Developments in Concrete Construction

Part 3: Current Trends, Construction Methods





NEW HAVEN I 's hard to think of a building that has suffered through more indignities than the Yale School of Art and Architecture. On the day of its dedication in 1963, the architectural historian Nikolaus Pevsner condemned the oppressive monumentality of its concrete forms. Two years later the school's dean brutally cut up many of the interiors, which he claimed were dysfunctional. A few years after that a fire gutted what was left. By then the reputation of the building's architect, Paul Rudolph, was in ruins.





























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Carlo Scarpa Cemetery Brion-Vega, S.Vito, Treviso, Italy. 1970-72 Edited and Photographed by Yukio Futagawa Text by Paolo Portoghesi

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The Brion Cemetary Treviso, Italy Carlo Scarpa 1968





























Modern Concrete Construction Methods

Primary ingredients of concrete:

Large aggregates Small aggregates Cement Water



Reinforcing steel AKA Rebar

Concrete has only compressive strength. It is NOTHING without steel reinforcing.






Admixtures are materials other than cement, aggregate and water that are added to concrete either before or during its mixing to alter its properties, such as workability, curing temperature range, set time or color. Compressive strength of concrete increases over time, to maximum around 28 days. Prior to that it needs to be supported and cannot stand on its own.



Slump Test: to determine the workability of the concrete (% water mostly)







Cylinder Test:

Concrete samples are taken from each batch on site, allowed to cure, then tested to check for quality.



Formwork







Insulated concrete forms for cold weather pouring at Skydome (Rogers Centre) Toronto



Slip forming, as the name suggests is a sliding-form construction method of supporting the pouring of concrete structures.

Slip forms are pulled along horizontally or raised vertically as the concrete is placed.









O-14 Tower RVR Architects Dubai, VAE 2010 106m















10 Hudson Yards New York City, USA KPF Architects 2015 267.7m







Sonotube: A disposable formwork for concrete columns



Reusable plastic or steel forms for columns





Reusable steel forms at the Leslie Dan School of Pharmacy, Toronto











Tensile Reinforcement -2 (a) Concrete Beam Reinforced with Steel Rods * Neutral Axis-0.0 6.9 (6) (d) (0) (e) (F) Beam showing Diagonal Tension Cracks Agy Part of Tensile Bars Bent up to Prevent Diagonal Cracks (h) Vertical Stirrups to Prevent Diagonal Cracks (L) Combination of Bent up Bars and Stirrups to Prevent Cracks () Ends of Bars Hooked to Increase Resistance to Slipping FIGURE 7.5 Simple reinforced concrete beams.








Composite decks use the combined strength of steel decking, reinforcing and the concrete slab

The steel deck acts as a permanent form as well as adding strength







Thermal bridges are the CURSE of concrete framing

Details MUST be developed to insert a thermal (insulation) break between the exterior and interior



Special detail for having exposed concrete on both sides of the wall with thermal insulation in the middle

















432 Park Avenue New York City, USA Rafael Vignoly Architect 2015 426m









56 Leonard Street New York City, USA Herzog & deMeuron 2016 250.2m




























































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 Limestone quarries and cement factories are often sources of air pollution. Photograph: Zoonar GmbH/Alamy

Concrete: the most destructive material on Earth

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by Jonathan Watts

n the time it takes you to read this sentence, the global building industry will have poured more than 19,000 bathtubs of concrete. By the time you are halfway through this article, the volume would fill the Albert Hall and spill out into Hyde Park. In a day it would be almost the size of China's Three Gorges Dam. In a single year, there is enough to patio over every hill, dale, nook and cranny in England.

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