

EXPECTED IMPLEMENTATION JANUARY 2016

346 PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE. (REV 7-7-15) (FA 7-20-15) (1-16)

ARTICLE 346-2 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-2 Materials.

346-2.1 General: Meet the following requirements:

Coarse Aggregate.....	Section 901
Fine Aggregate*	Section 902
Portland Cement.....	Section 921
Water.....	Section 923
Admixtures**	Section 924
Pozzolans and Slag	Section 929

*Use only silica sand except as provided in 902-5.2.3.

**Use products listed on the Department’s Approved Product List (APL).

Do not use materials containing hard lumps, crusts or frozen matter, or that is contaminated with dissimilar material in excess of that specified in the above listed Sections.

346-2.2 Types of Cement: Unless a specific type of cement is designated elsewhere, use Type I, Type IP, Type IS, Type II, Type II (MH) or Type III cement in all classes of concrete. Use Type II (MH) for all mass concrete elements.

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Use only the types of cements designated for each environmental condition in structural concrete. A mix design for a more aggressive environment may be substituted for a lower aggressive environmental condition. Do not use high alkali cement in extremely aggressive environments or in mass concrete.

TABLE 1			
BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURES			
Component	Slightly Aggressive Environment	Moderately Aggressive Environment	Extremely Aggressive Environment
Precast Superstructure and Prestressed Elements	Type I or Type III	Type I, Type II, Type III, Type IP, or Type IS	Type II (MH)
Cast In Place	Type I	Type I, Type II, Type IP, or Type IS	Type II (MH)
BRIDGE SUBSTRUCTURE, DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND OTHER STRUCTURES			
All Elements	Type I or Type III	Type I, Type II, Type IP, or Type IS	Type II (MH)

346-2.3 Pozzolans and Slag: Fly ash or slag materials are required in all classes of concrete. Use fly ash or slag materials as a cement replacement, on an equal weight replacement basis with the following limitations:

1. Mass Concrete:

a. Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with fly ash is 18% to 50% by weight, except where the core temperature is expected to rise above 165°F. In that case, ensure that the percentage of fly ash is 35% to 50% by weight.

b. Slag - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with slag is 50% to 70% by weight. Ensure that slag is 50% to 55% of total cementitious content by weight when used in combination with silica fume, ultrafine fly ash and/or metakaolin.

c. Fly Ash and Slag (Ternary Blend) - Ensure that there is 10% to 20% fly ash by weight, 50% to 60% slag by weight, and 30% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag.

2. Drilled Shaft:

a. Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with fly ash is 33% to 37% by weight.

b. Slag - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with slag is 58% to 62% by weight.

c. Fly Ash and Slag (Ternary Blend) - Ensure that there is 10% to 20% fly ash, 50% to 60% slag by weight, and 30% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag.

3. Precast Concrete – Ensure that the precast concrete has a maximum of 25% fly ash or a maximum of 70% slag. In extremely aggressive environments, ensure that the precast concrete has a minimum of 18% fly ash or a minimum of 50% slag.

For fly ash and slag (ternary blend), ensure that there is 10% to 20% fly ash, 50% to 60% slag by weight, and 30% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag.

4. For all other concrete uses not covered in (1), (2) and (3) above,

a. Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with fly ash is 18% to 30% by weight.

b. Slag - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with slag is 25% to 70% for slightly and moderately aggressive environments and 50% to 70% by weight when used in extremely aggressive environments. Ensure that slag is 50% to 55% of total cementitious content by weight when used in combination with silica fume, ultra fine fly ash and/or metakaolin.

c. Fly Ash and Slag (Ternary Blend) - Ensure that there is 10% to 20% fly ash, 50% to 60% slag by weight, and 30% portland cement by weight for mixes containing portland cement, fly ash and slag.

5. Blended Cements:

a. Type IS - Ensure that the quantity of slag in Type IS is less than or equal to 70% by weight.

b. Type IP - Ensure that the quantity of the pozzolan in Type IP is less than or equal to 40% by weight.

6. Highly Reactive Pozzolans: Highly reactive pozzolans are considered to be silica fume, metakaolin and ultrafine fly ash. When silica fume, metakaolin or ultrafine fly ash is used, it must be used in combination with fly ash or slag and cured in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and approved by the Engineer.

a. Silica Fume - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with silica fume is 3% to 9% by weight of the total cementitious material.

b. Metakaolin - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with metakaolin is 8% to 12% by weight of the total cementitious material.

c. Ultrafine Fly Ash - Ensure that the quantity of cement replaced with ultrafine fly ash is 8% to 12% by weight of the total cementitious material.

346-2.4 Coarse Aggregate Gradation: Produce all concrete using Size No. 57, 67 or 78 coarse aggregate. With the Engineer's approval, Size No. 8 or Size No. 89 may be used either alone or blended with Size No. 57, 67 or 78 coarse aggregate. The Engineer will consider requests for approval of other gradations individually. Submit sufficient statistical data to establish production quality and uniformity of the subject aggregates, and establish the quality and uniformity of the resultant concrete. Furnish aggregate gradations sized larger than nominal maximum size of 1.5 inch as two components.

For Class I and Class II, excluding Class II (Bridge Deck), the coarse and fine aggregate gradation requirements set forth in Sections 901 and 902 are not applicable and the aggregates may be blended; however, the aggregate sources must be approved by the Department. Do not blend the aggregate if the size is smaller than Size No. 78.

346-2.5 Admixtures: Use admixtures in accordance with the requirements of this subarticle. Chemical admixtures not covered in this subarticle may be approved by the Department. Submit statistical evidence supporting successful laboratory and field trial mixes which demonstrate improved concrete quality or handling characteristics.

Use admixtures in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended dosage rate. Dosage rates outside of this range may be used with written recommendation from the admixture producer's technical representative. Do not use admixtures or additives containing calcium chloride (either in the raw materials or introduced during the manufacturing process) in reinforced concrete.

346-2.5.1 Water-Reducer/Water-Reducer Retardant Admixtures: When a water-reducing admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type A. When a water-reducing and retarding admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type D.

346-2.5.2 Air Entrainment Admixtures: Use an air entraining admixture in all concrete mixes except counterweight and dry cast concrete. For precast concrete products, the use of air entraining admixture is optional for Class I and Class II concrete.

346-2.5.3 High Range Water-Reducing Admixtures:

346-2.5.3.1 General: When a high range water-reducing admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type F or Type I. When a high range water-reducing and retarding admixture is used, meet the requirements of a Type G or Type II. When silica fume or metakaolin is incorporated into a concrete mix design, use a high range water-reducing admixture Type I, II, F or G.

346-2.5.3.2 Flowing Concrete Admixtures for Precast/Prestressed Concrete: Use a Type I, II, F or G admixture for producing flowing concrete. If Type F or G admixture is used, verify the distribution of aggregates in accordance with ASTM C 1610 except allow for minimal vibration for consolidating the concrete. The maximum allowable difference between the static segregation is less than or equal to 15 percent. Add the flowing concrete admixtures at the concrete production facility.

346-2.5.4 Corrosion Inhibitor Admixture: Use only with concrete containing Type II cement, or Type II (MH) cement, and a water-reducing retardant admixture, Type D, or High Range Water-Reducer retarder admixture, Type G, to normalize the setting time of concrete. Ensure that all admixtures are compatible with the corrosion inhibitor admixture.

346-2.5.5 Accelerating Admixture for Precast Drainage and Incidental Concrete Products: The use of non-chloride admixtures Type C or Type E is allowed in the manufacturing of precast drainage and incidental concrete products.

SUBARTICLE 346-9.1 is deleted and the following substituted:

346-9.1 General: Perform plastic properties tests in accordance with 346-8 and cast a set of three QC cylinders, for all structural concrete incorporated into the project. Take these acceptance samples randomly as determined by a random number generator (acceptable to the Department). The Department will independently perform verification plastic properties tests and cast a set of verification cylinders. The verification cylinders will be the same size cylinder selected by the Contractor, from a separate sample from the same load of concrete as the Contractor’s QC sample.

For each set of QC cylinders verified by the Department, cast one additional cylinder from the same sample, and identify it as the QC “hold” cylinder. The Department will also cast one additional “hold” cylinder from each Verification sample. All cylinders will be clearly identified as outlined in the Sample/Lot Numbering System instructions located on the State Materials Office website. Deliver the QC samples, including the QC “hold” cylinder to the final curing facility in accordance with ASTM C 31. At this same time, the Department will deliver the Verification samples, including the Verification “hold” cylinder, to their final curing facility.

Test the QC laboratory cured samples for compressive strength at the age of 28 days, in a laboratory meeting and maintaining at all times the qualification requirements listed in Section 105.

The QC testing laboratory will input the compressive strength test results into the Department’s sample tracking database within 24 hours. When the QC testing laboratory cannot input the compressive strength test results into the Department’s sample tracking database within 24 hours, the QC testing laboratory will notify the Verification testing laboratory within 24 hours of testing the cylinder and provide the Verification testing laboratory the compressive strength test results. Ensure the compressive strength results are input into the Department’s sample tracking database within 72 hours of determining the compressive strength of the cylinders.

The Department will compare the Verification sample results with the corresponding QC sample results. In the event that one set of compressive strength data for a set of cylinders falls outside the range of the other set of cylinders, use the lower Range of Average Compressive Strength to determine the comparison criteria. Based on this comparison, the Department will determine if the Comparison Criteria as shown in Table 7 has been met. When the difference between QC and Verification is less than or equal to the Comparison Criteria, the QC data is verified. When the difference between QC and Verification data exceeds the Comparison Criteria, the data is not verified and the Engineer will initiate the resolution procedure.

Table 7	
Range of Average Compressive Strength	Comparison Criteria
Less than 3500 psi	420 psi
3,501 – 4,500 psi	590 psi

4,501 – 6,500 psi	910 psi
6,501 – 8,500 psi	1,275 psi
Greater than 8,500 psi	1,360 psi