



Standard Specification for Concrete Masonry Units for Construction of Catch Basins and Manholes¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers solid precast segmental concrete masonry units made from hydraulic cement, water, and suitable mineral aggregates, with or without the inclusion of other materials. The units are intended for use in the construction of catch basins and manholes.

1.2 The text of this standard referenced notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

C33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates
C140 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Concrete Masonry Units and Related Units
C150 Specification for Portland Cement
C207 Specification for Hydrated Lime for Masonry Purposes
C595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
C989 Specification for Slag Cement for Use in Concrete and Mortars
C1157 Performance Specification for Hydraulic Cement
C1232 Terminology of Masonry

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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.

3. Terminology

3.1 Terminology defined in Terminology C1232 shall apply for this specification.

4. Materials

4.1 Cementitious materials shall conform to the following ASTM specifications:

- 4.1.1 *Portland Cement*—Specification C150.
- 4.1.2 *Blended Hydraulic Cements*—Specification C595.
- 4.1.3 *Hydraulic Cement*—Specification C1157.
- 4.1.4 *Ground Blast-Furnace Slag*—Specification C989.
- 4.1.5 *Hydrated Lime*—Type S of Specification C207.
- 4.1.6 *Fly Ash*—Specification C618.

4.1.7 *Siliceous and Pozzolan Materials*—Siliceous and pozzolan materials shall conform to applicable ASTM standards, or shall be shown by test or experience to be not detrimental to the durability of the concrete.

4.2 *Aggregates*—Aggregates shall conform to Specification C33, except grading requirements shall not apply.

4.3 *Other Constituents*—Air-entraining agents, coloring pigments, integral water repellents, finely ground silica, and other constituents shall be previously established as suitable for use in concrete masonry units and shall conform to applicable ASTM standards or shall be shown by test or experience not to be detrimental to the durability of the concrete masonry units or any material customarily used in masonry construction.

5. Physical Requirements

5.1 At the time of delivery to the site of the work, the units shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 1.

6. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

6.1 The thickness of any unit shall be not less than 5 in. (127 mm).

6.2 Overall dimensions shall not vary by more than $\pm 3\%$ from the specified dimensions.

7. Sampling and Testing

7.1 The purchaser or his authorized representative shall be accorded proper facilities to inspect and sample the units at the place of manufacture from the lots ready for delivery.

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

TABLE 1 Strength and Absorption Requirements

Compressive Strength, min, lb/in ² (MPa) (Average Gross Area)		Water Absorption, max, lb/ft ³ (kg/m ³)	
Average of 3 Units	Individual Units	Average of 3 Units	Individual Units
2500 (17)	2000 (13)	10 (160)	12 (192)

7.2 Compressive strength, absorption, density, and dimensional tolerances shall be based on tests of concrete masonry units of any configuration or dimensions made with the same materials, concrete mix design, manufacturing process, and curing method, conducted in accordance with Test Methods **C140** and within 12 months of production of the units.

7.3 Except as specified in Section 8, and unless otherwise agreed, the expense of inspection and testing shall be borne by the purchaser.

8. Visual Inspection

8.1 All units shall be sound and free of cracks or other defects that interfere with the proper placing of the unit.

9. Compliance

9.1 If a sample fails to conform to the specified requirements, the manufacturer shall be permitted to remove units from the shipment. A new sample shall be selected by the purchaser from remaining units from the shipment with a similar configuration and dimension and tested at the expense of the manufacturer. If the second sample meets the specified requirements, the remaining portion of the shipment represented by the sample meets the specified requirements. If the second sample fails to meet the specified requirements, the remaining portion of the shipment represented by the sample fails to meet the specified requirements.

NOTE 1—Unless otherwise specified in the purchase order, the cost of tests is typically borne as follows: (1) if the results of the tests show that the units do not conform to the requirements of this specification, the cost is typically borne by the seller; (2) if the results of the tests show that the units conform to the specification requirements, the cost is typically borne by the purchaser.

10. Keywords

10.1 catch basins; concrete masonry units; manholes; masonry units

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee C15 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (C139 – 10) that may impact the use of this standard. (December 1, 2014)

(1) Revised 7.2 to add a 12-month frequency for C140 tests.

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