

Performance Structural Concrete Optimized for Cost, Durability and Manufacturability

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Introduction

- A high-quality, durable concrete is crucial to reducing carbon emissions and lowering replacement costs.
- The project is funded by the Transportation Infrastructure Durability Center (TIDC) at the University of Maine.
- Bismark Yeboah, the main researcher who worked on the project, graduated this summer.
- The project focuses on developing concrete mixes using the packing density approach with locally sourced aggregates.



Vermont Benefits of the Project

- The use of environmentally friendly green concrete mixes can enhance the sustainability of concrete in Vermont.
- This improved durability reduces both maintenance and replacement costs.
- These mixes can be easily adopted by regional concrete producers in Vermont and across New England.
- By incorporating different types of cementitious materials, producers have greater flexibility in selecting the most suitable options.



Methodology

Packing Density of Locally Sourced Aggregates





Methodology



Fine-to-total aggregate ratio (%)





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Packing Density of Binder

















Rank	28th Day compressive strength (psi)	Relative dynamic modulus (%)	Durability factor (%)	Surface resistivity (KΩ.cm)	Max. 28th Day drying shrinkage (%) PCD: 0.032
	Min: 4,000	Min: 60	Min: 60	Min: 22	PCS: 0.042
1	SM10 (5,845)	SM10 (95)	SM10 (95)	SM10 (149.95)	SM10 (0.027)
2	SM11 (5,833)	SM2 (95)	SM2 (95)	SM2 (125.06)	SM2 (0.030)
3	SM5 (4,995)	SM5 (89)	SM5 (89)	SM5 (114.43)	SM11 (0.032)
4	SM2 (4,354)	SM11 (87)	SM11 (87)	SM11 (80.48)	SM5 (0.034)



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