

Part 642 – Specifications

Chapter 3 – National Standard Material Specifications

Material Specification 531—Portland Cement

A. Scope

This specification covers the quality of Portland cement.

B. Quality

- (1) Portland cement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM C150 for the specific types of cement such as Type I, IA, II, IIA, II(MH), II(MH)A, III, IIIA, IV, and V Portland cement.
- (2) Type IS Portland blast-furnace slag cement, Type IP Portland-pozzolan cement, or Type IL Portland-limestone cement shall conform to the requirements of ASTM C595 and may be used unless prohibited by the specifications.
- (3) When air-entraining cement is required, the contractor shall furnish the manufacturer's written statement providing the source, amount, and brand name of the air-entraining component.

C. Storage at the Construction Site

Cement shall be stored and always protected from weather, dampness, or other destructive elements. Cement that is partly hydrated or otherwise damaged will not be accepted.