CHAPTER 4—STRUCTURAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

CODE

4.1—Scope

4.1.1 This chapter shall apply to design of structural concrete in structures or portions of structures defined in Chapter 1.

4.2—Materials

4.2.1 Design properties of concrete shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 19.

4.2.1.1 Design properties of shotcrete shall conform to the requirements for concrete except as modified by provisions of the Code.

4.2.2 Design properties of reinforcement shall be selected to be in accordance with Chapter 20.

4.3—Design loads

4.3.1 Loads and load combinations considered in design shall be in accordance with Chapter 5.

COMMENTARY

R4.1—Scope

This chapter was added to the 2014 Code to introduce structural system requirements. Requirements more stringent than the Code provisions may be desirable for unusual construction or construction where enhanced performance is appropriate. The Code and Commentary must be supplemented with sound engineering knowledge, experience, and judgment.

R4.2—Materials

Chapter 3 identifies the referenced standards permitted for design. Chapters 19 and 20 establish properties of concrete and steel reinforcement permitted for design. Chapter 26 presents construction requirements for concrete materials, proportioning, and acceptance of concrete.

R4.2.1.1 Shotcrete is considered to behave and have properties similar to concrete unless otherwise noted. Sections where use of shotcrete is specifically addressed in this Code are shown in Table R4.2.1.1. Additional information on shotcrete can be found in ACI 506R and ACI 506.2M.

Table R4.2.1.1—Sections in Code with shotcrete provisions

Topic covered	Section
Freezing and thawing	19.3.3.3 through 19.3.3.6
Reinforcement	25.2.7 through 25.2.10, 25.5.1.6, and 25.5.1.7
Where shotcrete is required or permitted	26.3.1, 26.3.2
Materials	26.4.1.2, 26.4.1.4, and 26.4.1.6
Proportioning mixtures	26.4.3
Documentation of mixtures	26.4.4.1
Placement and consolidation	26.5.2.1
Curing	26.5.3
Joints	26.5.6
Evaluation and acceptance	26.12

R4.3—Design loads

R4.3.1 The provisions in Chapter 5 are based on ASCE/SEI 7. The design loads include, but are not limited to, dead loads, live loads, snow loads, wind loads, earthquake effects, prestressing effects, crane loads, vibration, impact, shrinkage, temperature changes, creep, expansion of shrinkage-compensating concrete, and predicted unequal settlement of supports. Other project-specific loads may be specified by the licensed design professional.