Table 6.3.1 — Recommended slumps for various types of construction*

Types of construction	Slump, in.	
	Maximum+	Minimum
Reinforced foundation walls and footings	3	1
Plain footings, caissons, and substructure walls	3	1
Beams and reinforced walls	4	1
Building columns	4	1
Pavements and slabs	3	1
Mass concrete	2	1

*Slump may be increased when chemical admixtures are used, provided that the admixture-treated concrete has the same or lower water-cement or water-cementitious material ratio and does not exhibit segregation potential or excessive bleeding.

†May be increased 1 in. for methods of consolidation other than vibration.

Figure 1

Table 6.3.3 — Approximate mixing water and air content requirements for different slumps and nominal maximum sizes of aggregates

Slump, in.	Water, lb/yd³ of concrete for indicated nominal maximum sizes of aggregate							
	⅜ in.*	½ in.*	¾ in.*	1 in.*	1-½ in.*	2 in.*†	3 in.†‡	6 in.†‡
Non-air-entrained concrete								
1 to 2	350	335	315	300	275	260	220	190
3 to 4	385	365	340	325	300	285	245	210
6 to 7	410	385	360	340	315	300	270	—
More than 7*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Approximate amount of entrapped air in non-air-entrained concrete, percent	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0.3	0.2
Air-entrained concrete								
1 to 2	305	295	280	270	250	240	205	180
3 to 4	340	325	305	295	275	265	225	200
6 to 7	365	345	325	310	290	280	260	—
More than 7*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Recommended averages‖ total air content, percent for level of exposure:								
Mild exposure	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.5**,††	1.0**,††
Moderate exposure	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.0	3.5**,††	3.0**,††
Severe exposure‡‡	7.5	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5**,††	4.0**,††

Figure 2

Table 6.3.4(a) — Relationship between water-cement or water-cementitious materials ratio and compressive strength of concrete

Compressive strength at 28 days, psi*	Water-cement ratio, by weight	
	Non-air-entrained concrete	Air-entrained concrete
6000	0.41	—
5000	0.48	0.40
4000	0.57	0.48
3000	0.68	0.59
2000	0.82	0.74

Figure 3

Table 6.3.6 — Volume of coarse aggregate per unit of volume of concrete

Nominal maximum size of aggregate, in.	Volume of oven-dry-rodded coarse aggregate* per unit volume of concrete for different fineness moduli of fine aggregate+			
	2.40	2.60	2.80	3.00
⅜	0.50	0.48	0.46	0.44
½	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.53
¾	0.66	0.64	0.62	0.60
1	0.71	0.69	0.67	0.65
1½	0.75	0.73	0.71	0.69
2	0.78	0.76	0.74	0.72
3	0.82	0.80	0.78	0.76
6	0.87	0.85	0.83	0.81

*Volumes are based on aggregates in oven-dry-rodded condition as described in ASTM C 29.