

# CHAPTER 19

## CONCRETE

*Italics are used for text within Sections 1903 through 1908 of this code to indicate provisions that differ from ACI 318.*

### SECTION 1901 GENERAL

**1901.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the materials, quality control, design and construction of concrete used in structures.

**1901.2 Plain and reinforced concrete.** Structural concrete shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter and ACI 318 as amended in Section 1908 of this code. Except for the provisions of Sections 1904 and 1910, the design and construction of slabs on grade shall not be governed by this chapter unless they transmit vertical loads or lateral forces from other parts of the structure to the soil.

**1901.3 Source and applicability.** The format and subject matter of Sections 1902 through 1907 of this chapter are patterned after, and in general conformity with, the provisions for structural concrete in ACI 318.

**1901.4 Construction documents.** The construction documents for structural concrete construction shall include:

1. The specified compressive strength of concrete at the stated ages or stages of construction for which each concrete element is designed.
2. The specified strength or grade of reinforcement.
3. The size and location of structural elements, reinforcement, and anchors.
4. Provision for dimensional changes resulting from creep, shrinkage and temperature.
5. The magnitude and location of prestressing forces.
6. Anchorage length of reinforcement and location and length of lap splices.
7. Type and location of mechanical and welded splices of reinforcement.
8. Details and location of contraction or isolation joints specified for plain concrete.
9. Minimum concrete compressive strength at time of posttensioning.
10. Stressing sequence for posttensioning tendons.
11. For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F, a statement if slab on grade is designed as a structural diaphragm (see Section 21.10.3.4 of ACI 318).

**1901.5 Special inspection.** The special inspection of concrete elements of buildings and structures and concreting operations shall be as required by Chapter 17.

### SECTION 1902 DEFINITIONS

**1902.1 General.** The words and terms defined in ACI 318 shall, for the purposes of this chapter and as used elsewhere in this code for concrete construction, have the meanings shown in ACI 318.

### SECTION 1903 SPECIFICATIONS FOR TESTS AND MATERIALS

**1903.1 General.** Materials used to produce concrete, concrete itself and testing thereof shall comply with the applicable standards listed in ACI 318. *Where required, special inspections and tests shall be in accordance with Chapter 17.*

**1903.2 Glass fiber reinforced concrete.** *Glass fiber reinforced concrete (GFRC) and the materials used in such concrete shall be in accordance with the PCIMNL 128 standard.*

### SECTION 1904 DURABILITY REQUIREMENTS

**1904.1 Water-cementitious materials ratio.** Where maximum water-cementitious materials ratios are specified in ACI 318, they shall be calculated in accordance with ACI 318, Section 4.1.

**1904.2 Freezing and thawing exposures.** Concrete that will be exposed to freezing and thawing, deicing chemicals or other exposure conditions as defined below shall comply with Sections 1904.2.1 through 1904.2.3.

**1904.2.1 Air entrainment.** Concrete exposed to freezing and thawing or deicing chemicals shall be air entrained in accordance with ACI 318, Section 4.2.1:

**1904.2.2 Concrete properties.** Concrete that will be subject to the following exposures shall conform to the corresponding maximum water-cementitious materials ratios and minimum specified concrete compressive strength requirements of ACI 318, Section 4.2.2:

1. Concrete intended to have low permeability where exposed to water;
2. Concrete exposed to freezing and thawing in a moist condition or deicer chemicals; or
3. Concrete with reinforcement where the concrete is exposed to chlorides from deicing chemicals, salt, salt water, brackish water, seawater or spray from these sources.

*Exception: For occupancies and appurtenances thereto in Group R occupancies that are in buildings less than four stories in height, normal-weight aggregate concrete shall comply with the require-*

ments of Table 1904.2.2 based on the weathering classification (freezing and thawing) determined from Figure 1904.2.2.

In addition, concrete exposed to deicing chemicals shall conform to the limitations of Section 1904.2.3.

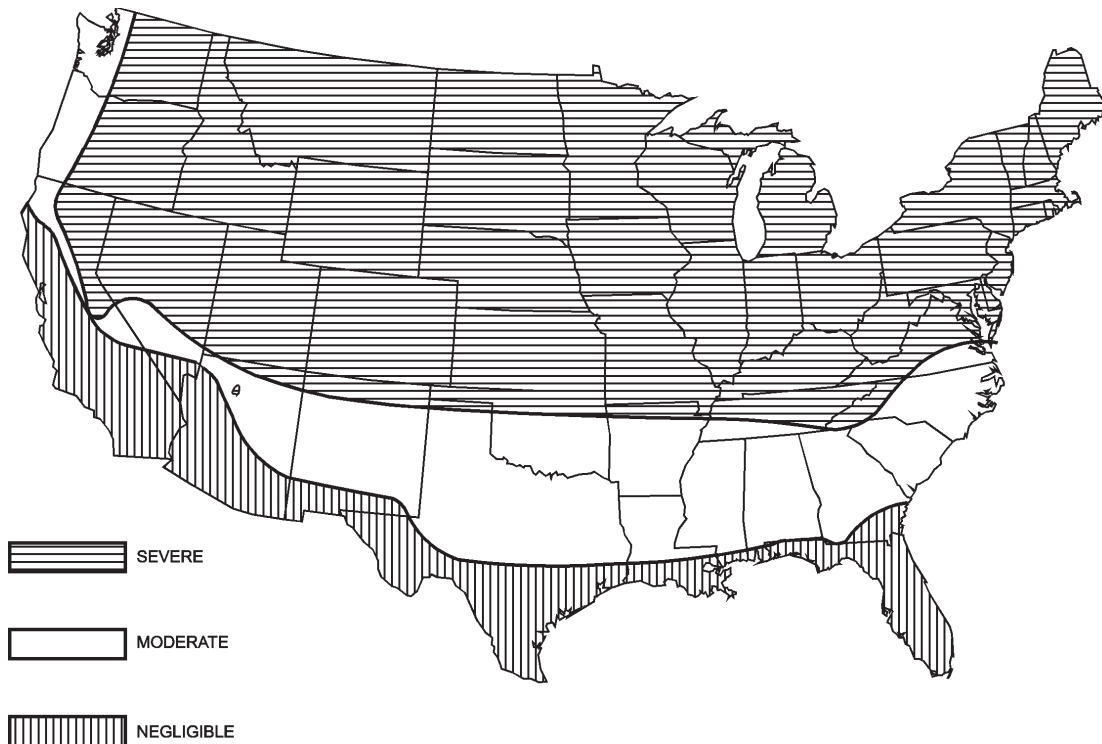
**1904.2.3 Deicing chemicals.** For concrete exposed to deicing chemicals, the maximum weight of fly ash, other pozzolans, silica fume or slag that is included in the concrete shall not exceed the percentages of the total weight of cementitious materials permitted by ACI 318, Section 4.2.3.

**TABLE 1904.2.2**  
**MINIMUM SPECIFIED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH ( $f'_c$ )**

TYPE OR LOCATION OF CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION	MINIMUM SPECIFIED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH ( $f'_c$ at 28 days, psi)		
	Negligible exposure	Moderate exposure	Severe exposure
Basement walls <sup>c</sup> and foundations not exposed to the weather	2,500	2,500	2,500 <sup>a</sup>
Basement slabs and interior slabs on grade, except garage floor slabs	2,500	2,500	2,500 <sup>a</sup>
Basement walls <sup>c</sup> , foundation walls, exterior walls and other vertical concrete surfaces exposed to the weather	2,500	3,000 <sup>b</sup>	3,000 <sup>b</sup>
Driveways, curbs, walks, patios, porches, carport slabs, steps and other flatwork exposed to the weather, and garage floor slabs	2,500	3,000 <sup>b, d</sup>	3,500 <sup>b, d</sup>

For SI: 1 pound per square inch = 0.00689 MPa.

- a. Concrete in these locations that can be subjected to freezing and thawing during construction shall be of air-entrained concrete in accordance with Section 1904.2.1.
- b. Concrete shall be air entrained in accordance with Section 1904.2.1.
- c. Structural plain concrete basement walls are exempt from the requirements for exposure conditions of Section 1904.2.2 (see Section 1909.6.1).
- d. For garage floor slabs where a steel trowel finish is used, the total air content required by Section 1904.2.1 is permitted to be reduced to not less than 3 percent, provided the minimum specified compressive strength of the concrete is increased to 4,000 psi.



**FIGURE 1904.2.2**  
**WEATHERING PROBABILITY MAP FOR CONCRETE<sup>a, b, c</sup>**

- a. Lines defining areas are approximate only. Local areas can be more or less severe than indicated by the region classification.
- b. A “severe” classification is where weather conditions encourage or require the use of deicing chemicals or where there is potential for a continuous presence of moisture during frequent cycles of freezing and thawing. A “moderate” classification is where weather conditions occasionally expose concrete in the presence of moisture to freezing and thawing, but where deicing chemicals are not generally used. A “negligible” classification is where weather conditions rarely expose concrete in the presence of moisture to freezing and thawing.
- c. Alaska and Hawaii are classified as severe and negligible, respectively.

**1904.3 Sulfate exposures.** Concrete that will be exposed to sulfate-containing solutions or soils shall comply with the maximum water-cementitious materials ratios, minimum specified compressive strength and be made with the appropriate type of cement in accordance with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 4.3.

**1904.4 Corrosion protection of reinforcement.** Reinforcement in concrete shall be protected from corrosion and exposure to chlorides in accordance with ACI 318, Section 4.4.

## SECTION 1905 CONCRETE QUALITY, MIXING AND PLACING

**1905.1 General.** The required strength and durability of concrete shall be determined by compliance with the proportioning, testing, mixing and placing provisions of Sections 1905.1.1 through 1905.1.3.

**1905.1.1 Strength.** Concrete shall be proportioned to provide an average compressive strength as prescribed in Section 1905.3 and shall satisfy the durability criteria of Section 1904. Concrete shall be produced to minimize the frequency of strengths below  $f'_c$  as prescribed in Section 1905.6.3. *For concrete designed and constructed in accordance with this chapter,  $f'_c$  shall not be less than 2,500 psi (17.22 MPa).* No maximum specified compressive strength shall apply unless restricted by a specific provision of this code or ACI 318.

**1905.2 Selection of concrete proportions.** Concrete proportions shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 5.2.

**1905.3 Proportioning on the basis of field experience and/or trial mixtures.** Concrete proportioning determined on the basis of field experience and/or trial mixtures shall be done in accordance with ACI 318, Section 5.3.

**1905.4 Proportioning without field experience or trial mixtures.** Concrete proportioning determined without field experience or trial mixtures shall be done in accordance with ACI 318, Section 5.4.

**1905.5 Average strength reduction.** As data become available during construction, it is permissible to reduce the amount by which the average compressive strength ( $f'_c$ ) is required to exceed the specified value of  $f'_c$  in accordance with ACI 318, Section 5.5.

**1905.6 Evaluation and acceptance of concrete.** The criteria for evaluation and acceptance of concrete shall be as specified in Sections 1905.6.2 through 1905.6.5.

**1905.6.1 Qualified technicians.** Concrete shall be tested in accordance with the requirements in Sections 1905.6.2 through 1905.6.5. Qualified field testing technicians shall perform tests on fresh concrete at the job site, prepare specimens required for curing under field conditions, prepare specimens required for testing in the laboratory and record the temperature of the fresh concrete when preparing specimens for strength tests. Qualified laboratory technicians shall perform all required laboratory tests.

**1905.6.2 Frequency of testing.** The frequency of conducting strength tests of concrete and the minimum number of tests shall be as specified in ACI 318, Section 5.6.2.

**Exception:** When the total volume of a given class of concrete is less than 50 cubic yards (38 m<sup>3</sup>), strength tests are not required when evidence of satisfactory strength is submitted to and approved by the building official.

**1905.6.3 Strength test specimens.** Specimens prepared for acceptance testing of concrete in accordance with Section 1905.6.2 and strength test acceptance criteria shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 5.6.3.

**1905.6.4 Field-cured specimens.** Where required by the building official to determine adequacy of curing and protection of concrete in the structure, specimens shall be prepared, cured, tested and test results evaluated for acceptance in accordance with ACI 318, Section 5.6.4.

**1905.6.5 Low-strength test results.** Where any strength test (see ACI 318, Section 5.6.2.4) falls below the specified value of  $f'_c$ , the provisions of ACI 318, Section 5.6.5, shall apply.

**1905.7 Preparation of equipment and place of deposit.** Prior to concrete being placed, the space to receive the concrete and the equipment used to deposit it shall comply with ACI 318, Section 5.7.

**1905.8 Mixing.** Mixing of concrete shall be performed in accordance with ACI 318, Section 5.8.

**1905.9 Conveying.** The method and equipment for conveying concrete to the place of deposit shall comply with ACI 318, Section 5.9.

**1905.10 Depositing.** The depositing of concrete shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 5.10.

**1905.11 Curing.** The length of time, temperature and moisture conditions for curing of concrete shall be in accordance with ACI 318, Section 5.11.

**1905.12 Cold weather requirements.** Concrete to be placed during freezing or near-freezing weather shall comply with the requirements of ACI 318, Section 5.12.

**1905.13 Hot weather requirements.** Concrete to be placed during hot weather shall comply with the requirements of ACI 318, Section 5.13.

## SECTION 1906 FORMWORK, EMBEDDED PIPES AND CONSTRUCTION JOINTS

**1906.1 Formwork.** The design, fabrication and erection of forms shall comply with ACI 318, Section 6.1.

**1906.2 Removal of forms, shores and reshores.** The removal of forms and shores, including from slabs and beams (except where cast on the ground), and the installation of reshores shall comply with ACI 318, Section 6.2.

**1906.3 Conduits and pipes embedded in concrete.** Conduits, pipes and sleeves of any material not harmful to concrete and within the limitations of ACI 318, Section 6.3, are permitted to

be embedded in concrete with approval of the registered design professional.

**1906.4 Construction joints.** Construction joints, including their location, shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 6.4.

## SECTION 1907 DETAILS OF REINFORCEMENT

**1907.1 Hooks.** Standard hooks on reinforcing bars used in concrete construction shall comply with ACI 318, Section 7.1.

**1907.2 Minimum bend diameters.** Minimum reinforcement bend diameters utilized in concrete construction shall comply with ACI 318, Section 7.2.

**1907.3 Bending.** The bending of reinforcement shall comply with ACI 318, Section 7.3.

**1907.4 Surface conditions of reinforcement.** The surface conditions of reinforcement shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.4.

**1907.5 Placing reinforcement.** The placement of reinforcement, including tolerances on depth and cover, shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.5. Reinforcement shall be accurately placed and adequately supported before concrete is placed.

**1907.6 Spacing limits for reinforcement.** The clear distance between reinforcing bars, bundled bars, tendons and ducts shall comply with ACI 318, Section 7.6.

**1907.7 Concrete protection for reinforcement.** The minimum concrete cover for reinforcement shall comply with Sections 1907.7.1 through 1907.7.7.

**1907.7.1 Cast-in-place concrete (nonprestressed).** Minimum concrete cover shall be provided for reinforcement in nonprestressed, cast-in-place concrete construction in accordance with ACI 318, Section 7.7.1.

**1907.7.2 Cast-in-place concrete (prestressed).** The minimum concrete cover for prestressed and nonprestressed reinforcement, ducts and end fittings in cast-in-place prestressed concrete shall comply with ACI 318, Section 7.7.2.

**1907.7.3 Precast concrete (manufactured under plant control conditions).** The minimum concrete cover for prestressed and nonprestressed reinforcement, ducts and end fittings in precast concrete manufactured under plant control conditions shall comply with ACI 318, Section 7.7.3.

**1907.7.4 Bundled bars.** The minimum concrete cover for bundled bars shall comply with ACI 318, Section 7.7.4.

**1907.7.5 Corrosive environments.** In corrosive environments or other severe exposure conditions, prestressed and nonprestressed reinforcement shall be provided with additional protection in accordance with ACI 318, Section 7.7.5.

**1907.7.6 Future extensions.** Exposed reinforcement, inserts and plates intended for bonding with future extensions shall be protected from corrosion.

**1907.7.7 Fire protection.** When this code requires a thickness of cover for fire protection greater than the minimum

concrete cover specified in Section 1907.7, such greater thickness shall be used.

**1907.8 Special reinforcement details for columns.** Offset bent longitudinal bars in columns and load transfer in structural steel cores of composite compression members shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.8.

**1907.9 Connections.** Connections between concrete framing members shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.9.

**1907.10 Lateral reinforcement for compression members.** Lateral reinforcement for concrete compression members shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.10.

**1907.11 Lateral reinforcement for flexural members.** Lateral reinforcement for compression reinforcement in concrete flexural members shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.11.

**1907.12 Shrinkage and temperature reinforcement.** Reinforcement for shrinkage and temperature stresses in concrete members shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.12.

**1907.13 Requirements for structural integrity.** The detailing of reinforcement and connections between concrete members shall comply with the provisions of ACI 318, Section 7.13, to improve structural integrity.

## SECTION 1908 MODIFICATIONS TO ACI 318

**1908.1 General.** The text of ACI 318 shall be modified as indicated in Sections 1908.1.1 through 1908.1.16.

**1908.1.1 ACI 318, Section 10.5.** Modify ACI 318, Section 10.5, by adding new Section 10.5.5 to read as follows:

*10.5.5 – In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category B, beams in ordinary moment frames forming part of the seismic-force-resisting system shall have at least two main flexural reinforcing bars continuously top and bottom throughout the beam and continuous through or developed within exterior columns or boundary elements.*

**1908.1.2 ACI 318, Section 11.11.** Modify ACI 318, Section 11.11, by changing its title to read as shown below and by adding new Section 11.11.3 to read as follows:

*11.11– Special provisions for columns.*

*11.11.3 – In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category B, columns of ordinary moment frames having a clear height-to-maximum-plan-dimension ratio of five or less shall be designed for shear in accordance with 21.12.3.*

**1908.1.3 ACI 318, Section 21.1.** Modify existing definitions and add the following definitions to ACI 318, Section 21.1.

**DESIGN DISPLACEMENT.** Total lateral displacement expected for the design-basis earthquake, *as specified by Section 12.8.6 of ASCE 7.*

**DETAILED PLAIN CONCRETE STRUCTURAL WALL.** A wall complying with the requirements of Chapter 22, including 22.6.7.

**ORDINARY PRECAST STRUCTURAL WALL.** A precast wall complying with the requirements of Chapters 1 through 18.

**ORDINARY REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURAL WALL.** A cast-in-place wall complying with the requirements of Chapters 1 through 18.

**ORDINARY STRUCTURAL PLAIN CONCRETE WALL.** A wall complying with the requirements of Chapter 22, excluding 22.6.7.

**WALL PIER.** A wall segment with a horizontal length-to-thickness ratio of at least 2.5, but not exceeding 6, whose clear height is at least two times its horizontal length.

**1908.1.4 ACI 318, Section 21.2.1.** Modify ACI 318 Sections 21.2.1.2, 21.2.1.3 and 21.2.1.4, to read as follows:

21.2.1.2 – For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category A or B, provisions of Chapters 1 through 18 and 22 shall apply except as modified by the provisions of this chapter. Where the seismic design loads are computed using provisions for intermediate or special concrete systems, the requirements of Chapter 21 for intermediate or special systems, as applicable, shall be satisfied.

21.2.1.3 – For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, intermediate or special moment frames, intermediate precast structural walls or ordinary or special reinforced concrete structural walls shall be used to resist seismic forces induced by earthquake motions. Where the design seismic loads are computed using provisions for special concrete systems, the requirements of Chapter 21 for special systems, as applicable, shall be satisfied.

21.2.1.4 – For structures assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F, special moment frames, special reinforced concrete structural walls, diaphragms and trusses and foundations complying with 21.2 through 21.10 or intermediate precast structural walls complying with 21.13 shall be used to resist forces induced by earthquake motions. Members not proportioned to resist earthquake forces shall comply with 21.11.

**1908.1.5 ACI 318, Section 21.2.5.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.2.5, by renumbering as Section 21.2.5.1 and adding new Section 21.2.5.2 to read as follows:

21.2.5 – Reinforcement in members resisting earthquake-induced forces.

21.2.5.1 – Except as permitted in 21.2.5.2, reinforcement resisting earthquake-induced flexural and axial forces in frame members and in structural wall boundary elements shall comply with ASTM A 706. ASTM A 615, Grades 40 and 60 reinforcement, shall be permitted in these members if (a) the actual yield strength based on mill tests does not exceed the specified yield,  $f_y$ , strength

by more than 18,000 psi (124 MPa) [retests shall not exceed this value by more than an additional 3,000 psi (21 MPa)], and (b) the ratio of the actual tensile strength to the actual yield strength is not less than 1.25.

For computing shear strength, the value of  $f_{yt}$  for transverse reinforcement, including spiral reinforcement, shall not exceed 60,000 psi (414 MPa).

21.2.5.2 – Prestressing steel shall be permitted in flexural members of frames, provided the average prestress,  $f_{pe}$ , calculated for an area equal to the member's shortest cross-sectional dimension multiplied by the perpendicular dimension shall be the lesser of 700 psi (4.83 MPa) or  $f'_c/6$  at locations of nonlinear action where prestressing steel is used in members of frames.

**1908.1.6 ACI 318, Section 21.2.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.2, by adding new Section 21.2.9 to read as follows:

21.2.9 – Anchorages for unbonded post-tensioning tendons resisting earthquake induced forces in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F shall withstand, without failure, 50 cycles of loading ranging between 40 and 85 percent of the specified tensile strength of the prestressing steel.

**1908.1.7 ACI 318, Section 21.3.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.3, by adding new Section 21.3.2.5 to read as follows:

21.3.2.5 – Unless the special moment frame is qualified for use through structural testing as required by 21.6.3, for flexural members prestressing steel shall not provide more than one-quarter of the strength for either positive or negative moment at the critical section in a plastic hinge location and shall be anchored at or beyond the exterior face of a joint.

**1908.1.8 ACI 318, Section 21.7.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.7, by adding new Section 21.7.10 to read as follows:

21.7.10 – Wall piers and wall segments.

21.7.10.1 – Wall piers not designed as a part of a special moment frame shall have transverse reinforcement designed to satisfy the requirements in 21.7.10.2.

**Exceptions:**

1. Wall piers that satisfy 21.11.
2. Wall piers along a wall line within a story where other shear wall segments provide lateral support to the wall piers and such segments have a total stiffness of at least six times the sum of the stiffness of all the wall piers.

21.7.10.2 – Transverse reinforcement with seismic hooks at both ends shall be designed to resist the shear forces determined from 21.4.5.1. Spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed 6 inches (152 mm). Transverse reinforcement shall be extended beyond the pier clear height for at least 12 inches (305 mm).

21.7.10.3 – Wall segments with a horizontal length-to-thickness ratio less than 2.5 shall be designed as columns.

**1908.1.9 ACI 318, Section 21.8.** Modify Section 21.8.1 to read as follows:

21.8.1 – Special structural walls constructed using precast concrete shall satisfy all the requirements of 21.7 for cast-in-place special structural walls in addition to Sections 21.13.2 through 21.13.4.

**1908.1.10 ACI 318, Section 21.10.1.1.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.10.1.1, to read as follows:

21.10.1.1 – Foundations resisting earthquake-induced forces or transferring earthquake-induced forces between a structure and the ground shall comply with the requirements of Section 21.10 and other applicable provisions of ACI 318 *unless modified by Chapter 18 of the Building Code.*

**1908.1.11 ACI 318, Section 21.11.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.11.2.2 to read as follows:

21.11.2.2 – Members with factored gravity axial forces exceeding ( $A_g f'_c / 10$ ) shall satisfy 21.4.3, 21.4.4.1(c), 21.4.4.3 and 21.4.5. The maximum longitudinal spacing of ties shall be  $s_o$  for the full column height. Spacing,  $s_o$ , shall not exceed the smaller of six diameters of the smallest longitudinal bar enclosed and 6 inches (152 mm). *Lap splices of longitudinal reinforcement in such members need not satisfy 21.4.3.2 in structures where the seismic-force-resisting system does not include special moment frames.*

**1908.1.12 ACI 318, Section 21.12.5.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.12.5, by adding new Section 21.12.5.6 to read as follows:

21.12.5.6 – *Columns supporting reactions from discontinuous stiff members, such as walls, shall be designed for the special load combinations in Section 1605.4 of the Building Code and shall be provided with transverse reinforcement at the spacing,  $s_o$ , as defined in 21.12.5.2 over their full height beneath the level at which the discontinuity occurs. This transverse reinforcement shall be extended above and below the column as required in 21.4.4.5.*

**1908.1.13 ACI 318, Section 21.13.** Modify ACI 318, Section 21.13, by renumbering Section 21.13.3 to become 21.13.4 and adding new Sections 21.13.3, 21.13.5 and 21.13.6 to read as follows:

21.13.3 – *Except for Type 2 mechanical splices, connection elements that are designed to yield shall be capable of maintaining 80 percent of their design strength at the deformation induced by the design displacement.*

21.13.4 – Elements of the connection that are not designed to yield shall develop at least  $1.5 S_y$ .

21.13.5 – *Wall piers not designed as part of a moment frame shall have transverse reinforcement designed to resist the shear forces determined from 21.12.3. Spacing of transverse reinforcement shall not exceed 8 inches (203 mm). Transverse reinforcement shall be extended*

*beyond the pier clear height for at least 12 inches (305 mm).*

**Exceptions:**

1. *Wall piers that satisfy 21.11.*
2. *Wall piers along a wall line within a story where other shear wall segments provide lateral support to the wall piers and such segments have a total stiffness of at least six times the sum of the stiffnesses of all the wall piers.*

21.13.6 – *Wall segments with a horizontal length-to-thickness ratio less than 2.5 shall be designed as columns.*

**1908.1.14 ACI 318, Section 22.6.** Modify ACI 318, Section 22.6, by adding new Section 22.6.7 to read:

22.6.7 – *Detailed plain concrete structural walls.*

22.6.7.1 – *Detailed plain concrete structural walls are walls conforming to the requirements of ordinary structural plain concrete walls and 22.6.7.2.*

22.6.7.2 – *Reinforcement shall be provided as follows:*

- (a) *Vertical reinforcement of at least 0.20 square inch (129 mm<sup>2</sup>) in cross-sectional area shall be provided continuously from support to support at each corner, at each side of each opening and at the ends of walls. The continuous vertical bar required beside an opening is permitted to substitute for one of the two No. 5 bars required by 22.6.6.5.*
- (b) *Horizontal reinforcement at least 0.20 square inch (129 mm<sup>2</sup>) in cross-sectional area shall be provided:*
  1. *Continuously at structurally connected roof and floor levels and at the top of walls;*
  2. *At the bottom of load-bearing walls or in the top of foundations where doweled to the wall; and*
  3. *At a maximum spacing of 120 inches (3048 mm).*

*Reinforcement at the top and bottom of openings, where used in determining the maximum spacing specified in Item 3 above, shall be continuous in the wall.*

**1908.1.15 ACI 318, Section 22.10.** Delete ACI 318, Section 22.10, and replace with the following:

22.10 – *Plain concrete in structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F.*

22.10.1 – *Structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F shall not have elements of structural plain concrete, except as follows:*

- (a) *Structural plain concrete basement, foundation or other walls below the base are permitted in detached one- and two-family dwellings three stories or less in height constructed with stud-bearing walls. In dwellings assigned to*

*Seismic Design Category D or E, the height of the wall shall not exceed 8 feet (2438 mm), the thickness shall not be less than 7½ inches (190 mm), and the wall shall retain no more than 4 feet (1219 mm) of unbalanced fill. Walls shall have reinforcement in accordance with 22.6.6.5.*

- (b) *Isolated footings of plain concrete supporting pedestals or columns are permitted, provided the projection of the footing beyond the face of the supported member does not exceed the footing thickness.*

**Exception:** *In detached one- and two-family dwellings three stories or less in height, the projection of the footing beyond the face of the supported member is permitted to exceed the footing thickness.*

- (c) *Plain concrete footings supporting walls are permitted, provided the footings have at least two continuous longitudinal reinforcing bars. Bars shall not be smaller than No. 4 and shall have a total area of not less than 0.002 times the gross cross-sectional area of the footing. For footings that exceed 8 inches (203 mm) in thickness, a minimum of one bar shall be provided at the top and bottom of the footing. Continuity of reinforcement shall be provided at corners and intersections.*

**Exceptions:**

1. *In detached one- and two-family dwellings three stories or less in height and constructed with stud-bearing walls, plain concrete footings without longitudinal reinforcement supporting walls are permitted.*
2. *For foundation systems consisting of a plain concrete footing and a plain concrete stemwall, a minimum of one bar shall be provided at the top of the stemwall and at the bottom of the footing.*
3. *Where a slab on ground is cast monolithically with the footing, one No. 5 bar is permitted to be located at either the top of the slab or bottom of the footing.*

**1908.1.16 ACI 318, Section D.3.3.** Modify ACI 318, Sections D.3.3.2 through D.3.3.5, to read as follows:

D.3.3.2 – *In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, post-installed anchors for use under D.2.3 shall have passed the Simulated Seismic Tests of ACI 355.2.*

D.3.3.3 – *In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, the design strength of anchors shall be taken as  $0.75\phi N_n$  and  $0.75\phi V_n$ , where  $\phi$  is given in D.4.4 or D.4.5, and  $N_n$  and  $V_n$  are determined in accordance with D.4.1.*

D.3.3.4 – *In structures assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, anchors shall be designed to be gov-*

*erned by tensile or shear strength of a ductile steel element, unless D.3.3.5 is satisfied.*

D.3.3.5 – *Instead of D.3.3.4, the attachment that the anchor is connecting to the structure shall be designed so that the attachment will undergo ductile yielding at a load level corresponding to anchor forces no greater than the design strength of anchors specified in D.3.3.3, or the minimum design strength of the anchors shall be at least 2.5 times the factored forces transmitted by the attachment.*

## SECTION 1909 STRUCTURAL PLAIN CONCRETE

**1909.1 Scope.** The design and construction of structural plain concrete, both cast-in-place and precast, shall comply with the minimum requirements of Section 1909 and ACI 318, Chapter 22, as modified in Section 1908.

**1909.1.1 Special structures.** For special structures, such as arches, underground utility structures, gravity walls and shielding walls, the provisions of this section shall govern where applicable.

**1909.2 Limitations.** The use of structural plain concrete shall be limited to:

1. Members that are continuously supported by soil, such as walls and footings, or by other structural members capable of providing continuous vertical support.
2. Members for which arch action provides compression under all conditions of loading.
3. Walls and pedestals.

The use of structural plain concrete columns and structural plain concrete footings on piles is not permitted. See Section 1908.1.15 for additional limitations on the use of structural plain concrete.

**1909.3 Joints.** Contraction or isolation joints shall be provided to divide structural plain concrete members into flexurally discontinuous elements in accordance with ACI 318, Section 22.3.

**1909.4 Design.** Structural plain concrete walls, footings and pedestals shall be designed for adequate strength in accordance with ACI 318, Sections 22.4 through 22.8.

**Exception:** For Group R-3 occupancies and buildings of other occupancies less than two stories in height of light-frame construction, the required edge thickness of ACI 318 is permitted to be reduced to 6 inches (152 mm), provided that the footing does not extend more than 4 inches (102 mm) on either side of the supported wall.

**1909.5 Precast members.** The design, fabrication, transportation and erection of precast, structural plain concrete elements shall be in accordance with ACI 318, Section 22.9.

**1909.6 Walls.** In addition to the requirements of this section, structural plain concrete walls shall comply with the applicable requirements of ACI 318, Chapter 22.

**1909.6.1 Basement walls.** The thickness of exterior basement walls and foundation walls shall be not less than 7½ inches (191 mm). Structural plain concrete exterior base-

ment walls shall be exempt from the requirements for special exposure conditions of Section 1904.2.2.

**1909.6.2 Other walls.** Except as provided for in Section 1909.6.1, the thickness of bearing walls shall be not less than  $1/24$  the unsupported height or length, whichever is shorter, but not less than  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches (140 mm).

**1909.6.3 Openings in walls.** Not less than two No. 5 bars shall be provided around window and door openings. Such bars shall extend at least 24 inches (610 mm) beyond the corners of openings.

### SECTION 1910 MINIMUM SLAB PROVISIONS

**1910.1 General.** The thickness of concrete floor slabs supported directly on the ground shall not be less than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches (89 mm). A 6-mil (0.006 inch; 0.15 mm) polyethylene vapor retarder with joints lapped not less than 6 inches (152 mm) shall be placed between the base course or subgrade and the concrete floor slab, or other approved equivalent methods or materials shall be used to retard vapor transmission through the floor slab.

**Exception:** A vapor retarder is not required:

1. For detached structures accessory to occupancies in Group R-3, such as garages, utility buildings or other unheated facilities.
2. For unheated storage rooms having an area of less than 70 square feet (6.5 m<sup>2</sup>) and carports attached to occupancies in Group R-3.
3. For buildings of other occupancies where migration of moisture through the slab from below will not be detrimental to the intended occupancy of the building.
4. For driveways, walks, patios and other flatwork which will not be enclosed at a later date.
5. Where approved based on local site conditions.

### SECTION 1911 ANCHORAGE TO CONCRETE— ALLOWABLE STRESS DESIGN

**1911.1 Scope.** The provisions of this section shall govern the allowable stress design of headed bolts and headed stud anchors cast in normal-weight concrete for purposes of transmitting structural loads from one connected element to the other. These provisions do not apply to anchors installed in hardened concrete or where load combinations include earthquake loads or effects. The bearing area of headed anchors shall be not less than one and one-half times the shank area. Where strength design is used, or where load combinations include earthquake loads or effects, the design strength of anchors shall be determined in accordance with Section 1912. Bolts shall conform to ASTM A 307 or an approved equivalent.

**1911.2 Allowable service load.** The allowable service load for headed anchors in shear or tension shall be as indicated in Table

1911.2. Where anchors are subject to combined shear and tension, the following relationship shall be satisfied:

$$(P_s/P_t)^{5/3} + (V_s/V_t)^{5/3} \leq 1 \quad \text{(Equation 19-1)}$$

where:

$P_s$  = Applied tension service load, pounds (N).

$P_t$  = Allowable tension service load from Table 1911.2, pounds (N).

$V_s$  = Applied shear service load, pounds (N).

$V_t$  = Allowable shear service load from Table 1911.2, pounds (N).

**1911.3 Required edge distance and spacing.** The allowable service loads in tension and shear specified in Table 1911.2 are for the edge distance and spacing specified. The edge distance and spacing are permitted to be reduced to 50 percent of the values specified with an equal reduction in allowable service load. Where edge distance and spacing are reduced less than 50 percent, the allowable service load shall be determined by linear interpolation.

**1911.4 Increase in allowable load.** Increase of the values in Table 1911.2 by one-third is permitted where the provisions of Section 1605.3.2 permit an increase in allowable stress for wind loading.

**1911.5 Increase for special inspection.** Where special inspection is provided for the installation of anchors, a 100-percent increase in the allowable tension values of Table 1911.2 is permitted. No increase in shear value is permitted.

### SECTION 1912 ANCHORAGE TO CONCRETE— STRENGTH DESIGN

**1912.1 Scope.** The provisions of this section shall govern the strength design of anchors installed in concrete for purposes of transmitting structural loads from one connected element to the other. Headed bolts, headed studs and hooked (J- or L-) bolts cast in concrete and expansion anchors and undercut anchors installed in hardened concrete shall be designed in accordance with Appendix D of ACI 318 as modified by Section 1908.1.16, provided they are within the scope of Appendix D.

**Exception:** Where the basic concrete breakout strength in tension of a single anchor,  $N_b$ , is determined in accordance with Equation (D-7), the concrete breakout strength requirements of Section D.4.2.2 shall be considered satisfied by the design procedures of Sections D.5.2 and D.6.2 for anchors exceeding 2 inches (51 mm) in diameter or 25 inches (635 mm) tensile embedment depth.

The strength design of anchors that are not within the scope of Appendix D of ACI 318, and as amended above, shall be in accordance with an approved procedure.



**SECTION 1913  
SHOTCRETE**

**1913.1 General.** Shotcrete is mortar or concrete that is pneumatically projected at high velocity onto a surface. Except as specified in this section, shotcrete shall conform to the requirements of this chapter for plain or reinforced concrete.

**1913.2 Proportions and materials.** Shotcrete proportions shall be selected that allow suitable placement procedures using the delivery equipment selected and shall result in finished in-place hardened shotcrete meeting the strength requirements of this code.

**1913.3 Aggregate.** Coarse aggregate, if used, shall not exceed 3/4 inch (19.1 mm).

**1913.4 Reinforcement.** Reinforcement used in shotcrete construction shall comply with the provisions of Sections 1913.4.1 through 1913.4.4.

**1913.4.1 Size.** The maximum size of reinforcement shall be No. 5 bars unless it is demonstrated by preconstruction tests that adequate encasement of larger bars will be achieved.

**1913.4.2 Clearance.** When No. 5 or smaller bars are used, there shall be a minimum clearance between parallel reinforcement bars of 2 1/2 inches (64 mm). When bars larger than No. 5 are permitted, there shall be a minimum clearance between parallel bars equal to six diameters of the bars used. When two curtains of steel are provided, the curtain nearer the nozzle shall have a minimum spacing equal to 12 bar diameters and the remaining curtain shall have a minimum spacing of six bar diameters.

**Exception:** Subject to the approval of the building official, required clearances shall be reduced where it is demonstrated by preconstruction tests that adequate encasement of the bars used in the design will be achieved.

**1913.4.3 Splices.** Lap splices of reinforcing bars shall utilize the noncontact lap splice method with a minimum clearance of 2 inches (51 mm) between bars. The use of contact lap splices necessary for support of the reinforcing is permitted when approved by the building official, based on satisfactory preconstruction tests that show that adequate encasement of the bars will be achieved, and provided that the splice is oriented so that a plane through the center of the spliced bars is perpendicular to the surface of the shotcrete.

**1913.4.4 Spirally tied columns.** Shotcrete shall not be applied to spirally tied columns.

**1913.5 Preconstruction tests.** When required by the building official, a test panel shall be shot, cured, cored or sawn, examined and tested prior to commencement of the project. The sample panel shall be representative of the project and simulate job conditions as closely as possible. The panel thickness and reinforcing shall reproduce the thickest and most congested area specified in the structural design. It shall be shot at the same angle, using the same nozzleman and with the same concrete mix design that will be used on the project. The equipment used in preconstruction testing shall be the same equipment used in the work requiring such testing, unless substitute equipment is approved by the building official.

**1913.6 Rebound.** Any rebound or accumulated loose aggregate shall be removed from the surfaces to be covered prior to placing the initial or any succeeding layers of shotcrete. Rebound shall not be used as aggregate.

**1913.7 Joints.** Except where permitted herein, unfinished work shall not be allowed to stand for more than 30 minutes unless edges are sloped to a thin edge. For structural elements that will be under compression and for construction joints shown on the approved construction documents, square joints are permitted. Before placing additional material adjacent to

**TABLE 1911.2  
ALLOWABLE SERVICE LOAD ON EMBEDDED BOLTS (pounds)**

BOLT DIAMETER (inches)	MINIMUM EMBEDMENT (inches)	EDGE DISTANCE (inches)	SPACING (inches)	MINIMUM CONCRETE STRENGTH (psi)					
				$f'_c = 2,500$		$f'_c = 3,000$		$f'_c = 4,000$	
				Tension	Shear	Tension	Shear	Tension	Shear
1/4	2 1/2	1 1/2	3	200	500	200	500	200	500
3/8	3	2 1/4	4 1/2	500	1,100	500	1,100	500	1,100
1/2	4	3	6	950	1,250	950	1,250	950	1,250
				1,450	1,600	1,500	1,650	1,550	1,750
5/8	4 1/2	3 3/4	7 1/2	1,500	2,750	1,500	2,750	1,500	2,750
				2,125	2,950	2,200	3,000	2,400	3,050
3/4	5	4 1/2	9	2,250	3,250	2,250	3,560	2,250	3,560
				2,825	4,275	2,950	4,300	3,200	4,400
7/8	6	5 1/4	10 1/2	2,550	3,700	2,550	4,050	2,550	4,050
1	7	6	12	3,050	4,125	3,250	4,500	3,650	5,300
1 1/8	8	6 3/4	13 1/2	3,400	4,750	3,400	4,750	3,400	4,750
1 1/4	9	7 1/2	15	4,000	5,800	4,000	5,800	4,000	5,800

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound per square inch = 0.00689 MPa, 1 pound = 4.45 N.

previously applied work, sloping and square edges shall be cleaned and wetted.

**1913.8 Damage.** In-place shotcrete that exhibits sags, sloughs, segregation, honeycombing, sand pockets or other obvious defects shall be removed and replaced. Shotcrete above sags and sloughs shall be removed and replaced while still plastic.

**1913.9 Curing.** During the curing periods specified herein, shotcrete shall be maintained above 40°F (4°C) and in moist condition.

**1913.9.1 Initial curing.** Shotcrete shall be kept continuously moist for 24 hours after shotcreting is complete or shall be sealed with an approved curing compound.

**1913.9.2 Final curing.** Final curing shall continue for seven days after shotcreting, or for three days if high-early-strength cement is used, or until the specified strength is obtained. Final curing shall consist of the initial curing process or the shotcrete shall be covered with an approved moisture-retaining cover.

**1913.9.3 Natural curing.** Natural curing shall not be used in lieu of that specified in this section unless the relative humidity remains at or above 85 percent, and is authorized by the registered design professional and approved by the building official.

**1913.10 Strength tests.** Strength tests for shotcrete shall be made by an approved agency on specimens that are representative of the work and which have been water soaked for at least 24 hours prior to testing. When the maximum-size aggregate is larger than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (9.5 mm), specimens shall consist of not less than three 3-inch-diameter (76 mm) cores or 3-inch (76 mm) cubes. When the maximum-size aggregate is  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (9.5 mm) or smaller, specimens shall consist of not less than 2-inch-diameter (51 mm) cores or 2-inch (51 mm) cubes.

**1913.10.1 Sampling.** Specimens shall be taken from the in-place work or from test panels, and shall be taken at least once each shift, but not less than one for each 50 cubic yards (38.2 m<sup>3</sup>) of shotcrete.

**1913.10.2 Panel criteria.** When the maximum-size aggregate is larger than  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (9.5 mm), the test panels shall have minimum dimensions of 18 inches by 18 inches (457 mm by 457 mm). When the maximum size aggregate is  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch (9.5 mm) or smaller, the test panels shall have minimum dimensions of 12 inches by 12 inches (305 mm by 305 mm). Panels shall be shot in the same position as the work, during the course of the work and by the nozzle men doing the work. The conditions under which the panels are cured shall be the same as the work.

**1913.10.3 Acceptance criteria.** The average compressive strength of three cores from the in-place work or a single test panel shall equal or exceed  $0.85 f'_c$  with no single core less than  $0.75 f'_c$ . The average compressive strength of three cubes taken from the in-place work or a single test panel shall equal or exceed  $f'_c$  with no individual cube less than  $0.88 f'_c$ . To check accuracy, locations represented by erratic core or cube strengths shall be retested.

## SECTION 1914 REINFORCED GYPSUM CONCRETE

**1914.1 General.** Reinforced gypsum concrete shall comply with the requirements of ASTM C 317 and ASTM C 956.

**1914.2 Minimum thickness.** The minimum thickness of reinforced gypsum concrete shall be 2 inches (51 mm) except the minimum required thickness shall be reduced to 1½ inches (38 mm), provided the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The overall thickness, including the formboard, is not less than 2 inches (51 mm).
2. The clear span of the gypsum concrete between supports does not exceed 33 inches (838 mm).
3. Diaphragm action is not required.
4. The design live load does not exceed 40 pounds per square foot (psf) (1915 Pa).

## SECTION 1915 CONCRETE-FILLED PIPE COLUMNS

**1915.1 General.** Concrete-filled pipe columns shall be manufactured from standard, extra-strong or double-extra-strong steel pipe or tubing that is filled with concrete so placed and manipulated as to secure maximum density and to ensure complete filling of the pipe without voids.

**1915.2 Design.** The safe supporting capacity of concrete-filled pipe columns shall be computed in accordance with the approved rules or as determined by a test.

**1915.3 Connections.** Caps, base plates and connections shall be of approved types and shall be positively attached to the shell and anchored to the concrete core. Welding of brackets without mechanical anchorage shall be prohibited. Where the pipe is slotted to accommodate webs of brackets or other connections, the integrity of the shell shall be restored by welding to ensure hooping action of the composite section.

**1915.4 Reinforcement.** To increase the safe load-supporting capacity of concrete-filled pipe columns, the steel reinforcement shall be in the form of rods, structural shapes or pipe embedded in the concrete core with sufficient clearance to ensure the composite action of the section, but not nearer than 1 inch (25 mm) to the exterior steel shell. Structural shapes used as reinforcement shall be milled to ensure bearing on cap and base plates.

**1915.5 Fire-resistance-rating protection.** Pipe columns shall be of such size or so protected as to develop the required fire-resistance ratings specified in Table 601. Where an outer steel shell is used to enclose the fire protective covering, the shell shall not be included in the calculations for strength of the column section. The minimum diameter of pipe columns shall be 4 inches (102 mm) except that in structures of Type V construction not exceeding three stories or 40 feet (12 192 mm) in height, pipe columns used in the basement and as secondary steel members shall have a minimum diameter of 3 inches (76 mm).

**1915.6 Approvals.** Details of column connections and splices shall be shop fabricated by approved methods and shall be approved only after tests in accordance with the approved

rules. Shop-fabricated concrete-filled pipe columns shall be inspected by the building official or by an approved representative of the manufacturer at the plant.

