

# Experimental Programme on FRC with OPC only and FRC with OPC and Mineral Admixtures

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**Abstract:** Due to urbanization and population growth, the Construction industry is increasing rapidly over a few decades at the same time leads to increase in global warming too. In the construction, the main ingredient, Concrete which contains large amount as cement which act as a binder and Natural sand(River sand) as fine aggregate .During the cement production large CO<sub>2</sub> emits, which is mainly responsible for global warming as well as natural sand leads to Environmental degradation. So, in order to minimize this phenomenon's as well as to enhance advancements in construction industry an attempt is made in this research work to replace the cement partially with supplementary materials known as mineral admixtures. The mineral admixtures such as Fly ash, Ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS) and Metakaolin which are by products of industries which usage in concrete as cement replacer decrease the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as well as disposal problems of industries and replacing natural sand with M-sand Strength as well as durability properties of FRC (@1% steel fiber by weight of binder) made with 100% OPC with different water binder ratios and concrete grades M25 and M40 were found. And then FRC made with OPC and mineral admixtures up to 45% with fly ash, Metakaolin and GGBS in different combinations were tested for strength and subjected to durability tests. For comparison durability and strengths were performed on M40 grade mix without fibres. It is observed during the analysis of tests FRC with mineral admixtures has performed better than that of FRC made with 100% OPC.

**Keywords:** Concrete, Fly ash, GGBS, Metakaolin, compressive strength, split tensile strength

## I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a heterogeneous mixture made of cement, fine aggregate, coarse aggregate and water. concrete mainly consists of two components-cement paste and aggregates. Throughout the world, The cement production releases about 2.2 billion of CO<sub>2</sub> which is main green house gas causing global warming and usage of natural sand as fine aggregate leads to degradation of environment. Due to rapid growth of the construction and population, the usage of materials also increasing day by day which causes depletion of natural resources and simultaneously the waste generating from industries also substantially raising. so far to impart sustainable activities in construction usage of industrial waste materials in the concrete are encouraged in the present research and it resolves the disposal problems too. The waste materials which possess cementitious properties are used as supplementary to cement are known as mineral admixtures.

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The mineral admixtures such as Fly ash, GGBS, Metakaolin used in the present research are waste generated from thermal, steel and china clay industries respectively. The natural sources of river sand are getting depleted gradually and the demand of sand on mining is increasing. so, it is essential to alter the natural sand with M-sand which is crushed granite powder as a fine aggregate in concrete. The past research works are done on mechanical properties of M30, M35 grade of concrete with two mineral admixtures i.e. Fly ash, GGBS or GGBS, Metakaolin but this experiment done on M40 grade of concrete with combination of fly ash, GGBS, Metakaolin as per IS code of mix design.

The present research work is to study the mechanical properties and durability properties of M25 and M40 grade of concrete at 7 days and 28 days with partial replacement of cement with fly ash, ggbs and Metakaolin and 100% replacement of natural sand with M-sand.

## II. MATERIALS

**Cement:** OPC 53 grade of cement is used in the present experimental program and tested in laboratory as per IS codes

S.No	Test	Result	Requirements as per IS Codes	IS code Number
1	Normal consistency	32%	26-33%	IS 4031(part -4)
2	Specific gravity	3.15	3-3.2	IS 2720(part -3)
3	Fineness	1%	10%	IS 4031(part -2)
4	Initial setting time	60 minutes	30-60 minutes	IS 4031(part -5)
5	Final setting time	300 minutes	600 minutes	IS 4031(part -5)
6	Compressive strength	25.3 MPa(3 days) 36.8 Mpa(7 days) 53 MPa(days )	27.8 MPa 37.8 MPa 53.8 MPa	IS 4031(part -5)

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**Fine Aggregate:** Fine Aggregate used is M-sand(Locally available) which is manufactured by crushed granite powder and other stones instead of natural sand. The aggregate is tested in the laboratory as per IS codes and the observed values are tabulated below

S.No	Test	Results	IS Code
1	Specific gravity	2.60	IS 2386(part-3)-1963
2	Water Absorption	2.5%	IS:383-1970
3	Fineness Modulus	2.68	IS 2386(part-1)-1963

**Coarse Aggregate:** Coarse Aggregate used is Locally available with maximum size of particle is 20mm.The aggregates confirming to IS:383-1970 were used in this project and tested as per IS codes and observed values are tabulated below

S.No	Test	Result	IS code
1	Specific gravity	2.80	IS 2386(part 3)
2	Water absorption	Nil	IS 383-1970

**Water:** portable water suitable for concrete mixing and for curing is used confirming to IS 456-2000

**Super plasticizer:** It is used for to improve the workability of concrete and used in this project work is Master Rheobuild 920 SH,type-liquid, color:dark brown, chemical name: naphthalene Formaldehyde , $P^H$ :8.40,density-1.2

**Fly ash:** The properties of fly ash are tabulated below:

Type	Class-F
colour	Dark Brown
Bulk density	1041 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Fineness	336 m <sup>2</sup> /kg
Specific gravity	2.21

**Ground granulated blast furnace slag (GGBS):**The properties of GGBS are tabulated below:

colour	Off white
Bulk density	1280kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Fineness	342m <sup>2</sup> /kg
Specific gravity	2.81

**Metakaolin:** The properties of Metakaolin are tabulated below:

colour	Off white
Bulk density	790kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Specific gravity	2.81

### III. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

#### General

Durability tests were determined by conducting Sorptivity and Water absorption tests and Mechanical properties were

determined by performing Compressive, Split tensile strength tests.

#### TESTS

##### A. Compressive strength

The compression strength of concrete is determined by using compression strength testing machine as per IS 516-1969.for testing cubes of 150mm\*150mm\*150mm are casted and cured about 7 days and 28 days in a curing tank and after curing period is over take the cubes from curing tank, dry the specimens around 24 hrs. Before testing the specimens, measure the dimension face one by one and apply the load gradually during testing. Note the load scale reading at the time of first crack and at the time of failure.

##### B. Slit tensile strength

The tensile strength of concrete tested in accordance with IS:5816-1970.The split tensile strength is conducted in compression testing machine but cylinders of size 150mm\*300mm are used with 7 days and 28 days.After curing ,by placing cylinder horizontally such that the axis of specimen and load application are perpendicular with gradually increasing the load and note the scale reading at the time of first crack and at the time of failure.

$f_{split} = 2P/\pi DL$  , where P=load, D=diameter of specimen, L= length of specimen

##### C. Water absorption

The total quantity of water absorbed is related to the total open porosity, while the kinetics of the process depends principally on the distribution of the pore sizes. This test also measures the capillary rise of water, the most common form of liquid water migration into concrete which is inversely proportional to the diameter of the pores. The smaller the diameter of the pores, the greater will be the capillary absorption. Absorption is the capacity of a sample to hold water while capillary is the rate at which the water fills the sample.

##### Test procedure

Specimen sizes: 100mm×100mm×100mm

Specimens which were cured for 28 days allowed to dry at 110°C for 24 hrs . These specimens which were dried kept in a water trough and it was fully immersed in such a way that height of water above the specimen after immersion is 2cm. At different intervals of time weights were noted.

##### Formula

$M_i\% = 100 \times (m_i - m_o) / m_o$

$m_i$  = wet sample weight at time t

$m_o$  = dry sample weight

##### D. Sorptivity test

Rate of movement of water through porous material is known as water Sorptivity. It is the unidirectional absorption of water into one face of pre conditioned concrete disc sample.

Rate of absorption of water into face of disc is calibrated. generally lower the water cement ratio lower will be the Sorptivity

Test procedure was conducted as per as per ASTM C1585

Specimen sizes dia=100mm

Depth=50mm

**Formula**

Water absorption rate=K

Slope =K

$I = W/(A \times d)$

W= water absorbed in Kg

A=Area of cross section contact with water; d=density of medium in which it is immersed (1000Kg/m<sup>3</sup> for water)

Test set up is shown below fig (1).

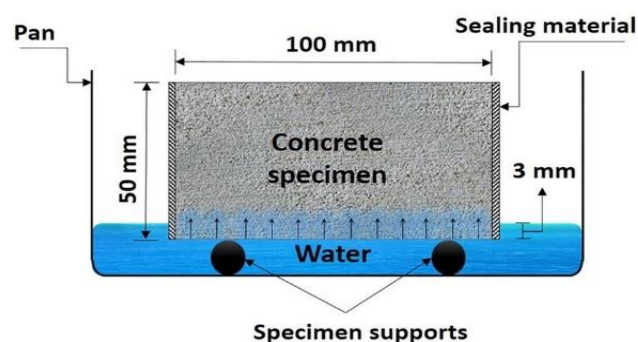


Fig (1): Sorptivity test setup

**IV. MIX DESIGN**

The Concrete mix of M25 grade is designed as per IS 10262-2009<sup>[5]</sup>.The partial replacements of OPC with Mineral Admixtures are done based on weight basis.

Grade	water	cement	Fine aggregate	Coarse aggregate
M25	0.45	1	2.38	3.169
M40	0.4	1	1.98	2.79

**CONCRETE MIXES AND TEST RESULTS**

100% replacement of river sand by M sand+ Coarse aggregate + OPC percentages given below

Grade	Mix	OPC	Fibers(by weight of binder)
25	C1	100%	1%
40	C2	100%	1%

**For M 25 grade**

Steel fibers(1% of weight of binder)+100% replacement of river sand by M sand+ Coarse aggregate and replacement of OPC given below

Mix	OPC	FLY ASH	GGBS	METAKOLIN
M1	85%	5%	5%	5%
M2	70%	10%	10%	10%
M3	55%	15%	15%	15%

**For 40 grade**

Steel fibers(1% of weight of binder)+100% replacement of river sand by M sand+ Coarse aggregate and replacement of OPC given below

Mix	OPC	GGBS	METAKOLIN
M4	80%	10%	10%
M5	70%	15%	15%
M6	60%	20%	20%

**V. TEST RESULTS**

**Table 1: compressive strength results for M25 grade.**

Compressive strength in N/mm <sup>2</sup>				
Days	C0	M1	M2	M3
7	26.8	25.48	24	20.19
28	36	44.2	38.04	31.5

**Table 2: split tensile strength results for M25 grade.**

Split tensile test N/mm <sup>2</sup>				
Days	C0	M1	M2	M3
7	2.6	2.4	2.43	2
28	3.57	4.6	3.9	3

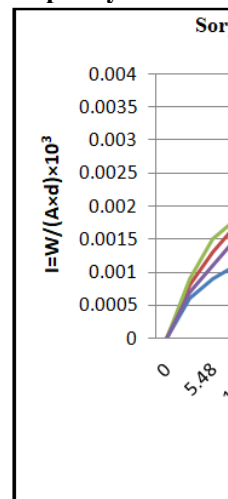
**Table 3: compressive strength results for M40grade.**

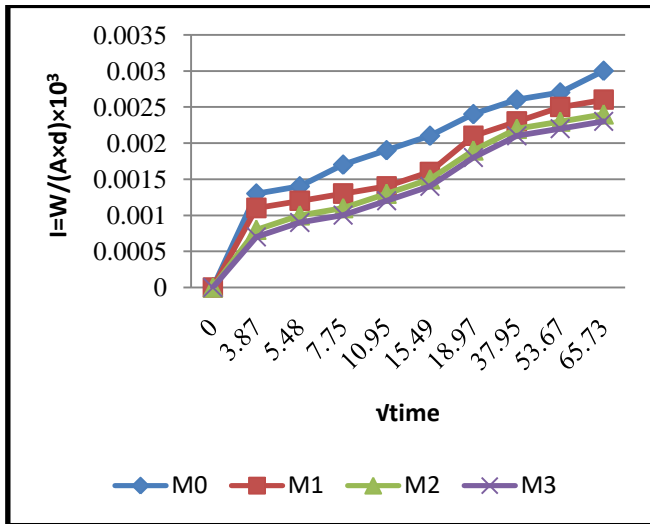
MIX	Compressive Strength in N/mm <sup>2</sup>	
	7 days	28 days
C1	34.61	51.36
M4	37.57	54.6
M5	39.71	57.25
M6	32.49	46.91

**Table 4: split tensile strength results for M40 grade.**

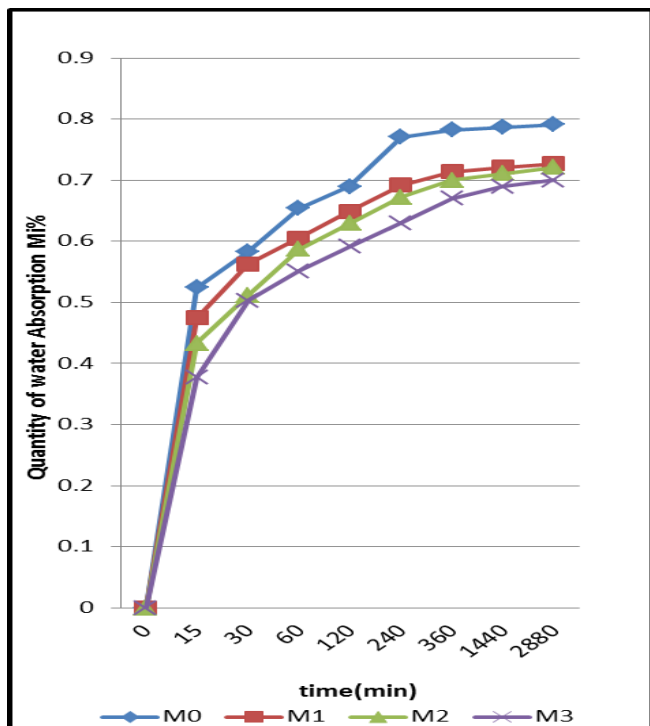
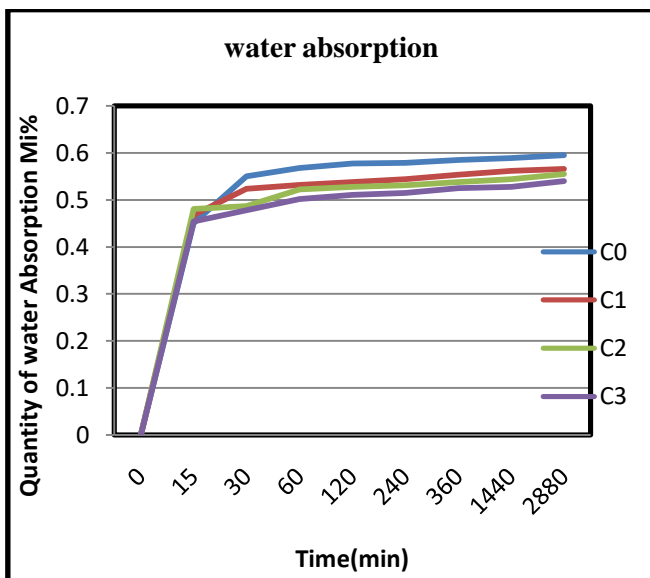
MIX	Split tensile Strength in N/mm <sup>2</sup>	
	7 days	28 days
C2	4.19	6.18
M4	4.46	6.55
M5	4.86	6.94
M6	3.9	5.823

**(a) Sorptivity results for M25 and M40**





(b) Water absorption results for M25 and M40



However tests were conducted on samples prepared with only OPC without using the fibers to compare the results with FRC. Concrete mixes for M40 grade concrete with water binder ratio 0.46 are appended below

**A0:** OPC (100%) +Fine Aggregate (M-Sand) +Coarse Aggregate

**A1:** OPC 85%+5% Flyash+5% GGBS+5% MetaKaolin+Fine Aggregate +Course Aggregate

**A2:** OPC 70%+10%Flyash+10% GGBS+10% MetaKaolin+Fine Aggregate+Coarse Aggregate

**A3:** OPC 55%+15% Flyash+15% GGBS+15% MetaKaolin+Fine Aggregate+Coarse Aggregate

Table 3: Compressive, Split tensile strength values of various mixes

TABLE 5: Strength test results

MIX	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH(N/mm <sup>2</sup> )		SPLIT TENSILE STRENGTH(N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	
	7 days	28 days	7 days	28 days
A0	36.04	50.73	2.32	3.29
A1	37.92	51.42	2.74	3.61
A2	38.91	53.45	3.04	3.74
A3	39.31	56.41	3.29	4.06

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

1. Compressive strength attained maximum for Mix M1 at 15% replacement and its 28 days compressive strength is 23% more than that off controlled concrete.
2. Compressive strengths are more than the target mean strengths of 15% and 30% replacements for M25 grades the and for 45% replacement compressive strength is almost equal to target mean strength.
3. When Cement was replaced by the Mineral Admixtures to an extent of 15% for M25 Split tensile strength was observed to be maximum.
4. For M40 grade compressive strength is maximum when Cement was replaced by at an extent of 30% (M5) with mineral admixtures.
5. In the present Study for Mixes M1, M2, M5 there was the durability properties like water absorption and Sorptivity were improved.

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