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**NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for cast-in-place architectural concrete.**

**Adhere to UFC 1-300-02 Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable item(s) or insert appropriate information.**

**Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.**

**Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a Criteria Change Request (CCR).**

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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

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**NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.**

**Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a Reference Identifier (RID) outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.**

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE (ACI)

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| ACI 211.1 | (1991; R 2009) Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal, Heavyweight and Mass Concrete |
| ACI 211.2 | (1998; R 2004) Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Structural Lightweight Concrete |
| ACI 301 | (2016) Specifications for Structural Concrete |
| ACI 301M | (2016) Metric Specifications for Structural Concrete |
| ACI 318 | (2014; Errata 1-2 2014; Errata 3-5 2015; Errata 6 2016; Errata 7-9 2017) Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-14) and Commentary (ACI 318R-14) |
| ACI 318M | (2014; ERTA 2015) Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete & Commentary |
| ACI 347R | (2014; Errata 1 2017) Guide to Formwork for Concrete |
| ACI SP-66 | (2004) ACI Detailing Manual |

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

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| ASTM A36/A36M | (2019) Standard Specification for Carbon Structural Steel |

## 1.2 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

All materials, procedures, and requirements specified in Section 03 30 00 CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE shall fully apply to cast-in-place architectural concrete, except as otherwise specified.

### 1.2.1 Concrete Mix Design

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**NOTE: If it is determined that the concrete mix requires plasticizers, the requirements will be added in this paragraph. Slumps for plasticized concrete may range as high as 250 mm 10 inches.**
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Design the concrete mix in accordance with ACI 211.1 and ACI 211.2 including consideration of the finishes required.

1.2.2 Formwork Design

Design formwork conforming to ACI 301MACI 301 and ACI 347R.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

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**NOTE: Review submittal description (SD) definitions in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit the following list, and corresponding submittal items in the text, to reflect only the submittals required for the project. The Guide Specification technical editors have classified those items that require Government approval, due to their complexity or criticality, with a "G." Generally, other submittal items can be reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control System. Only add a “G” to an item, if the submittal is sufficiently important or complex in context of the project.**

**For Army projects, fill in the empty brackets following the "G" classification, with a code of up to three characters to indicate the approving authority. Codes for Army projects using the Resident Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office (Engineering Division or other organization in the District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes following the "G" typically are not used for Navy, Air Force, and NASA projects.**

**The "S" classification indicates submittals required as proof of compliance for sustainability Guiding Principles Validation or Third Party Certification and as described in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES.**

**Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed item for Army projects.**

**SD-04: The materials used in architectural concrete vary from one project to another. For most projects, samples for all materials are not required. A list of suggested samples is given below:**

**Form Ties**
**Form Liners**
**Cement Colors**
**Coarse Aggregates**
**Reinforcing Chairs**
**Sample panels should not be required for small projects.**

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" or "S" classification. Submittals not having a "G" or "S" classification are [for Contractor Quality Control approval.][for information only. When used, a code following the "G" classification identifies the office that will review the submittal for the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-02 Shop Drawings

Detail Drawings.

SD-04 Samples

Materials
Panels

## 1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

### 1.4.1 Detail Drawings

Submit detail drawings conforming to ACI SP-66 and ACI 318M ACI 318. Detail drawings shall show location of cast-in-place elements in the work, building elevations, formwork fabrication details, reinforcements, embedments, dimensions, concrete strength, interface with adjacent materials, and special placing instructions, in sufficient detail to cover fabrication, placement, stripping, and finishing.

### 1.4.2 Panels

Provide sample panels 1.8 m 6 feet long and 1.2 m 4 feet high with the thickness to match building conditions for each type of architectural concrete and finish, located where directed. Panel forms shall include a typical joint between form panels, form tie conditions and finishes. Protect panels from weather, and other damage until acceptance of work. Sample panels shall be used as job standards throughout construction. Submit a sample panel for approval.

# PART 2 PRODUCTS

## 2.1 MATERIALS

Submit samples of materials listed below, indicating sizes, shapes, finishes, color, and pertinent accessories: [_____].

### 2.1.1 Aggregates

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**NOTE: If a specific type or size of aggregate is required for a desired finish, whether it be for a facing mix or the entire thickness, the additional requirements will be added in this paragraph.**

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Aggregates shall conform to [_____].

2.1.2 Reinforcing Steel

Reinforcing steel shall be galvanized if clearance to an exterior face is 25 mm 1 inch or less.

2.1.3 Tie Wire

Tie wire shall be soft monel or 18-8 stainless steel.

2.1.4 Plates, Angles, Anchors, and Embedments

Plates, angles, anchors, and embedments shall conform to ASTM A36/A36M, and shall be prime painted with inorganic zinc primer.

2.1.5 Formwork

Formwork for special effects shall be as approved.

2.1.6 Form Release Agents

Form release agents shall be manufacturer's standard, nonstaining, nonpetroleum based, compatible with surface sealer finish coating.

2.1.7 Surface Sealer

Surface sealer shall be methyl methacrylate polymer acrylic emulsion, clear color.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 FORMWORK ERECTION

Erect formwork in accordance with the detail drawings to ensure that the finished concrete members conform accurately to the indicated dimensions, lines, elevations, and finishes. Deflection shall not exceed 1/360th of each component span or distance between adjacent supports. Deflections and tolerance shall not be cumulative. Install form lines as necessary to provide the required finish. Forms shall be coated with form release agents before reinforcement is placed. Formwork shall conform to ACI 301M ACI 301 and ACI 347R.

3.2 CONCRETE FINISHES

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**NOTE: The types of possible finishes for concrete faces are virtually limitless. The requirements for the project will be specified in this paragraph.**
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Concrete finishes shall conform to the approved finishes. Finishing shall be accomplished at the time of concrete placement or immediately after formwork removal, as follows:

a. Smooth finish: (1) As cast using flat smooth nonporous forms. (2) As cast using fluted, sculptured, board finish or textured form liners.

b. Textured finish: (1) Textured form liners applied to inside of forms. (2) Distress finish by breaking off portion of face of raised portion of unit.

c. Exposed aggregate finish: (1) Finish obtained by applying even coat of retardant to face of form, removing forms after concrete hardens, and exposing coarse aggregate to a depth of [_____] mm inches by washing and brushing or lightly sandblasting away surface mortar. (2) Finish obtained by treating surface of unit with brushes which have been immersed in acid solution.

Cast-in-place concrete elements which are to have a finish other than the surface produced from standard formwork, shall be accomplished by using the following procedures: [_____].

## 3.3 JOINT SEALING

Joint sealing shall be as specified in Section 07 92 00 JOINT SEALANTS.

## 3.4 CLEANING

No sooner than 72 hours after joints are sealed, faces and other exposed surfaces of cast-in-place concrete shall be washed down, cleaned with soap and water applied with a soft bristle brush, then washed down again with clean water, or by other approved procedures. Discolorations which cannot be removed by these procedures, shall be considered defective work. Cleaning work shall be done when temperature and humidity conditions are such that surfaces dry rapidly. Care shall be taken during cleaning operations to protect adjacent surfaces from damage.

## 3.5 SURFACE SEALING

After cleaning, exterior exposed architectural concrete surfaces indicated shall be given one coat of surface sealer, spray applied unless otherwise approved. Adjacent surfaces shall be protected to prevent damage from the surface sealer.

## 3.6 PROTECTION OF WORK

Work shall be protected against damage from subsequent operations.

## 3.7 DEFECTIVE WORK

Defective work shall be repaired or replaced, as directed, using approved procedures.

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