3.6. Concrete Placement

3.6.1 Comply with ACI 301 "Recommended Practice for Masonry, Mixing, Transporting, and Placing Concrete", and as hereon specified.

3.6.2 Cold Weather Placement

3.6.2.1 Comply with ACI 306R as follows:

3.6.2.1.1 When the air temperature has fallen to or is expected to fall below 40 degrees F, uniformly heat water and aggregates before mixing to obtain a concrete temperature of not less than 50 degrees F. When 3 days or more of record weather indicate such a need, provide an adequate supply of heated materials.

3.6.2.1.2 Do not place concrete on frozen ground, ice or snow.

3.6.2.1.3 When temperature for the surrounding concrete is below or may fall below 40 degrees F and no special precaution has been made for placing concrete, do not use calcium chloride, salt or other materials containing antifreeze agents. Use only approved insulating blankets or other protection.

3.6.2.1.4 Do not use frozen materials or materials containing ice or snow.

3.6.2.1.5 Provide adequate equipment for heating concrete materials and protecting concrete during freezing or near-freezing weather. Submit proposed procedures for review and approval before placing concrete.

3.6.2.1.6 After the protective period, cooling of the concrete should be as slow as possible. Allow it to stand for not less than 3 days or 3 nights at not less than 40 degrees F. per hour for the first day, and 2 degrees F. per hour thereafter.

3.6.3 Hot Weather Placement

3.6.3.1 Comply with ACI 305R when temperatures are expected to exceed 90° F., and if weather shall be anticipated in the form of hot weather procedure suggestions. Concrete mixes shall be specifically designed for or designated for hot weather conditions.

3.6.3.2 Concrete placement will not be permitted when weather conditions would prevent proper placement.

3.6.3.3 During hot weather, all units shall be cured by continuous sprinkling for a minimum of 24 hours in addition to any other required curing methods.

3.6.3.4 Additional precautions may be required to control shrinkage cracking.

3.6.3.5 Cool ingredients before mixing to maintain concrete temperature as close as practicable below 90 F to 70 F. Mixing water may be chilled, or chopped cracking ice may be used to control temperature provided ice is completely melted by completion of the mixing period. Placing concrete shall be carried on continuously between construction joints.

3.6.3.6 Do not add water to concrete or mix.

3.6.3.7 Cover newly placed concrete with curing and protective materials as soon as they will not be damaged by such coverings.

3.6.3.8 Use water reducing admixtures when required by high temperatures, low humidity, or other adverse placing conditions, when acceptable to Engineer.

3.6.4 When protecting operations are loaded and placed on a space shall be adequately reinforced to prevent overstresses of members of concrete. Ventilation shall be continuous until 24 hours after final pour is cast.

3.6.5 Expose concrete continuously to the source of heat. Enclose that we consider will be allowed on concrete which has hardened sufficiently to resist the formation of water or plastic of workmen. If a concrete cannot be poured continuously, provide construction joints as herein specified. Prepare concrete at joined aggregations at the final finishing. Apply all concrete as near as practicable to its final position. Do not use vertical drop greater than 6 feet.

3.6.6 Deposit concrete in forms in horizontal layers no more than 24 inches and in a manner to avoid inclined construction joints. Where placement consists of separate layers, place each layer while fresh and free of laitance, and to avoid cold joints.

3.6.6.1 Consolidate placed concrete by mechanical vibrating equipment supplemented by hand-spading, rodding or tamping. Use equipment and procedures for consolidation of concrete in accordance with ACI 309.

3.6.6.2 Do not use vibrators to transport concrete inside forms.

3.6.6.3 Insert and withdraw vibrators vertically at uniformly spaced locations not farther than twice the effectiveness of vibrating. Place vibrators to rapidly penetrate placed layer and at least 6 inches into preceding layer. Do not insert vibrators to work masses of concrete that have begun to set, or to make insertions, limit duration of vibration time necessary to consolidate concrete and complete embedment of reinforcement and other embedded items without causing segregation of mix.

3.6.7 Deposit and consolidate concrete slabs in a continuous operation, within limits of construction joints, until the placing of a panel or section is completed.

3.6.7.1 Consolidate concrete during placing operations, working concrete around reinforcement and other embedded items and into corners.

3.6.7.2 Bring slab surfaces to correct level with straightedge and strike off. Use bull floats or darbies to smooth surface, free of humps or hollows. Do not disturb slab surfaces prior to beginning finishing operations.

3.6.7.3 Maintain reinforcing in proper position during concrete placement operations.

3.7. References and Alignments, General:

3.7.1 Conform to ACI 117 "Standard Specifications for Tolerances for Concrete Construction and Materials."

3.7.2 For all formed concrete work exposed to view, provide form and finish, extension as ACI Class A requirements.

3.7.3 Floor finish tolerances as measured by placing a Straightening Lutzenkeil 10' straightedge anywhere on the slab and allowing it to rest on high points, within 72 hours after slab concrete placement. The gap at any point between the straightedge and the floor shall between the high spots shall not exceed 3/16" for vibrated surfaces and 1/4" for any 10' length where special tolerance is required below.

3.7.4 Variation of the floor building from true horizontal position in plan and vertical position of reference walls and partitions:

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| In any bay | 3/8" |
| In any 20' length | 1/4" |
| Maximum for entire length | 3/8" |

3.7.5 Variation in the diagonal location of sleeves, floor openings, and wall openings: 1/8".

3.7.6 Variation in the thickness of slabs: 1/8".

3.7.7 Variation in footings:

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| In plan: | |
| Eccentric emplacement | 2% of width but not 2" |
| Thickness | 5% of depth but 1/2" |

3.7.8 Variations in steps:

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|---|---|
| Riser | 1/8" |
| Tread | 1/8" |
| Adjacent steps | Riser 1/16" Tread 1/16" |

3.8. Concrete Curing and Protection

3.8.1 General: Protect freshly placed concrete from premature drying and excessive cold or hot temperatures. Maintain 50 - 100 moist, weather protective materials from rapid moisture loss before and during finishing operations with no evaporation control material. Apply in accordance with manufacturer's instructions after screeding and bull floating, but before power floating and troweling.

3.9. Procedures for curing of concrete surfaces include the following:

Any floor broom before this section, by applicable standards.

3.9.1 Moisture curing procedures:

3.9.1.1 Initially moist cure by means as may be disapproved from concrete surface while finishing and finishing.

3.9.1.2 Keep concrete surfaces continuously moist for not less than 7 days. Temperature of water used in moist curing shall be within 20 F range of concrete temperature. Approved methods for initial curing shall be by ponding, by spray, sprinkling, and application of materials as may be approved. These operations must begin as soon as free water has disappeared from concrete surface after finishing, but not before. Keep continuously moist for not less than 7 days after finishing concrete work or as follows:

3.9.2 Curing and finishing compound procedures:

3.9.2.1 Apply specified curing and protective compounds as soon as free water has disappeared from concrete surface after placing and finishing. Apply uniformly to continuous wet surface in two coats. Apply second coat after first coat has set. Do not allow concrete to dry out between coats or after second coat has been applied. Recoat areas subject to heavy rainfall within three hours after initial application. Maintain continuous coverage for 72 hours after application.

3.9.2.2 If forms are removed during curing period, continue curing for remaining time by one of the curing methods specified, using materials as close to those used on the concrete as practicable.

3.9.3 Water Applied Solid Materials Resistance

3.9.3.1 Refer to manufacturer's recommendations.

3.9.3.2 Two applications to slab surfaces at a combined rate of 300 sq. per gal or as per manufacturer's recommendations. Acceptable flood and continuous operations, uniformly and thoroughly wetted. Start finish consolidating operations.

3.9.3.3 After hard water of first flooding operation has disappeared from surface of concrete, uniformly recommence application by one-half of the required weight of the dry blend material over the concrete surfaces. Immediately after application of uniform moisture. Extend by floating and hand finishing. Minimize hand finishing to avoid bringing dry skin. Retain a small quantity of the dry blend material for touch-up work.

3.10. Interior Concrete Finishes: All interior floor slabs, except for concrete surfaces for the finished surface, all using Powered Concrete Floors, are specified 31 50 for concrete slab design requirements. Refer also 03 54 30 for the published concrete details.

3.10.1 Apply Sweep-Aggregate (Non-Slip) Hardener, per manufacturer's instructions.

3.10.2 Blend sweep additive to a smooth, hard, dense, non-permeable surface to float within a tolerance of a coefficient one. Trowel slab down smooth to the level of floor finish and even with floor work.

3.10.3 Apply Concrete Hardener compound, per manufacturer's instructions.

3.10.4 Interior Troweled ACT Finish Note: All interior floor slabs, where the concrete surface is covered by carpeting.

3.10.5 Trowel finished work to a smooth, hard, dense, non-permeable surface to float within a tolerance of a coefficient one. Trowel slab down smooth to the level of floor finish and even with floor work.

3.10.6 Do not trowel concrete for slabs to receive vinyl tile flooring (VCT).

3.11. Exterior Slabs:

3.11.1 Concrete materials, mixing, placing, and finishing shall be as for interior compound. Slope sidewalks to drain away from building.

3.11.2 Broom or float finish slabs have a heavy broom finish. All other walks will be and ramps shall have a medium broom finish. Verify sensitivity of "heavy" and "medium" broom finishes with Public Representative.

3.11.3 Joints: Provide contraction joints as shown on drawings.

3.11.4 Do not spread concrete over frozen subgrade.

3.12. Expansion Joints Control Sections:

3.12.1 Install premolded expansion joint material in the locations indicated. Install with top edge at required finish grade. Secure in position to prevent displacement during concrete placement.

3.12.2 Provide expansion joints at locations indicated on drawings and as follows:

3.12.2.1 Where concrete slabs abut vertical surfaces of walls, curbs, columns, and other stationary members.

3.12.2.2 Where slabs on grade abut interior walls, curbs, columns, and other stationary members.

3.12.2.3 Where slabs on grade abut exterior walls, curbs, columns, and other stationary members.

3.12.2.4 Where slabs on grade abut concrete pavement.

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