

## TEMPERATURE OF FRESHLY MIXED PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE FOP FOR AASHTO T 309 (07)

### Scope

**Warning**—Fresh Hydraulic cementitious mixtures are caustic and may cause chemical burns to skin and tissue upon prolonged exposure.

This procedure covers the determination of the temperature of freshly mixed portland cement concrete in accordance with AASHTO T 309.

### Apparatus

- **Container** — The container shall be made of nonabsorptive material and large enough to provide at least 75 mm (3 in.) of concrete in all directions around the sensor; concrete cover must also be at least three times the nominal maximum size of the coarse aggregate.
- **Temperature Measuring Device** — The temperature measuring device shall be calibrated and capable of measuring the temperature of the freshly mixed concrete to  $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) throughout the temperature range likely to be encountered. Partial immersion liquid-in-glass thermometers (and possibly other types) shall have a permanent mark to which the device must be immersed without applying a correction factor.
- **Reference Temperature Measuring Device** — The reference temperature measuring device shall be a liquid-in-glass thermometer readable to  $0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $0.5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) that has been verified and calibrated. The calibration certificate or report indicating conformance to the requirements of ASTM E 77 shall be available for inspection.

### Calibration of Temperature Measuring Device

Each temperature measuring device shall be verified for accuracy annually and whenever there is a question of accuracy. Calibration shall be performed by comparing readings on the temperature measuring device with another calibrated instrument at two temperatures at least  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $27^{\circ}\text{F}$  apart.

### Sample Locations and Times

The temperature of freshly mixed concrete may be measured in the transporting equipment, in forms, or in sample containers, provided the sensor of the temperature measuring device has at least 75 mm (3 in.) of concrete cover in all direction around it.

Complete the temperature measurement of the freshly mixed concrete within 5 minutes of obtaining the sample.

Concrete containing aggregate of a nominal maximum size greater than 75 mm (3 in.) may require up to 20 minutes for the transfer of heat from the aggregate to the mortar after batching.

### Procedure

1. Dampen the sample container.
2. Obtain the sample in accordance with the FOP for WAQTC TM 2.
3. Place sensor of the temperature measuring device in the freshly mixed concrete so that it has at least 75 mm (3 in.) of concrete cover in all directions around it.
4. Gently press the concrete in around the sensor of the temperature measuring device at the surface of the concrete so that air cannot reach the sensor.
5. Leave the sensor of the temperature measuring device in the freshly mixed concrete for a minimum of two minutes, or until the temperature reading stabilizes.
6. Complete the temperature measurement of the freshly mixed concrete within 5 minutes of obtaining the sample.
7. Read and record the temperature to the nearest 0.5°C (1°F).

### **Report**

Results shall be reported on standard forms approved for use by the agency. Record the measured temperature of the freshly mixed concrete to the nearest 0.5°C (1°F).

**PERFORMANCE EXAM CHECKLIST**

**TEMPERATURE OF FRESHLY MIXED CONCRETE  
FOP FOR AASHTO T 309**

Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Exam Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Record the symbols "P" for passing or "F" for failing on each step of the checklist.**

<b>Procedure Element</b>	<b>Trial 1</b>	<b>Trial 2</b>
1. Obtain sample of concrete large enough to provide a minimum of 75 mm (3") of concrete cover around sensor in all directions?	_____	_____
2. Place temperature measuring device in sample with a minimum of 75 mm (3") cover around sensor?	_____	_____
3. Gently press concrete around thermometer?	_____	_____
4. Read temperature after a minimum of 2 minutes or when temperature reading stabilizes?	_____	_____
5. Complete temperature measurement within 5 minutes of obtaining sample?	_____	_____
6. Record temperature to nearest 0.5°C (1°F)?	_____	_____

Comments: First attempt: Pass  Fail  Second attempt: Pass  Fail

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