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0. FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard (Part VII) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 22 March 1973, after the draft finalized by the Cement and Concrete Sectional Committee had been approved by the Civil Engineering Division Council.

0.2 Autoclaved cellular concrete is a class of material, which has been developed commercially abroad and is in the process of development in this country also. A series of Indian Standards on cellular concrete is being formulated so as to provide guidance in obtaining reliable products in autoclaved cellular concrete. The Sectional Committee has considered it desirable to issue a standard for the methods of tests for autoclaved cellular concrete products for the guidance of manufacturers and users.

0.3 In the formulation of this standard due weightage has been given to international co-ordination among the standards and practices prevailing in different countries in addition to relating it to the practices in the field in this country.

0.4 For convenience of reference, ' Indian Standard methods of tests for autoclaved cellular concrete products ' has been grouped into the following nine parts:

- Part I Determination of unit weight or bulk density and moisture content
- Part II Determination of drying shrinkage
- Part III Determination of thermal conductivity
- Part IV Corrosion protection of steel reinforcement in autoclaved cellular concrete
- Part V Determination of compressive strength
- Part VI Strength, deformation and cracking of flexural members subject to bending-short duration loading test

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Part VII Strength, deformation and cracking of flexural members subject to bending-sustained loading test

Part VIII Loading tests for flexural members in diagonal tension

Part IX Jointing of autoclaved cellular concrete elements

0.5 In reporting the result of a test or analysis made in accordance with this standard, if the final value, observed or calculated, is to be rounded off it shall be done in accordance with IS : 2-1960*.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard (Part VII) covers the method of test for the strength, deformation and cracking (under sustained load) of flexural members, such as, floor or roof slabs of cellular concrete subject to bending.

2. TEST SPECIMEN

2.1 Size of the Specimen — The test specimen shall be the full size member as to be actually used in construction satisfying the requirements of the relevant Indian Standard (or the requirements specified by the manufacturer) in respect of shape and dimensions.

2.2 Condition of the Test Specimen

2.2.1 Moisture Content — The moisture content of the concrete during the test should be indicated and should be not less than 10 percent by weight when determined in accordance with IS : 6441 (Part I)-1972†.

2.2.2 Temperature of Specimen — The temperature of the concrete shall not be materially different from the ambient temperature in which it is being tested and in any case not less than 0°C.

3. TEST ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 The members to be tested shall be simply supported at the ends. The supports shall consist of 25-mm thick horizontal mild steel plates bedded on rigid supports of steel or concrete. The ends of the members shall be fully in contact with the steel plate over the whole width of the member. The bearing width and the span used for the test shall be the same as that indicated by the manufacturer and to be actually used in construction practice (*see* Fig. 1).

*Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*).

†Methods of tests for autoclaved cellular concrete products: Part I Determination of unit weight or bulk density and moisture content.

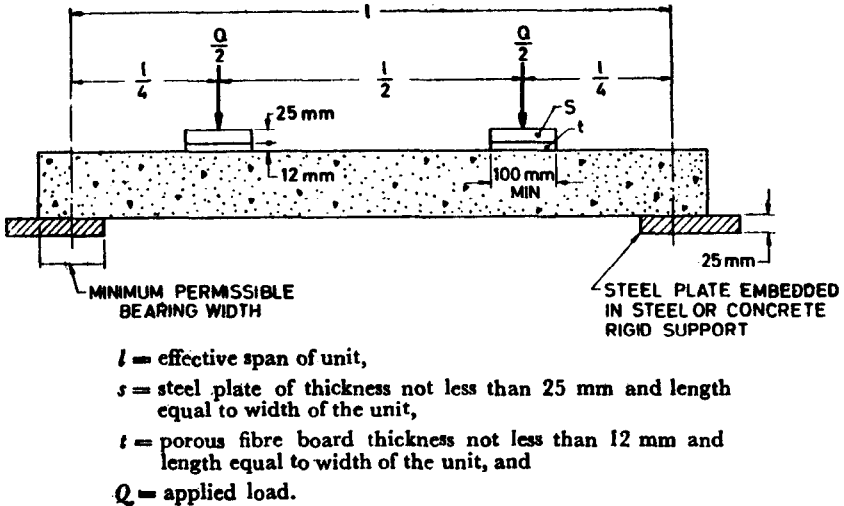


FIG. 1 METHOD FOR BENDING TEST OF REINFORCED CELLULAR CONCRETE UNITS (UNDER SUSTAINED LOAD)

4. LOADING

4.1 The test specimen member shall be subjected to loads placed at $1/4$ span points through steel platens not less than 25 mm thick, the load extending over the entire width of the members. The steel platens shall be bedded on soft fibre board packing, not less than 12 mm thick and of the same plan dimensions as the steel platens. The packing shall be placed between each steel loading platen and the top of the member. The span shall be taken as the distance between the centres of the bearings (see Fig. 1).

4.2 The loads at the two $1/4$ span points shall be equal and evenly distributed over the steel loading platens. The width of the steel platen shall not be less than 100 mm and shall be increased, where necessary, in multiples of 50 mm, so that the contact pressure under the applied load is not more than 20 percent of the compressive strength of concrete.

4.3 The weight of the loading equipment shall be taken into account in calculating the applied load.

5. MEASUREMENTS

5.1 **Loads** — The loads shall be measured to an accuracy of not less than ± 1.5 percent of the applied load.

5.2 **Deflection** — The deflection of the member shall be measured at mid-span and the least count of the dial gauge shall be at least 0.01 mm.

5.3 Strain — Strain measurements may be made, where required, preferably at mid-span on the main tension reinforcement and on the extreme compression fibre of the concrete.

5.4 Cracking Widths — Crack widths shall be measured with an accuracy of ± 0.05 mm.

6. TEST PROCEDURE

6.1 Zero for the deflection measurements shall be taken immediately after the member had been placed in position.

6.2 The loading apparatus shall then be fixed and the load shall be applied in stages. At the end of this stage the load, including the self weight of the member and the weight of the loading apparatus, shall be equal to the design dead load for the member.

6.2.1 After an interval of about 5 min, loading shall be increased gradually until the load is equal to the combined dead and design live loads.

6.2.2 After a further interval of about 5 min, the load shall be further increased gradually until it is equal to the combined dead and twice the design live loads. At that load the deflection shall be noted.

6.2.3 The load should be left on the member for 24 h. The residual mid-span deflection after removal of the test load at the end of that period should be measured.

6.2.4 The unit shall then be tested to destruction with the load being imposed steadily at a rate of 1/4 of the design live load per minute until failure occurs or the mid-span deflection is 1/60 of the span, whichever is earlier. If the member is not tested to failure, then a hypothetical failure load shall be assumed to be that load for which the mid-span deflection is 1/60 of the span.

6.2.5 Deflection and strain measurements (*see 5.3*) should be recorded at the beginning and where applicable at the end of each of the loading stages; intermediate measurements may also be made, if required.

7. REPORT

7.1 The test report shall state:

- a) moisture content of the specimen;
- b) temperature of the specimen; and
- c) measured loads, deflections, strains and crack widths for all load conditions.

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