

## Results

Testing conducted  
November 2002 to  
July 2003

Does Concrete Really Know  
Where it is?

## COLD WEATHER CONCRETING

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### ABOUT THE PRESENTER

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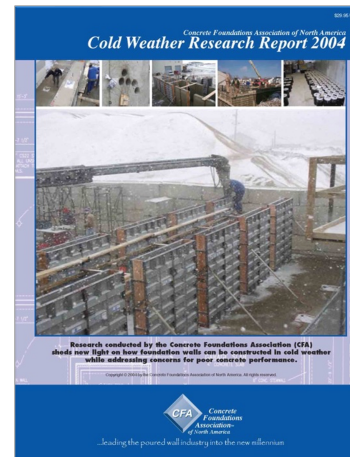


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### TODAY'S LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify the key factors for concrete strength development and how they are impacted by declining temperatures.
- Understand the relationships of in-place strength to test samples.
- Determine appropriate decision-making for cold weather concrete plans based on severity of climate expectations.



## CFA's Cold Weather Research Report

Lab and Field Research  
Discussion of Maturity  
Description of possible mix designs  
Recommended best practices  
Referenced by ACI 332 Code and ACI 306

## THE BIG THREE



Air Temperature is an indicator not a predictor



Surface Temperatures Irrelevant (< #8 bar)



Maturity measurement holds confidence

## KEY INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS

- No single mix answer.
- Selection of a few mix designs supported by maturity testing to confirm local performance.
- Pour earlier in the day – solar gain on concrete mass
- Type III cements over Type I for performance
- Economical strength gain from use of calcium chloride, but...
- Slower strength gain in cold weather – use caution when removing support.
- Pay attention to possible shrinkage problems with hotter mixes.

## KEY INFORMATION FOR SUPPLIERS (AND CONTRACTORS)

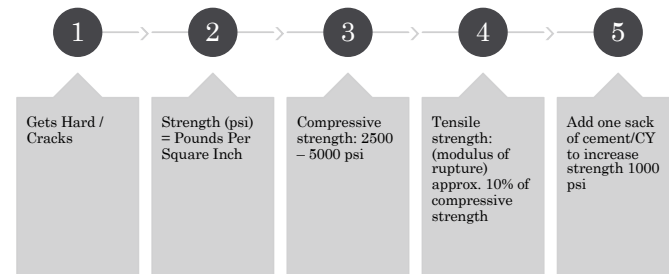
- Work together to understand unique mix behavior.
- Anticipate delivery impact to temperatures, the temperature of concrete when it is placed is of great importance.
- Water/cementitious material ratio ( $w/cm$ ) is a huge factor, reduce as much water as possible.
- The earth can benefit sustained temperatures of concrete. Use the mass and temperature of Mother Earth.
- Promote the concept that codes and practices based solely on weather forecast are out of date and out of step with research.
- Communicate about material heating systems (if available) related to time of day.

## KEY INFORMATION FOR INSPECTORS, CODE OFFICIALS AND DESIGNERS

- Recognize that ACI 306 is a best practices guide and broad options for all applications
- Do not ignore the empirical evidence and experience of contractors and suppliers.
- Rather than relying on a specification for material composition, request performance-based records (maturity) for predictive behavior to demonstrate strength.
- Communicate with industry organizations (ACI, CFA, NRMCA, etc.) where problems occur for comparison to direction.

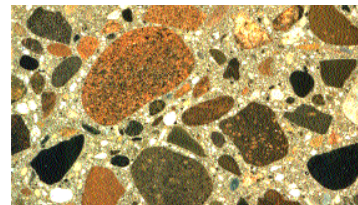
# Material Basics

## Concrete Facts



## Concrete Constituents

- Large Aggregate
- Small Aggregate
- Cementitious material
- Potable Water
- Air (Entrained vs Entrapped)
- Chemical Admixtures



## Large Aggregates

- Size
- Graded
- Hardness
- Shape
- Surface/Absorption
- Heated during Cold Weather



## Aggregates

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## Cementitious Materials

### Portland Cement

- Calcium (Limestone)
- Silica
- Alumina
- Iron
- Other Additives

### Supplementary-Cementitious Materials

- Fly Ash & Other Pozzolans
- Granulated Blast-Furnace Slag
- Silica Fume
- Hydrated Lime

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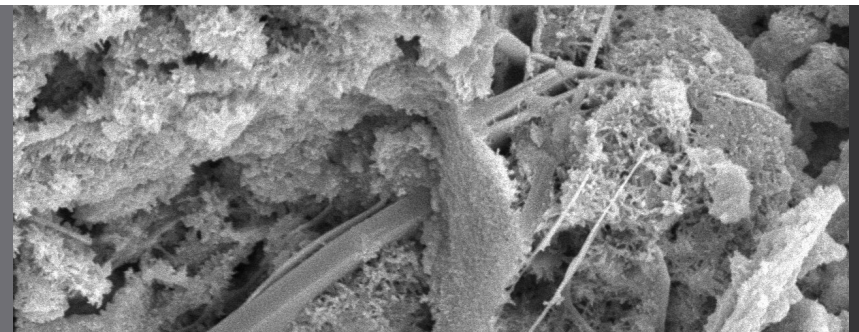
## Portland Cement

### • Types of Portland Cement

- Type I & IA – Standard
- Type II & IIA – Moderate Sulfate Resistant
- Type III & IIIA – High Early Strength
- Type IV – Low Heat of Hydration
- Type V – High Sulfate Resistance

**Limestone + Shale/Clay + Heat  
= Portland Cement + CO<sub>2</sub>**

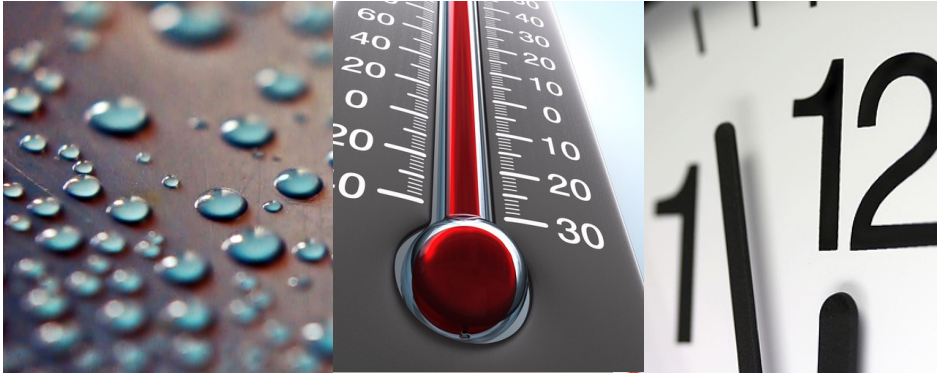
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## Why Concrete Gets Hard?

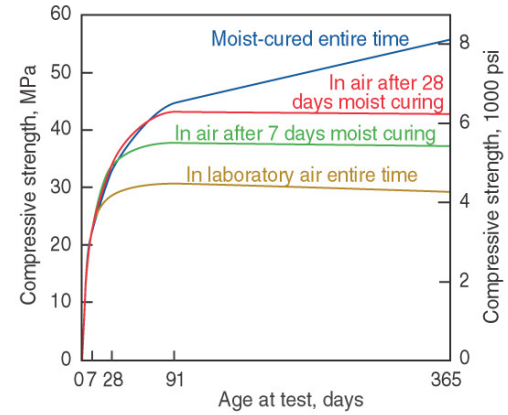
Chemical reaction called *hydration* is the process, heat is the by-product.

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## Concrete Needs...

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## Concrete Properties

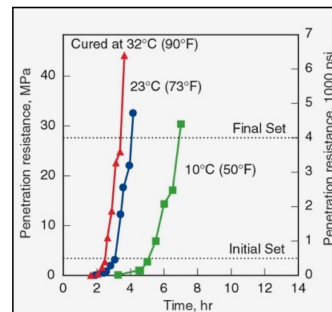
Effect of Age & Curing on Strength

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## Concrete Curing

### Temperature

- Higher Temp = Faster Curing
- Protect Fresh Concrete Below 40 Degrees F until 1000 psi

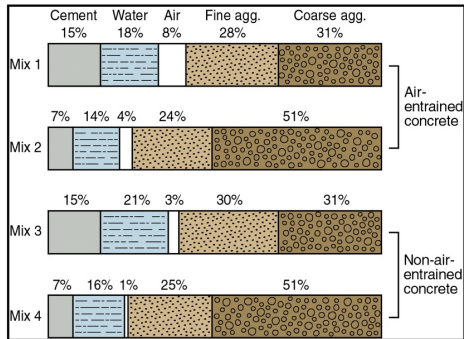


## Measuring Strength

- Cylinders measure compressive strength
- Cast from wall mix
- Store on site in conditions similar to wall
- 3 minimum required per sampling
- Average of three consecutive specimen tests must equal or exceed the specified strength
- No single test lower than the specified strength by 500 psi
- Ultimate design strength requirements

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## Concrete: Mix Proportioning/Design



- Cost
- Use
- Strength
- Set Time
- Finishing
- Hot Weather
- Cold Weather
- Sustainability

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## Adding Water to Concrete

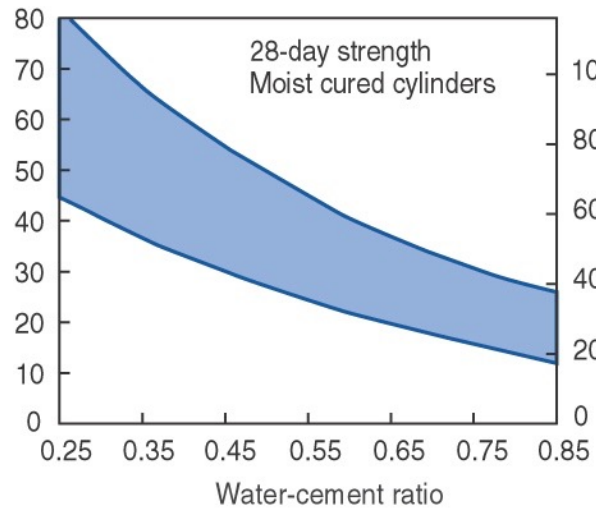
### Advantages/Requirements

- Hydration = Chemical Reaction
  - Flowability
- ### Disadvantages/Impacts
- +1 Gal/CY Increases Slump 1 inch
  - Lower Strength
  - Higher Permeability
  - Decreased Resistance to Weathering
  - Poorer Bond Between Concrete and Reinforcement
  - Increased Drying Shrinkage and Cracking
  - Greater Volume Change from Wetting & Drying

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## Concrete Properties

- W/C Ratio Effect on Strength
- Low W/C Ratio = Better Concrete



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## Admixtures: Improving Concrete

- Retarder - slows cure (good in hot weather)
- Air entrainment - durability & workability
- Water-reducers (MRWR) - reduce  $w/cm$  & increase slump
- Superplasticizers (HRWR) - creates increased flowability
- Accelerators: early-age strength gain
- Coloring - aesthetics
- Others - corrosion inhibitors, shrinkage reducers



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SPECIMENS SUBJECTED TO 150 CYCLES OF FREEZING & THAWING



NON - AIR - ENTRAINED  
HIGH WATER-CEMENT RATIO



AIR-ENTRAINED  
LOW WATER-CEMENT RATIO

## Impact of Admixture:

Entrained Air:  
Improves Freeze/Thaw  
Resistance

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## COLD WEATHER AND HOW IT AFFECTS CONCRETE DURABILITY

What are the effects of extreme weather conditions on concrete

- Fresh properties (slump, air, water requirements)
- Curing
- In-place strengths
- Cylinder strengths

Potential problems created in cold conditions

- Concrete issues
- Human factors

Mitigation Strategies to be considered

- Planning and knowledge are powerful tools



## HUMAN FACTORS AND OTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEMS TO BE AWARE OF:

- COLD WEATHER:
- Sub-freezing and sub-zero temps can cause:
  - Frostbite and hypothermia
  - Rapid depletion of energy in workers in very cold conditions

**Know when to say when!**



## COLD WEATHER AND HOW IT AFFECTS CONCRETE DURABILITY

### COLD WEATHER

- Human factors
- Freezing
- Very slow setting and drastically slowed rate of strength gain
- Low humidity=high rate of moisture loss

**Durable Concrete is the goal!**



## FROZEN WALL DAMAGE

Winter 2014-15 – Minneapolis, MN



## ACI 306R-16: GUIDE TO COLD WEATHER

- Concrete does not freeze when the ambient air temperature is 32F.
- The old belief that “hydration ceases at 40F” is totally wrong and extremely conservative.
- Concrete actually cures very well at low internal temperatures, albeit slowly, and....



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*"Take advantage of the opportunity provided by cold weather to place low-temperature concrete. Concrete placed during cold weather, protected against freezing, and properly cured for a sufficient length of time, has the potential to develop **higher ultimate strength and greater durability** than concrete placed at higher temperatures. It is susceptible to less thermal cracking than similar concrete placed at higher temperatures."*

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- Concrete can be placed at ANY ambient air temperature, provided:
- Delivery/placement temperature of the CONCRETE is adequate to prevent the concrete from falling below the "liquidus" temperature before protection measures are applied.

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- Concrete can be placed at ANY ambient air temperature, provided:
- Protection measures are taken, such as:
  - Insulation (blankets, forms, even just poly sheeting)
  - External heat applied
  - Enclosures constructed



## OVERVIEW OF PRECIPICE

Need to understand how “cold weather” impacts the residential concrete foundation wall industry.

Existing codes – Protective measures *must* be taken; Empirical evidence – they may not be necessary or even helpful.

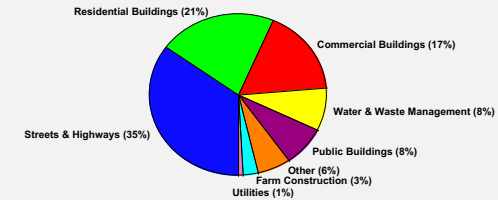
Variations in “local” mixture performance mandates a need for method of validation of in place strengths.

What constitutes cold weather is even debated.

# How Cold is TOO COLD?

## OVERVIEW OF PRECIPICE

2001 Apparent Use of Cement by Market



- Residential demand equals or exceeds all historical paces.
- Restriction in placement affects over ½ the U.S. for an average of 3 months each year...economically impacting the entire market.

## THE RESEARCH PROGRAM

### Phase I: The Laboratory

- 36 mix designs
- 44 maturity curves
- over 650 cylinders cast and tested
- Wide range of mixes from very “lean” to very “rich”
- Two different temperatures, 30°F and 50°F

### Phase II: The Field

### Phase III: Petrography

Qty of Cement (Sacks per CY / PSI)	Cement Type	Admixtures	Curing Temperature
5 / 3,000 psi	I	None	30°F
5.5 / 3,500 psi		1% Calcium	
6 / 4,000 psi	III	2% Calcium	50°F
6.5 / 4,500 psi		1% Calcium with MRWR Non-Chloride Accelerator (NCA)	

## PHASE I - LABORATORY: THE MIX MATRIX

Combination of above factors resulted in a total of 44 maturity curves.

# CONCRETE STRENGTHS

ACI 332-14

- Minimum recognized compressive strength = 2,500 psi
- Prescriptive designs up to 4,500 psi

ACI 332-20

- RF4 Added with minimum of 5,000 psi

**Table 5.3.2—Exposure categories and classes**

Exposure class	Maximum slump*	Minimum f <sub>c</sub> , psi
RF0	6	2500
RF1	5	3000
RF2	5	3500
RF3	4	4000

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Exposure class	Maximum slump*	Minimum f <sub>c</sub> , psi	ASTM C150/C150M
RS0	6	2500	No type restriction
RS1	6	2500	II
RS2	5	3000	V <sup>2</sup>
RS3	5	3000	V + pozzolan or slag <sup>§</sup>
RC0	6	2500	Maximum water-soluble ch <sup>  </sup>
RC1	6	2500	
RC2	4	4000	

\*Maximum specified slump shall have a tolerance for purposes of field testing.

**APPENDIX A - Phase I Mix Design Proportions**

Mix ID	Temp. (°F)	Admixtures <sup>1</sup>	Dose (cc/wg)	Dose (lb/cw)	CS11 (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	CA1 (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	FA1 (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	H2O (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	W/C Ratio	Slump (in)	Air % (Initial)	Unit Wt (lb/yd <sup>3</sup> )	Yield (cu/yd)	Wet Cost	Final Cost	Date and Time Cast
1	68	AEA	0.25	NA	471	1754	1387	294	0.60	7	4.7	144.07	0.908	10.55	16.07	11/4/02 9:30 AM
2	68	AEA	0.48	NA	467	1740	1388	283	0.61	7	5.1	143.44	1.007	9.05	13.49	11/4/02 9:42 AM
3	68	AEA	0.61	NA	464	1727	1378	281	0.61	7	5.3	143.03	1.014	6.82	10.28	11/4/02 10:12 AM
4	68	AEA	0.4	NA	471	1754	1400	284	0.60	6.5	4.6	144.67	0.989	5.13	8.55	11/4/02 11:14 AM
5	68	AEA	0.2	NA	466	1734	1422	283	0.58	6.25	5.5	144.28	1.009	8.34	12.55	11/5/02 8:10 AM
6	68	AEA	0.4	NA	509	1723	1342	284	0.56	7	5.9	142.82	1.016	11.17	17.47	11/4/02 9:30 AM
7	68	AEA	0.68	NA	513	1734	1351	285	0.58	7	5	143.85	1.009	7.40	12.20	11/4/02 11:41 AM
8	68	AEA	0.61	NA	511	1730	1348	283	0.55	6.75	5.1	143.85	1.011	5.19	8.57	11/4/02 12:50 PM
9	68	AEA	0.44	NA	514	1730	1354	280	0.54	7	5.3	143.85	1.007	5.36	9.28	11/4/02 01:24 PM
10	68	AEA	0.2	NA	509	1723	1379	272	0.53	6.5	5.5	143.85	1.016	8.18	12.17	11/5/02 8:40 AM
11	68	AEA	0.38	NA	503	1746	1307	282	0.52	7	5	144.28	1.002	9.22	13.09	11/5/02 9:12 AM
12	68	AEA	0.68	NA	509	1736	1312	286	0.52	6.75	4.5	146.31	0.991	7.05	10.47	11/5/02 10:54 AM
13	68	AEA	0.62	NA	509	1734	1289	282	0.52	6	0	143.85	1.009	4.90	8.06	11/5/02 10:33 AM
14	68	AEA	0.44	NA	501	1742	1294	283	0.52	6.25	5.3	144.28	1.005	4.19	6.57	11/5/02 11:00 AM
15	68	AEA	0.4	NA	506	1727	1326	280	0.50	6.25	5.5	144.28	1.014	7.25	11.15	11/5/02 11:20 AM
16	68	AEA	0.39	NA	610	1746	1242	285	0.48	7	5.5	144.28	1.002	8.39	13.00	11/5/02 9:30 AM
17	68	AEA	0.68	NA	606	1736	1233	304	0.50	6.5	5.1	143.85	1.009	6.48	10.09	11/5/02 11:57 AM
18	68	AEA	0.63	NA	608	1742	1239	307	0.51	6.75	5	144.67	1.005	5.17	8.26	11/5/02 12:26 PM
19	68	AEA	0.4	NA	482	1719	1369	289	0.58	7	5.9	141.39	1.018	7.23	10.34	11/13/02 7:52 AM
20	68	AEA	0.4	NA	513	1734	1351	281	0.55	6.25	5.4	143.85	1.009	6.28	9.34	11/13/02 8:20 AM
21	68	AEA	0.39	NA	508	1730	1286	281	0.50	7	5.8	142.82	1.002	8.25	10.02	11/13/02 8:45 AM
22	68	AEA	0.39	NA	607	1738	1236	288	0.49	6.5	5.1	143.85	0.998	6.10	8.45	11/13/02 9:11 AM
23	68	AEA	1.1	NA	487	1738	1377	282	0.60	6.5	5	143.83	1.007	12.44	19.48	11/20/02 7:50 AM
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25	68	AEA	1.5	NA	459	1709	1352	278	0.61	6.5	6.5	140.98	1.025	4.53	7.55	11/20/02 9:30 AM
26	68	AEA	1.15	NA	463	1723	1364	281	0.61	6.5	6.2	141.8	1.016	3.51	6.40	11/20/02 10:15 AM
27	68	AEA	0.54	NA	461	1715	1368	280	0.56	6.25	5.8	142.21	1.021	7.17	11.07	11/20/02 10:51 AM
28	68	AEA	1.1	NA	510	1727	1331	295	0.58	6	5	143.03	1.014	12.02	19.48	11/20/02 8:32 AM
29	68	AEA	1.4	NA	509	1723	1328	311	0.61	6	5	143.44	1.016	6.17	10.02	11/20/02 11:23 AM
30	68	AEA	1.5	NA	502	1700	1310	292	0.58	6.5	6.3	141.39	1.030	3.48	5.42	11/20/02 11:49 AM
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33	68	AEA	1	NA	553	1716	1261	311	0.56	6	5.7	142.21	1.020	10.37	16.48	11/11/02 8:56 AM
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41	68	AEA	1	NA	467	1738	1377	287	0.61	6	4.9	143.44	0.998	6.14	9.92	11/13/02 8:40 AM
42	68	AEA	1	NA	509	1723	1328	304	0.60	6	5.4	143.03	1.007	5.59	9.28	11/13/02 10:19 AM
43	68	AEA	1.1	NA	554	1719	1263	315	0.57	6	5.2	142.62	1.009	5.55	8.15	11/13/02 10:38 AM
44	68	AEA	1.1	NA	596	1707	1214	322	0.54	6.5	5.3	142.21	1.016	6.02	8.19	11/13/02 11:06 AM



## PHASE I: THE LABORATORY

- Ambient and internal concrete temperatures were tracked.
- Compressive strengths were made at close ages (1,2,3,7, 14 and 28 days)
- Maturity curves for each mix were created using the Con-Cure maturity system.



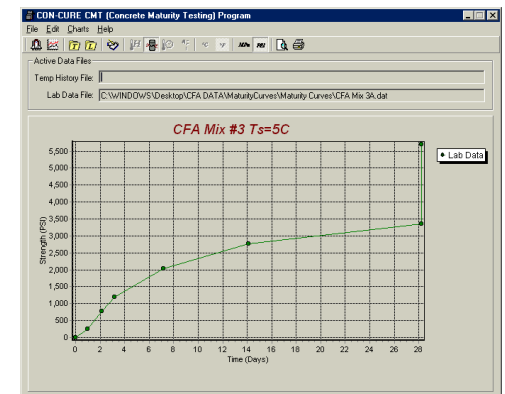
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### Important Facts about this testing

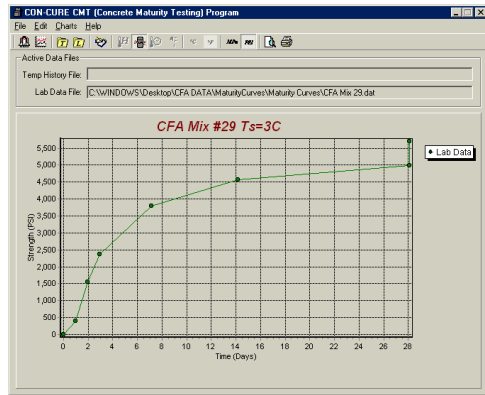
- Followed a “worst-case” scenario in curing test cylinders (Phase I) and walls (Phase II).
- Testing represented a significant deviation from standard conditions (70% moist cure).
- All 44 maturity curves were checked and entered into the maturity testing software.

Mix ID	Int Set	Final Set	1D Age hrs	1D AVGCS psi	2D Age hrs	2D AVGCS psi	3D Age hrs	3D CS psi	7D Age hrs	7D CS psi	14D Age hrs	14D CS psi	28D Age hrs
1	1055	1607	2407	100	57.40	56.0	76.90	172.90	234.0	330.40	386.0	638.40	
2	905	1349	2405	190	51.47	77.0	76.13	1300	171.97	224.0	339.47	295.0	677.55
3	652	1026	2405	300	51.13	780	75.80	1200	171.63	264.0	330.13	276.0	677.13
4	513	855	2400	390	50.27	1170	74.93	1840	170.68	2900	338.18	360.0	676.27
5	834	1255	2408	410	53.83	1350	77.83	2060	173.33	2990	341.17	368.0	677.83
6	1117	1747	2412	130	52.53	690	76.53	1330	172.45	2430	339.95	316.0	677.98
7	740	1220	2407	230	50.15	960	74.65	1550	170.32	2570	337.60	328.0	675.90
8	519	857	2408	340	49.17	950	73.67	1420	169.25	2490	336.75	313.0	674.88
9	536	928	2410	370	48.27	1470	73.27	2200	168.77	3210	336.27	397.0	674.43
10	818	1217	2408	450	52.50	1590	77.50	2520	173.00	3540	340.75	396.0	677.42
11	922	1300	2405	320	52.13	1230	77.13	1800	172.55	2750	340.30	362.0	676.97
12	705	1047	2402	510	51.43	1400	76.43	2150	171.77	3080	339.52	401.0	676.18
13	489	806	2403	680	51.12	1410	76.12	1940	171.37	2670	339.12	378.0	675.78
14	419	657	2400	820	50.83	2260	75.83	2890	171.00	3910	338.75	472.0	675.42
15	728	1115	2408	460	50.67	1910	75.67	2900	170.75	3940	338.80	474.0	675.17
16	859	1300	2407	290	51.90	1170	77.57	1830	172.57	2740	340.32	357.0	676.98
17	646	1009	2397	510	50.38	1660	75.38	2460	170.30	3260	338.05	415.0	674.72
18	517	826	2398	720	50.07	1430	75.07	2330	169.90	2990	337.73	362.0	674.32
19	1244	1926	2412	190	49.67	600	72.67	1300	170.25	2250	340.17	362.0	677.42
24	736	1156	2405	430	48.72	1190	71.63	1750	173.38	2680	340.13	342.0	676.30
25	453	755	2425	630	49.60	1400	71.63	1840	173.00	2710	339.75	347.0	675.92
26	351	640	2375	340	48.42	780	70.67	1290	172.42	3020	339.08	392.0	675.25
27	717	1107	2390	310	47.98	1080	70.23	1840	173.98	3280	338.57	418.0	674.73
28	1202	1948	2422	200	49.13	1090	72.05	1790	173.80	3030	340.55	421.0	677.13
29	617	1002	2380	400	47.53	1560	69.67	2370	171.53	3600	338.12	456.0	674.37
30	348	542	2418	790	47.18	1640	69.52	2330	171.27	3360	337.77	412.0	674.02
31	317	511	2413	400	46.30	1060	69.13	1810	170.80	3000	337.30	461.0	673.88
32	657	1103	2410	420	46.35	1530	68.68	2360	170.35	3770	336.85	474.0	677.43
33	1057	1640	2407	130	51.57	770	76.07	1460	170.90	2620	337.75	448.0	676.97
34	701	1022	2403	680	51.03	1630	75.53	2410	172.28	3940	336.70	484.0	675.17
35	344	541	2393	1030	50.27	2080	74.77	2700	171.43	4050	335.85	461.0	674.43
36	329	528	2397	740	49.97	1400	74.47	2380	171.05	3880	335.47	477.0	673.97
37	311	1118	2400	920	49.62	2430	74.12	3350	170.63	4820	335.05	560.0	673.48
38	934	1626	2395	450	49.28	1790	73.78	2560	170.20	4060	334.62	475.0	672.95
39	541	856	2403	750	49.03	2280	73.83	3170	169.87	4480	334.28	518.0	672.53
40	334	552	2402	1230	48.68	2240	73.18	3170	169.43	4430	333.85	516.0	672.02
19	723	1034	2413	290	52.63	1220	77.13	2110	172.63	2970	338.63	388.0	676.38
20	628	934	2392	660	52.33	1860	76.83	2810	173.25	3270	338.25	386.0	676.00
21	655	1002	2400	730	52.08	2120	76.88	2990	172.92	3460	337.92	362.0	677.67
22	610	845	2407	870	51.82	2410	76.32	3560	172.57	3840	337.65	452.0	677.32
41	614	922	2400	960	51.50	1960	76.00	3070	172.17	3430	337.25	382.0	676.92
42	559	838	2400	1130	51.37	2640	75.67	3670	171.75	4160	336.92	442.0	676.50
43	555	835	2403	1290	50.87	3030	75.37	3980	171.37	4480	336.53	486.0	676.12
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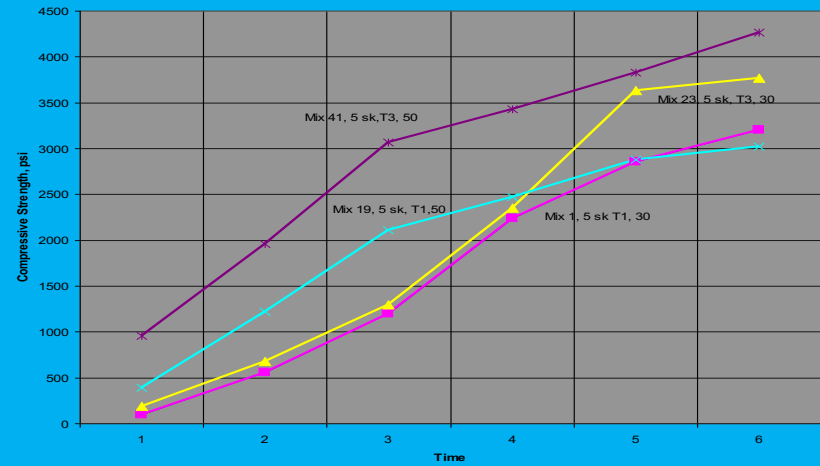
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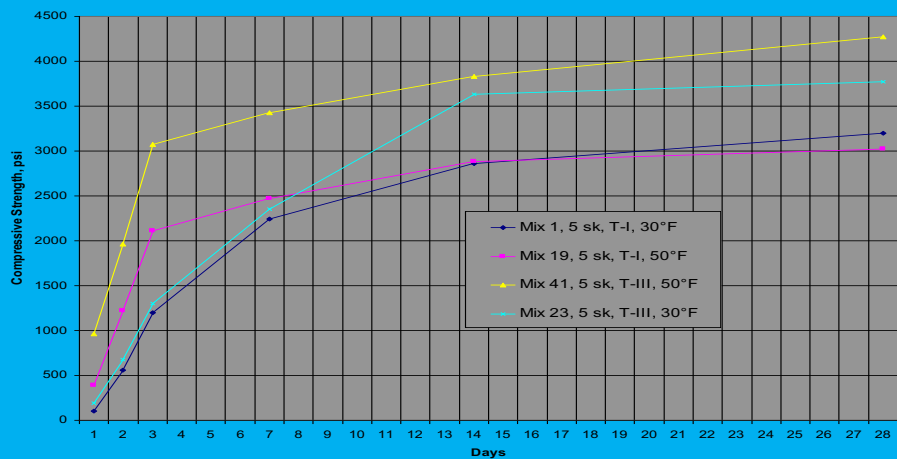
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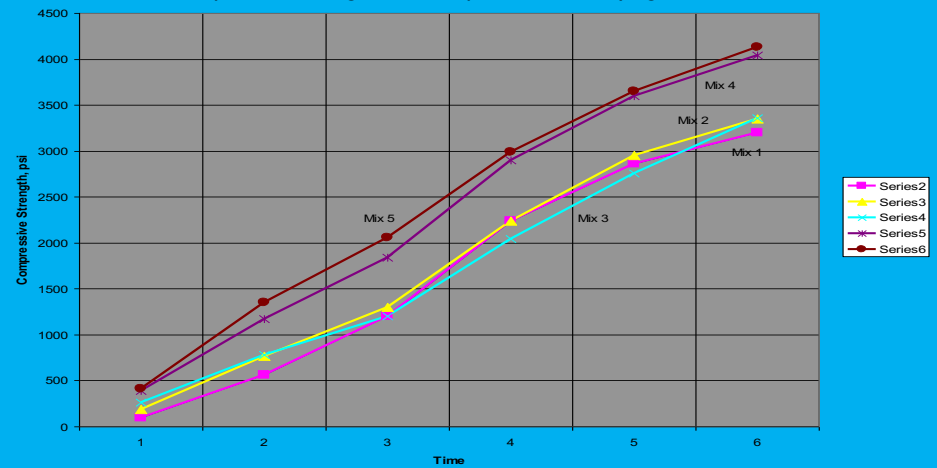
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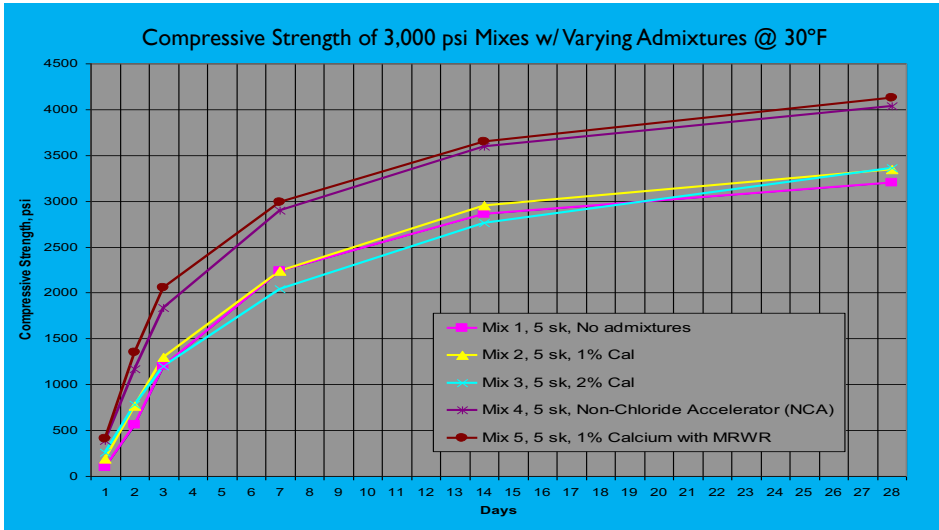


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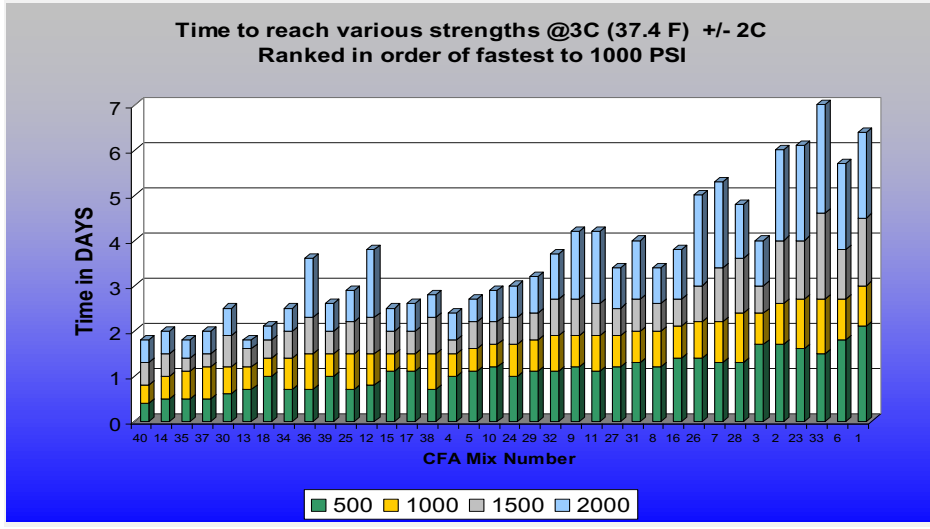
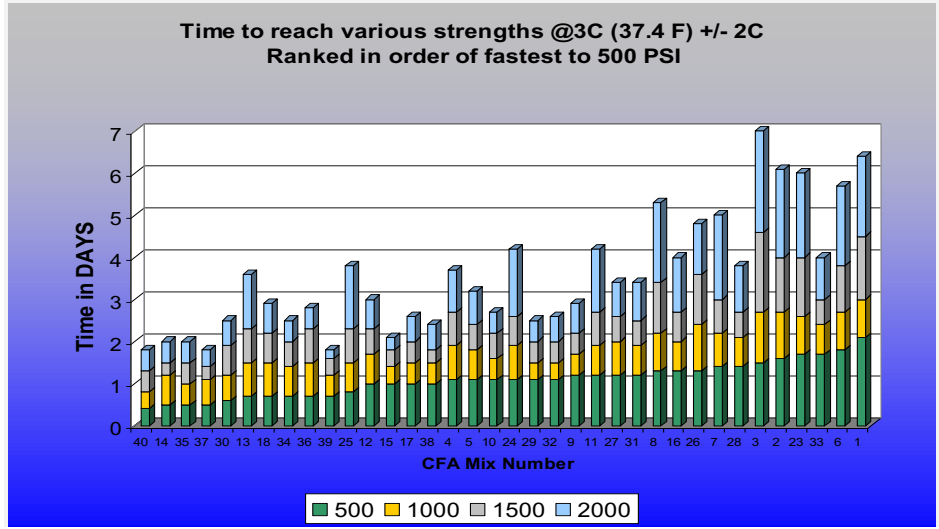
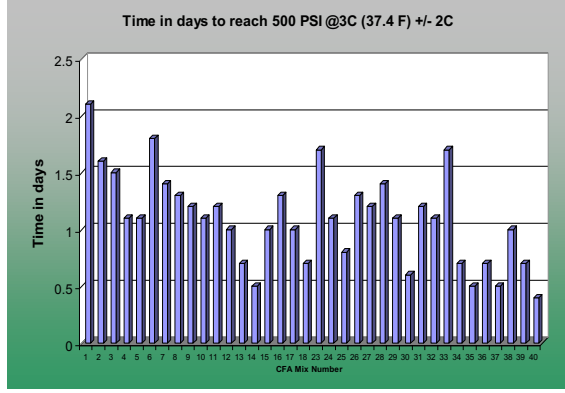


### Compressive Strength of 3,000 psi Mixes w/Varying Admixtures





TIME (IN DAY)  
TO REACH  
500 PSI.  
TEMP. HELD AT  
3 C (37.4 F)



## PHASE II: IN THE FIELD

- Full-scale wall segments tested in winter field conditions.
- Mixes from phase I identified as providing acceptable performance characteristics.
- Core samples and field cylinders were used to compare. Maturity was also tracked.
- Wall segments were both covered and uncovered.











JAN-03 FOR CLEVELAND, OH (004)											LAT=41.4N LON= 81.8W	
TEMPERATURE DATA											PRECIPITATION	
ACTUAL			NORMAL			DEPT	AMNT	SNOW	SNOWR	HDD		
HI	LO	AVG	HI	LO	AVG						SHOW	SNOW
1	34	31	33	34	21	26	5	0.14	trace	0	32	
2	31	27	29	33	20	27	3	0.15	1.5	0	36	
3	30	25	28	33	20	27	1	0.05	0.6	1	37	
4	28	25	27	33	20	27	0	0.05	0.6	2	38	
5	31	23	27	33	20	27	1	0.01	0.1	2	38	
6	30	20	25	33	20	27	-2	0.41	5	3	40	
7	35	10	23	33	19	26	-4	0	0	5	42	
8	45	32	39	33	19	26	13	0	0	3	26	
9	44	33	39	33	19	26	13	trace	trace	0	28	
10	33	20	27	33	19	26	1	0.13	2	6	38	
11	20	17	19	33	19	26	-8	0.01	0.2	1	46	
12	27	16	22	33	19	26	-5	trace	trace	1	43	
13	27	19	23	32	19	26	-3	0.01	0.1	0	42	
14	22	18	20	32	19	26	-6	0.02	0.3	0	45	
15	20	10	15	32	19	26	-11	0.08	1.6	1	50	
16	20	12	16	32	18	25	-9	0.04	0.9	2	49	
17	22	6	14	32	18	25	-11	0.06	1.8	2	51	
18	22	4	13	32	18	25	-12	trace	0.4	2	52	
19	24	14	19	32	18	25	-6	0.05	1	2	46	
20	26	15	21	32	18	25	-5	0.06	1.1	3	44	
21	19	6	13	32	18	25	-13	trace	trace	2	52	
22	14	5	10	32	18	25	-16	0.02	0.6	2	55	
23	18	4	11	32	18	25	-14	0.06	2.1	2	54	
24	20	14	17	32	18	25	-8	0.02	0.5	3	48	
25	23	15	20	32	18	25	-5	trace	trace	3	45	
26	27	10	19	33	18	26	-7	0.3	6.6	3	46	
27	15	-4	6	33	18	26	-20	trace	trace	7	59	
28	29	14	22	33	18	26	-4	0.12	1.3	6	43	
29	29	19	24	33	19	26	-2	0.19	2	9	41	
30	33	5	18	33	19	26	-9	trace	trace	8	47	
<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	
TOTALS FOR CLE												
HIGHEST TEMPERATURE			45			TOTAL PRECIP			1.98			
LOWEST TEMPERATURE			-4			TOTAL SNOWFALL			30.3			
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE			21.2			NORMAL PRECIP			2.48			
DEPARTURE FROM NORM			-4.5			% OF NORMAL PRECIP			80			

**RESEARCH: A REAL WORLD EXAMPLE**

- Placed Concrete, stripped and cored on Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 21 straight days of sub-freezing weather

4" Cores from Uncovered Panel (Avg. of 2 samples)

CFA Mix ID	1 Day (~30 hrs.)	2 Day (~48 hrs.)	3 Day (~73 hrs.)	7 Day (~170 hrs.)	28 Day (~702 hrs.)	180 Day
3	330	560	1040	1740	3410	5530
8	410	600	1020	1650	3460	5695
13	510	700	1160	1840	3800	6955
24	500	840	1350	1750	3150	5750
29	990	1320	1840	2220	4140	5550
34	1400	1870	2500	3030	5250	6500

4" Cores from Covered Panel (Avg. of 2 samples) (Samples marked with B)

CFA Mix ID	1 Day (~30 hrs.)	2 Day (~48 hrs.)	3 Day (~73 hrs.)	7 Day (~170 hrs.)	28 Day (~702 hrs.)	180 Day
3	340	600	1060	1850/1730*	3260/3320*	5765
8	400	590	1000	1960/1670*	3570/3470*	6250
13	520	740	1280	2020/1990*	3660/3550*	Unavailable
24	510	870	1470	2090/1980*	3380/3160*	5450
29	990	1370	2110	2820/2600*	4280/4080*	5750
34	1550	1970	2620	3290/3430*	5010/4920*	6850

COMPARING THE PHASES  
COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH DATA

A. 6 x 12  
Cylinders  
(Avg. of 2  
samples)

CFA Mix ID	Day 1 (~27 hrs.)	Day 2 (~46 hrs.)	Day 3 (~72 hrs.)	Day 7 (~168 hrs.)
3	400	1150	1730	3320
8	580	1480	2070	3540
13	650	1760	2310	3690
24	1080	2330	2800	3890
29	1670	3080	3610	4580
34	2130	3420	4150	5345

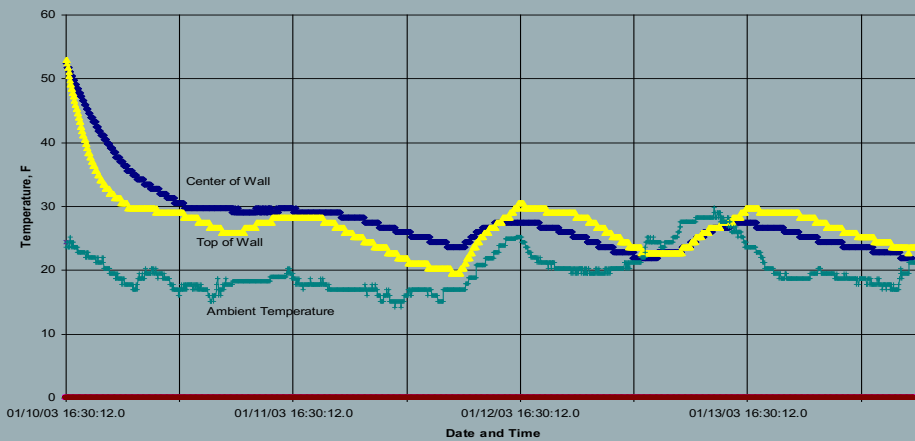
B. 4" Cores from Uncovered Panel  
(Avg. of 2 samples)

CFA Mix ID	Day 1 (~27 hrs.)	Day 2 (~46 hrs.)	Day 3 (~72 hrs.)	Day 7 (~168 hrs.)
3	330	560	1040	1740
8	410	600	1020	1650
13	510	700	1160	1840
24	500	840	1350	1750
29	990	1320	1840	2220
34	1400	1870	2500	3030

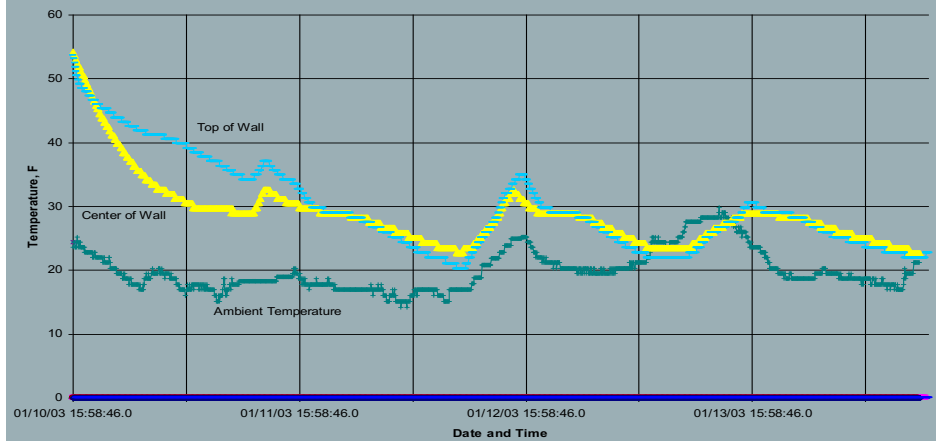
C. 4" Cores from Covered Panel (Mixes marked  
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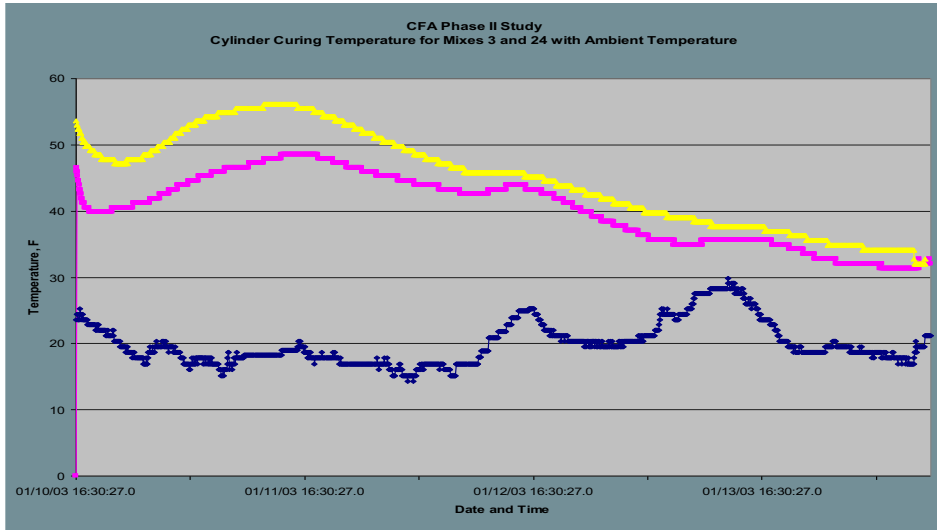
CFA Mix ID	Day 1 (~27 hrs.)	Day 2 (~46 hrs.)	Day 3 (~72 hrs.)	Day 7 (~168 hrs.)
3	340	600	1060	1850/1730*
8	400	590	1000	1960/1670*
13	520	740	1280	2020/1990*
24	510	870	1470	2090/1980*
29	990	1370	2110	2820/2600*
34	1550	1970	2620	3290/3430*

CFA Phase II Study  
Top and Center of Wall Panel 3 with Ambient Temperature



CFA Phase II Study  
Top and Center of Wall Panel 3B with Ambient Temperature





**USING  
 MATURITY**

**Predicted Compressive Strengths**

Using Lab Curves with 7-day wall panel temperatures (Center of covered panels)

*Predicted vs. Measured Compressive Strengths*

CFA Mix ID	1-Day		2-Day		3-Day		7-Day	
	Mat.	Core*	Mat.	Core*	Mat.	Core*	Mat.	Core*
3 (Ts = 4)	230	330	500	560	810	1040	1450	1740
8 (Ts = 5)	280	410	580	600	940	1020	1690	1650
13 (Ts = 5)	560	510	950	700	1350	1160	2100	1840
24 (Ts = 0)	450	500	1050	840	1560	1350	2070	1750
29 (Ts = 0)	550	990	1530	1320	2280	1840	2990	2220
34 (Ts = 0)	1180	1400	2060	1870	2760	2500	3820	3030

\* = Cores taken from full-scale wall samples uncovered the duration of the research.

**CONCLUSIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL  
 WALLS**

- Concrete temperature not ambient temperature.
- Hydration does not stop at 40°F... strength gain continues well below freezing.
- Maturity prediction can be used to accurately track in-place strengths.
- 500 psi early strength before freezing is reasonable and can be readily achieved.
- Current restrictive codes should be relaxed through new techniques and professional practice.
- Codes should accommodate better quality control and maturity testing.





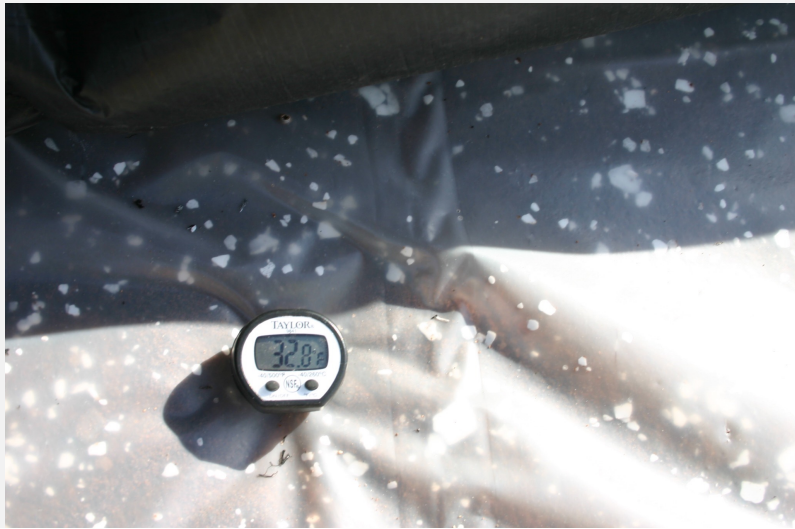
### CONCLUSIONS FOR CONTRACTORS

- No single mix answer.
- Selection of a few mix designs supported by maturity testing to confirm local performance.
- Pour earlier in the day – solar gain on concrete mass
  - **Watch delivery temperatures with accelerating admixtures!!!**
- Type III cements over Type I for performance
- Economical strength gain from use of calcium chloride.
- Slower strength gain in cold weather – use caution when removing support.

### INVEST IN KNOWLEDGE

RESEARCH LOCAL MIXES AND UNDERSTAND PERFORMANCE BEHAVIOR





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