

APPARATUS

1. Pycnometer:
- (a) One of the following containers:
1. Volumetric flask, capacity 500 mL (or more)? _____
- or 2. Fruit jar with fitted pycnometer top? _____
- (b) Volume content can be reproduced to $\pm 0.1 \text{ cm}^3$? _____
- (c) Volume of container filled to mark at least 50% greater than space required to accommodate test sample? _____
- (d) Pycnometer has been calibrated at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$? _____
2. Conical mold:
- (a) Inside diameter at top $40 \pm 3 \text{ mm}$? _____
- (b) Inside diameter at bottom $90 \pm 3 \text{ mm}$? _____
- (c) Height $75 \pm 3 \text{ mm}$? _____
- (d) Metal, 0.8 mm minimum thickness? _____
3. Tamper:
- (a) Weight $340 \pm 15 \text{ g}$? _____
- (b) Flat circular tamping face? _____
- (c) Diameter of tamping face $25 \pm 3 \text{ mm}$? _____
4. Burette (Optional), readable to 0.15 mL? _____
5. Balance, Capacity at least 1 kg? _____
- Accurate to 0.1%, sensitive to 0.1 g or less? _____
6. Oven, maintains $110 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$? _____

COMMENTS:

PROCEDURE

Sample preparation

1. Sample obtained by ASTM *D 75 ; C 702* _____
2. **Approximately 2400g of dried fine aggregate obtained and split into 2 approximately 1200g sub samples?** _____
3. **Samples washed as per LS 601?**..... _____
Note: Oven drying not necessary if naturally moist condition is desired.
4. Covered with water or at least 6% moisture added? _____
5. Allowed to stand 20 to 28 hours, or naturally moist?..... _____
6. Excess water decanted (if necessary) without loss of fines?..... _____
7. Sample spread on flat nonabsorbent surface? _____
8. Uniformly dried by a current of warm air?..... _____
9. Mold placed on flat, nonabsorbent surface and filled to overflowing? _____
10. Tamped 25 times with 5 mm drop?(Note: Provisional cone test - C128, note 3,(1) may be used with materials that do not readily slump)..... _____
11. Tamper allowed to fall freely under gravitational attraction? _____
12. Loose sand removed from around base and mold lifted vertically?..... _____
13. Sample fails to slump on first test?..... _____
14. If it does slump, is water added, sample covered and allowed to stand 30 minutes?..... _____
15. Drying continued and slump test repeated at frequent intervals until sample slumps slightly? _____

Procedure

1. Pycnometer partially filled with water and 500 ± 10 g sample added? _____
2. Pycnometer filled to 90% capacity and agitated to eliminate air bubbles? _____
3. Temperature of contents adjusted to 23 ± 2°C?..... _____
4. Water level adjusted to calibrated capacity and pycnometer and contents weighed? _____
5. Sample removed and dried to constant weight at 110 ± 5°C?..... _____
6. Sample cooled in air at room temperature for 1 ± ½ hour and weighed?..... _____
7. Empty pycnometer filled to its calibration capacity with water at 23 ± 2°C and weighed?.... _____
8. All weights determined to nearest 0.1 g? _____
9. Lab says proper book formulas used in calculations? _____

Use of Laboratory Control Aggregate

1. Laboratory has a supply of control aggregate? Source: James Dick Sand..... _____
2. Control sample tested every 10 samples or at least every week when samples tested?..... _____
3. Control chart showing data for last 20 samples of reference material?..... _____
 - Mean relative density for last 20 samples _____
 - Low relative density for last 20 samples..... _____
 - High relative density for last 20 samples _____
 - Mean absorption for last 20 samples _____
 - Low absorption for last 20 samples _____
 - High absorption for last 20 samples..... _____

Comments: