Flowable Fill

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Definition

Controlled Low-Strength Material (CLSM)
Self-compacted
Cementitious material
Alternative to compacted fill
Commonly known as Flowable Fill
Max compressive strength: 1,200 psi



Advantages...

Readily available Easy to deliver Ease of placement Product versatility Strong and durable Easily excavated Reduced field inspection Fast return to traffic

...Advantages

Will not settle Reduces excavation costs Improves safety All-weather construction Reduced equipment needs Requires no on-site storage Makes use of waste by-product





Applications

Backfills
Structural fills
Pavement bases
Conduit bedding
Erosion control
Void filling













DOTD Specifications...

Alternative to compacted soil
 Backfill for:

 Drainage structures
 Trenches across pavement
 Beddings
 Void filling

 Cementitious mixture

....DOTD Specifications...

Materials shall comply to:Portland Cement1001.01Fine Aggregate1003.02Admixtures1011.02Water1018.01Fly Ash1018.15

....DOTD Specifications...

Table 710-1 Flowable Fill Mix Design

Material	Excavatable	Non-Excavatable
Portland Cement	75-100 lb/yd ³	75-150 lb/yd ³
Fly Ash	0-150 lb/yd ³	150-600 lb/yd ³
Water**	Proportioned for good consistency	
Air***	10-35%	5-20%
Concrete Sand	Proportioned to yield 1 yd ³	
Unit Weight (wet)**	90-110 lb/ft ³	100-125 lb/ft ³
28-day Comp. Strength**	100 psi Max	125 psi Min







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Construction Requirements
 Temporary enddams
 Lines & grades
 Freeze protection
 Placement method
 Hydrostatic pressure
 Sampling & testing

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Measurement & Payment
 Cubic yards (cubic meters)
 Unit price by cubic yard (cubic meters)

