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Standard Specification for Concrete Pipe for Irrigation or Drainage¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers nonreinforced concrete pipe to be used for the conveyance of irrigation water with working pressures, including hydraulic transients, as shown in [Table 1](#) and for use in drainage.

1.2 The values stated in either imperial or metric units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text the metric units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values may result in nonconformance with the specification.

NOTE 1—This specification is for manufacturing and purchase only and does not include requirements for bedding, backfill, installation, or field repairs. The owner is cautioned that he must correlate field conditions with the characteristics of the pipe specified and provide inspection during installation.

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

- [C33/C33M Specification for Concrete Aggregates](#)
- [C150/C150M Specification for Portland Cement](#)
- [C260/C260M Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete](#)
- [C494/C494M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete](#)
- [C497 Test Methods for Concrete Pipe, Concrete Box Sections, Manhole Sections, or Tile](#)

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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.

- [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 Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete](#)
- [C822 Terminology Relating to Concrete Pipe and Related Products](#)
- [C989/C989M Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars](#)
- [C1017/C1017M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Use in Producing Flowing Concrete \(Withdrawn 2022\)³](#)
- [C1116/C1116M Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete](#)
- [C1602/C1602M Specification for Mixing Water Used in the Production of Hydraulic Cement Concrete](#)

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 known as “ASTM Standard Concrete Irrigation Pipe,” “ASTM Standard Concrete Drainage Pipe,” or “ASTM Heavy-Duty Concrete Drainage Pipe.”

5. Basis of Acceptance

5.1 The acceptability of the pipe shall be determined by the results of the tests prescribed in this specification, if and when required and by inspection to determine whether the pipe conforms to this specification as to design and freedom from defects.

6. Materials

6.1 *Concrete*—The concrete shall consist of cementitious materials, mineral aggregates, admixture, if used, and water.

6.2 Cementitious Materials:

6.2.1 *Cement*—Cement shall conform to the requirements for portland cement of Specification [C150/C150M](#) or shall be portland blast-furnace slag cement, portland-limestone cement, or portland-pozzolan cement conforming to the requirements

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

**TABLE 1 Standard Dimensions, Working Pressure, and Test Requirements for Standard Concrete Irrigation Pipe^A**

Internal Designated Diameter, in. [mm]	Thickness of Wall, T, in. [mm]	Working Pressure, ^B ft [kPa]	Minimum Internal Hydrostatic Test Pressure, psi [kPa]	Minimum Three-Edge-Bearing Load, lbf/linear ft [kN/linear m]
6 [150]	7/8 [22]	30 [90]	50 [345]	1300 [19.0]
8 [200]	1 [25]	30 [90]	50 [345]	1350 [19.5]
10 [250]	1 1/8 [29]	30 [90]	50 [345]	1400 [20.5]
12 [300]	1 1/4 [32]	25 [75]	45 [310]	1500 [22.0]
14 [350]	1 3/8 [35]	25 [75]	45 [310]	1600 [23.5]
15 [375]	1 1/2 [38]	25 [75]	45 [310]	1650 [24.0]
16 [400]	1 1/2 [38]	25 [75]	45 [310]	1700 [25.0]
18 [450]	1 3/4 [44]	25 [75]	45 [310]	1800 [26.5]
20 [500]	2 [50]	25 [75]	40 [275]	1850 [27.0]
21 [525]	2 1/8 [54]	25 [75]	40 [275]	1900 [27.5]
24 [600]	2 1/4 [57]	25 [75]	40 [275]	2000 [29.0]

^AFor hydrostatic test requirements, refer to 10.5.

^BHigher working pressures are not prohibited up to a maximum of 40 ft [120 kPa] for 6-in. [150-mm] through 8-in. [200-mm] diameters, 35 ft [105 kPa] for 10-in. [250-mm] through 12-in. [300-mm] diameters, and 30 ft [90 kPa] for 14-in. [350-mm] through 24-in. [600-mm] diameters. In these cases, the strength of the pipe shall be increased to give a minimum of at least four times the design working pressure when tested as specified in 10.5.

of Specification C595/C595M, except that the pozzolan constituent in the Type IP portland-pozzolan cement shall be fly ash.

6.2.2 *Fly Ash*—Fly ash shall conform to the requirements of Specification C618, Class F or Class C.

6.2.3 *Slag Cement*—Slag cement shall conform to the requirements of Grade 100 or 120 of Specification C989/C989M.

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

- 6.2.4.1 Portland cement only;
- 6.2.4.2 Portland blast-furnace slag cement only;
- 6.2.4.3 Portland-pozzolan cement only;
- 6.2.4.4 Portland-limestone cement only;
- 6.2.4.5 A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement and fly ash;
- 6.2.4.6 A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement and slag cement;
- 6.2.4.7 A combination of portland cement or portland-limestone cement, fly ash and slag cement; or
- 6.2.4.8 A combination of portland-pozzolan cement and fly ash.

6.3 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to the requirements of Specification C33/C33M, except that the requirements for gradation shall not apply.

6.4 *Admixtures*—The following admixtures and blends are allowable:

- 6.4.1 Air-entraining admixture conforming to Specification C260/C260M.
- 6.4.2 Chemical admixture conforming to Specification C494/C494M;
- 6.4.3 Chemical admixture for use in producing flowing concrete conforming to Specification C1017/C1017M; and
- 6.4.4 Chemical admixture or blend approved by the owner.

6.5 *Fibers*—Synthetic fibers and nonsynthetic fibers shall be allowed to be used, at the manufacturer's option, in concrete

pipe as a nonstructural manufacturing material. Synthetic fibers (Type II and Type III) and nonsynthetic fiber (Type I) designed and manufactured specifically for use in concrete and conforming to the requirements of Specification C1116/C1116M shall be accepted.

6.6 *Water*—Water used in the production of concrete shall be potable or nonpotable water that meets the requirements of Specification C1602/C1602M.

7. Design

7.1 *Design Tables*—Design requirements shall be in accordance with Table 1 for standard concrete irrigation pipe or with the applicable part of Table 2 for concrete drainage pipe. Wall thicknesses used shall be not less than the values shown, except as affected by the tolerances herein specified and by the provision for alternative design.

7.2 *Modified Design*—Manufacturers shall submit to the owner for approval prior to manufacture, wall thicknesses other than those shown in Table 1 or Table 2. Such pipe shall meet all of the test and performance requirements specified by the owner in accordance with Section 10.

7.3 *Laying Lengths*—Unless otherwise specified by the owner when calling for bids, maximum lengths of individual units of drainage pipe shall not exceed 30 in. [750 mm] for sizes 4 in. [100 mm] through 6 in. [150 mm], 36 in. [900 mm] for sizes 8 in. [200 mm] through 15 in. [375 mm], and 48 in. [1200 mm] for larger sizes.

8. Joints

8.1 The joints of both irrigation and drainage pipe shall be of such design and the ends of the concrete pipe sections so formed that the pipe can be laid together to make a continuous line of pipe compatible with the permissible variations given in Section 11.

8.1.1 The joints of concrete drain tile shall conform to 8.1 without the use of mortar or other jointing material and allow water to enter without permitting the entrance of deleterious amounts of solids.

TABLE 2 Physical Test Requirements for Standard and Heavy-Duty Concrete Drainage Pipe^A

Internal Designate Diameter, in. [mm]	Standard Drainage Pipe		Heavy-Duty Drainage Pipe	
	Thickness of Wall, in. [mm]	Minimum Three-Edge-Bearing Load, lbf/linear ft [kN/linear m]	Thickness of Wall, in. [mm]	Minimum Three-Edge-Bearing Load, lbf/linear ft [kN/linear m]
4 [100]	3/4 [19]	1200 [17.5]	3/4 [19]	1400 [20.5]
5 [125]	3/4 [19]	1250 [18.0]	3/4 [19]	1400 [20.5]
6 [150]	7/8 [22]	1300 [19.0]	7/8 [22]	1400 [20.5]
8 [200]	1 [25]	1350 [19.5]	1 [25]	1500 [22.0]
10 [250]	1 1/8 [29]	1400 [20.5]	1 1/8 [29]	1550 [22.5]
12 [300]	1 1/4 [32]	1500 [22.0]	1 1/4 [32]	1700 [25.0]
14 [350]	1 3/8 [35]	1600 [23.5]	1 1/2 [38]	1850 [27.0]
15 [375]	1 1/2 [38]	1650 [24.0]	1 1/2 [38]	1980 [29.0]
16 [400]	1 1/2 [38]	1700 [25.0]	1 5/8 [41]	2100 [30.5]
18 [450]	1 3/4 [44]	1800 [26.5]	2 [50]	2340 [34.0]
20 [500]	2 [50]	1850 [27.0]	2 1/4 [57]	2500 [36.5]
21 [525]	2 1/8 [54]	1900 [27.5]	2 1/4 [57]	2680 [39.0]
24 [600]	2 1/4 [57]	2000 [29.0]	2 1/2 [63]	3000 [44.0]

^AFor absorption test requirements, refer to 10.4.