Durable and Watertight Concrete Infrastructure

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Overview

- Manhole and Pipe connections
- Waterstops
- Watertight and Durable Concrete
- Microbially Induced Corrosion of Concrete
Pipe and Manhole Connections

Making watertight connections
Design Considerations

- Infiltration / Exfiltration
- Soil tight
- Leak resistant / Watertight
Potential Causes:

- Voids in the concrete
- Poor concrete quality
- Improper joint sealant installation
- Rocks or debris in the joint
- Damaged joint or seal
- Damage during installation
- Cracks in the concrete
Soil Tight

**Potential Causes:**
- Joint not tight
- Not enough sealant
- No external band

**Potential Problems:**
- Silting of soil, fines
- Erosion of soil
- Sinkhole / potholes
Leak Resistant

Watertight

- Holds water under pressure
  - 4 psi
  - 10 psi
  - 13 psi
  - >13 psi
ASTM C443
Joints for Pipe and Manholes

• Rubber Gasket Specification
• 13 psi / 10 minutes in straight alignment
• 10 psi / 10 minutes deflected
• Specific joint designs
ASTM C990
Preformed Butyl Tape

• 10 psi / 10 minutes
• Self-Adhesive
• Fills irregular joints
• Testing to meet the ASTM C443 requirements
Note 1—This specification covers only the design and material of the sealing bands. Sealing bands covered by this specification are adequate, when properly installed, for external hydrostatic pressures up to 13 psi, (30 ft) without leakage. The amount of infiltration or exfiltration flow in an installed pipeline is dependent upon many factors other than the sealing bands; allowable quantities and suitable testing of the installed pipeline and system must be covered by other specifications.

ASTM C877
External Sealing Band

• Positive side water resistance to 13 psi
• Prevents “silting” of fines in the soil
• Available in Type I, Type II, and Type III
Type I

FIG. 1 Sealing Band Type I Schematic (Not to Scale)
Type II
Type III
ASTM C920
Elastomeric Joint Sealants

• Expansion capabilities based on class of material
• Bonds to concrete, glass, aluminum, and more depending on type of material
• Can have high tensile strength
• Can hold high water pressure
• Types:
  • Silicone
  • Polyurethane
  • Modified Silicone (hybrid of polyurethane & silicone)
Waterstops

* The sealant will expand toward the infiltrating water to cut-off the flow. The minimum cover on the negative (dry) side can be reduced to 1" in some applications.
Waterstops

- Water activated, controlled swelling properties
- Used in cold joints, pour-in-place, deep bury, pipe penetrations
Waterstop Types

Cast-in concrete
• PVC
• Metal

Placed on concrete
• Extruded Mailable Strip
• Extruded Cured Rubber Strip
• Gun Grade
Concrete Porosity
Concrete is Porous
Waterproof or Dampproof

- Hydrostatic condition
- Below/Above grade
- Coating thickness
Waterproof Definitions

• “Building codes typically require that basement walls be dampproofed for conditions where hydrostatic pressure will not occur, and waterproofed where hydrostatic pressures may exist.”
  - National Concrete Masonry Association
Waterproof Definitions

- Waterproofing coatings are typically 40 mils or greater in thickness.
- Dampproofing coatings are generally thin: around 12 mils or less.
- Resistant to hydrostatic pressure.

Can anything truly be waterproof?
Why Seal Concrete?

- Oil stain
- Stains
- Peeling
- Salt
- Water

- Rusted rebar creates expansion pressure
- Cracks due to rust or freeze expansion
- Water/Salt penetration
- Freeze expansion

Weight Pressure
A Variety of Technologies

- Coatings/paints
  - Acrylics
  - Epoxies
  - Urethanes
  - Asphalt

- Cementitious coatings
  - Portland based
  - Special materials

- Sealers
  - Silane
  - Siloxane
  - Silicas
  - Combinations

- Admixtures
  - Waterproofing
  - Antimicrobial
  - Strength enhancing
Coatings vs. Sealers
Coatings Challenges

- Delamination
- Excessive Concrete moisture
- Concrete dirty or dusty
- Form release agent on the concrete
- Forming surface
The “X” Adhesion Test

Bad Adhesion

Good Adhesion
Coating Problems

• Outgassing
  • Air escapes from concrete
  • Pinholes, typically in thin coatings
Cementitious Coatings

Cement based coatings bond well to concrete. They often fill the small voids in the concrete. They offer a thicker coating than some paints.
Cold Applied Waterproofing Membrane

- ASTM C836
- Elastomeric (flexible)
- Resists Hydrostatic Pressure
- 40 – 60 Mils Typical
- Single and Two Component Systems
Sealers for Concrete

Penetrating sealers come in different sizes. Smaller molecules penetrate deeper, some are reactive, and some create hydrophobicity.
Integral Waterproofing

- Concrete admixture (powder/liquid)
- Works internally, reacts chemically
- Crystals created to block the pores
- Waterproof [CRD C48]
- Low Permeability [ASTM C1585]
Waterproofing from the inside
Microbially Induced Corrosion of Concrete (MICC): Causes, Research, Testing, and Solutions

What is it?
What causes it?
Where is it most common?
Cast-in-place - 1958 (62 years old)
8.5 feet tall
30 inches thick

CSO turbulence (hydraulic jump) released H2S gas

10 inches / 250 mm of concrete was lost due to MICC (4 mm per year)
Old Water = Low Oxygen

- Artesian Wells
- Shale Deposits
Low Oxygen, H2S, and Shale Gas Resources

Pressurized Formations

Sometimes in drilling programs there are formations that are encountered that are not expected. They may be flowing artesian formations or formations containing natural gasses such as carbon dioxide, methane, or hydrogen sulphide (H2S).

Encountering these gasses creates some very unique problems. Carbon dioxide gasses, in sufficient quantities, can create a low oxygen atmosphere and create a safety hazard. Methane gasses, in quantities, can create an explosive atmosphere as well a fire hazard. H2S in very low percentages can cause suffocation and possibly death. The possibility of encountering these formations increases when working on the east side of the Rockies (e.g. the Peace River area) in northern B.C. where shale gas resources are known to exist.

www.bcgwa.org/flowing-artesian-water-well-well-control-methods/
The Goal:
>100 Year Life Cycle
Concrete Corrosion
Mr. “T” Thiobacillus

Sulfur Oxidizing Bacteria

THIOPARUS
INTERMEDIUS
NOVELLUS
NEAPOLITANUS
THIOOXIDANS
What is the cause?

- **Microbially Induced Corrosion** (C.D. Parker 1947)
  PARKER CD. PMID: 20340258

- **H₂S, Hydrogen Sulfide gas**, converted to **H₂SO₄, Sulfuric Acid** by **Sulfur Oxidizing Bacteria**

  “...it cannot proceed under sterile conditions and can only be carried to the acid stage through the activity of this organism.”

  C.D. Parker
from Latin - “concrete eating”

Concretivorous
Microscopic Photo of New Concrete
Microscopic Photos of Concrete with MICC
MICC in a Sewer Pipe

- **Anoxic**: 
  - \( D.O. \leq 0.1 \text{ mg/L} \)
  - \( H_2S_{(aq)} \)
  - \( H_2S_{(g)} \)
  - \( H_2S_{(aq)} \leftrightarrow HS^- + H^+ \)
  - \( SO_4^{2-} \rightarrow H_2S_{(aq)} \)

- **Moisture**: 
  - \( H_2S_{(g)} \)
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MIC Phases: Carbonation phase, Attachment phase, Acid Generation phase.
Succession of Bacteria

- T. neapolitanus
- T. intermedius
- T. novellus
- T. thioparus

T. Thiooxidans begins to colonize

T. Thiooxidans is the only species

Severe Corrosion

Concrete Surface pH vs. Time
• High Biological Oxygen Demand
• High Sulfates in the sewage
• Warm effluent temperatures
• Turbulence in the flow
• Slow sewage flow
• Long retention time
• High relative humidity
Uncontrolled drop creates turbulence and release of H2S gas
Surface Applied Sealers

- Water repellants
- Biocidal / antimicrobial
- Surface densification
- Molecular layer
- First line of defense for MICC

Calcium Leaching (ASTM C1904-20)

Control Concrete  Treated Concrete*

*Treated contains a US EPA registered antimicrobial concrete admixture with a topical water repelling concrete sealer containing a US EPA registered antimicrobial.
Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QACs)

- Cationic Surface-Active Agents
- Silane base structure
- Used in textiles in the medial field to minimize germ transfer
- 1995 – Used as a concrete additive
- Kills greater than 99% of bacteria* that leads to Microbially Induced Corrosion

*In testing conducted by Situ Biosciences for Concrete Sealants, 99.4% of T. novella was mitigated in testing using ISO 22196 on concrete with a 6.5-6.8 pH.
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