# Aci 506r guide to shotcrete

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Understanding Shotcrete: ACI and ASTM Specifications\*\*

#### **ACI Code for Shotcrete:**

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) provides the ACI 506 series of codes and standards for shotcrete construction. The primary ACI code for shotcrete is:

• ACI 506.2: Specification for Shotcrete

# 506.2 13 Specification for Shotcrete:

ACI 506.2-13 is the current version of the specification for shotcrete. It provides requirements for materials, proportioning, production, placement, inspection, and testing of shotcrete.

#### **ASTM for Shotcrete:**

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) publishes several standards related to shotcrete testing, including:

- ASTM C94/C94M: Standard Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete
- ASTM C1116/C1116M: Standard Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete
- ASTM C1556: Standard Test Method for Determining the Strength of Concrete Specimens
- ASTM C1557: Standard Test Method for Measuring the Thickness of Sprayed Concrete Using a Profile Gauge

### **Thickness of Shotcrete:**

The recommended minimum thickness for shotcrete varies depending on the application. ACI 506.2-13 provides guidelines based on the following factors:

Type of structure

• Exposure conditions

Reinforcement details

**CSI Code for Shotcrete:** 

The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) assigns CSI codes to different types of construction materials and systems. The CSI code for shotcrete is:

• 03 32 00: Shotcrete

Difference between ACI 318 and ACI 332:

ACI 318: Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete

• ACI 332: Residential Code Requirements for Structural Concrete

ACI 318 is a more comprehensive code that covers all aspects of structural concrete design, while ACI 332 is a simplified code specifically for residential construction.

**506.2 13 18 Specification for Shotcrete:** 

ACI 506.2-13/18 is an update to ACI 506.2-13 that incorporates provisions for sustainability, thermal insulation, and the use of alternative materials in shotcrete.

Minimum Shotcrete Thickness:

ACI 506.2-13/18 recommends a minimum shotcrete thickness of:

• 2 inches (50 mm) for vertical surfaces

• 3 inches (75 mm) for horizontal surfaces

**Grade of Concrete for Shotcrete:** 

Shotcrete is typically made with high-performance concrete with a compressive strength of:

- 4,000 psi (27.6 MPa) for general applications
- 6,000 psi (41.4 MPa) for structural applications

# **Minimum Compressive Strength of Shotcrete:**

ACI 506.2-13/18 requires that shotcrete have a minimum compressive strength of:

- 3,000 psi (20.7 MPa) at 28 days for normal-weight concrete
- 2,500 psi (17.2 MPa) at 28 days for lightweight concrete

## **Testing Shotcrete:**

Shotcrete is tested using various methods, including:

- Compressive strength tests (ASTM C1556)
- Tensile strength tests (ASTM C1557)
- Bond strength tests (ACI 506.2-13/18)

# **Slump Test for Shotcrete:**

The slump test is used to determine the workability of shotcrete. The standard slump range for shotcrete is:

• 4 to 8 inches (100 to 200 mm)

#### **Best Slump for Shotcrete:**

The best slump for shotcrete depends on the application. A lower slump is preferred for vertical surfaces, while a higher slump is suitable for horizontal surfaces.

#### **PSI of Shotcrete:**

Shotcrete typically has a compressive strength of 4,000 to 6,000 psi (27.6 to 41.4 MPa).

# **Cement Used in Shotcrete:**

Portland cement is commonly used in shotcrete. Other types of cement, such as slag cement or pozzolanic cement, may also be used.

**HS Code for Shotcrete Machine:** 

The Harmonized System (HS) code for a shotcrete machine is:

• 8474.10.00: Machines for coating with metal in the form of wire, rods, tubes, pipes, plates, electrodes, or powders

**CSI Standard:** 

The CSI standard is a system for organizing and classifying construction information. It provides a common language for architects, engineers, contractors, and other industry professionals.

**CSI for Concrete:** 

The CSI code for concrete is:

• 03 30 00: Concrete

Minimum Thickness of ACI 318:

ACI 318 does not specify a minimum thickness for shotcrete.

Latest ACI Code:

The latest ACI code for shotcrete is ACI 506.2-13/18.

ACI Code or Standard:

ACI publishes both codes and standards. Codes are mandatory requirements, while standards are voluntary guidelines.

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