panel 2"RCC + 1"XPS + 4"RCC | 0.984 | 1.02 | |
| | Sandwich panel 2"RCC + 2"XPS + 4"RCC | 1.984 | 0.50 | |
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WE `RE TALKING ABOUT ?





