

# Study of Previous Concrete Using Silica Fume

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**ABSTRACT-** A concrete type with a significant porosity is pervious concrete. It is applied to concrete flat constructions so that water can travel through it. A commercial by-product created during the manufacturing of silicon metal or silicon alloys is silica fume. It is also known that silica fume enhances the mechanical properties of concrete. The main physical impact of silica fume in concrete is that it acts as a filler. Sand fills the spaces between the particles of coarse aggregate, and cement grains fill the spaces between sand grains because of their similar sizes. This highly active pozzolan reacts more quickly than regular pozzolans in terms of the chemical reaction of silica fume due to its high surface area and high amount of amorphous silica. The use of silica fume in concrete offers both engineering and financial benefits. This study discusses the ideal silica fume content for the cost-effective and sustainable manufacture of concrete based on the findings of experimental research. When used as a partial replacement for opc, silica fume is shown to work best at a level of 15% (by weight). Utilizing silica fume raises strength metrics significantly while reducing workability.

**KEYWORDS-** Silica Fume, Opc, Compressive Strength, Flexural Strength.

## I. INTRODUCTION

It is a combination of concrete water and a solitary measured coarse total joined to deliver a permeable underlying material[1]. It has a high volume of voids which is the component answerable for the lower strength and its lightweight nature. No fine concrete has various names including zero fines concrete, pervious concrete and permeable cement.

Pervious cement/no fine substantial comprises of an agglomeration of coarse single measured total covered with a slight layer of concrete glue roughly 1.3mm thick [3]. This type of cement has the capacity to permit water to penetrate the material which lessens the ecological issues related with black-top and customary substantial asphalts. The most well-known utilizations of no fine concrete is in low rush hour gridlock volume regions, for instance parking areas, private streets, carports and pathways.[2]

The power applied on the establishments by no fine concrete is around 33% of that delivered by a similar design developed from the customary cement. The distinction

might be of basic significance while thinking about structures on the ground with low bearing limit [8].

No fine concrete has been utilized overwhelmingly in non asphalts applications with just a restricted use in asphalt applications. This evaluation will remember examining current writing for the point and leading some blend plans and standard substantial testing on ordinary concrete and no fine concrete to decide and think about their properties. From tried information an end regarding the value of no fine substantial asphalts will be drawn and it very well might be resolved that further testing is required[12].

The following are the aim and objectives of research:

Pervious concrete has been predominantly used in non pavements applications with only limited use in pavement applications. The purpose of this project is to assess the suitability of pervious/no fine concrete to be used for the construction of road pavements. In order to achieve these aims following objectives had to be met:

- To check the mechanical properties of pervious concrete and examine its strength parameters like compressive strength, flexural strength and split tensile strength.
- To design for M30 grade of concrete and apply different dosage of silica fume.

To conduct the tests and check the results at different dosages.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

### A. Harshith et.al [5]

The work in this paper is focusing on the flexural strength, compressive strength, permeable cement and porosity of concrete substantial asphalts, as no fine totals are utilized in the strong cross segments consequently the voids are more and interconnected which permits water to go through its body. It has been seen that the pervious cement has less compressive quality stood out from customary cement. The usage of pervious cement should be obliged to zones not presented to high volume of traffic. Anyway the compressive nature of the pervious concrete is broadly not really that quite a bit of standard concrete. The sum of mixes attempted nevertheless didn't achieve compressive quality adequately ready to proceed with such high vehicle loadings.

The strength is surrendered for vulnerability anyway not to any degree which would convey the pervious concrete non reasonable.

**B. Udeme. J.Ndon et al [7]**

This examination remembers a survey of writing for the utilization of porous asphalt in thruway storm water the executives and traffic wellbeing issues related with expressway storm water. The primary intention of the examination was to audit the sort of porous asphalt to recognize their reasonableness for interstate shoulders that are in many cases utilized by weighty vehicles under somewhat fast. In light of the survey the creator tracked down the accompanying issues.

Emptying storm water out of asphalt surface is basic for asphalts solidness as well concerning the arrangement of dry asphalt surface with related slip opposition for the security of voyaging public.

Accumulation of storm water on road surfaces results in various forms of pavement damage, reduces skid resistance of pavements causes hydroplaning and results in splash and spray of road water all of which results in car crashing, injuries and fatalities.

**C. Mc Cain, et al [11]**

This review assesses the pressure driven and mechanical properties of a few permeable asphalt blend plans. It has been observed that the compressive strength results for different blend plans goes from around 62Mpa to 26.7Mpa likewise the water driven conductivity test results yielded normal qualities going from 0.18cm/s to 1.22cm/s. Both compressive strength and water driven conductivity shows a reasonable straight reliance on example thickness. The water concrete proportion assumed a solid part in compressive strength and pressure driven conductivity of permeable concrete pavements. Overall expanded water content compared to an increment in thickness, expansion in compressive strength and expansion in pressure driven conductivity.

**D. Jiusu et al [13]**

The author in this paper is focusing on sidewalks, hydraulic conductivity, porous concrete life cycle cost and energy budget.

Several mix designs were selected based on existing everlasting and suppliers mix designs and modifications of them. The variables were cement content, aggregate, water to cement content the presence of sand and admixtures. The studies showed that the pervious mixes exhibit lower compressive strength compared to conventional concrete due to its porous nature and the unique pore geometry each mix exhibits. The 7 day value of compressive strength varies from 942psi to 1893psi and varied from 1116psi to 3414psi for 28 day strength. Similarly the 28 days flexural strength of mixes also varies from 154 psi to 370 psi the values on average were 30% lower than those of typical conventional concrete.

**E. Ailing Yao et al [12]**

The point of the review was to take care of the issue of waste security of asphalt base in cold and downpour regions. Considering weighty burden traffic asphalt in cold and weighty shower locales the analysis dissected the waste, the ice and shrinkage attributes of permeable concrete and the outcomes showed that there is a capacity connection between permeable cement, Frost obstruction and network porosity. The mechanical record of permeable cement like its compressive strength, flexural rigidity and compressive versatile modulus were examined through mechanical tests. The outcome demonstrate that there is a direct connection between the compressive strength, flexural rigidity and versatile compressive modulus and connected porosity.

**III. MATERIALS USED**

In the present investigation the following materials were used

- Ordinary Portland cement of 43 grade conforming to IS:8112.
- Fine aggregates and coarse aggregates conforming to IS: 2386:1963.
- Water
- Superplasticizer (Auromix-400)

**A. Cement**

The most popular type of concrete in common usage worldwide as a key component of cement, mortar, plasters, and the majority of non-special grout is normal Portland concrete. It was mostly started from limestone and made from various types of pressure-driven lime in Britain in the middle of the nineteenth century. When materials are heated to form clinker, a fine powder is produced. After crushing the clinker, we add a small amount of extra additives. Concretes come in a wide variety and are readily available. The OPC color is black, and white concrete can be produced by removing ferrous oxide during the mixing and assembly of concrete.

Accessible nearby is conventional Portland concrete of grade 43 from an ultra-modern company.

Table 1: Properties of cement.

S.No:	Properties		
1.	Initial setting time	60min	Minimum of 30min.
2	Final setting time	320min	Minimum of 600 min
3	Specific gravity	3.14	
4.	Normal consistency	0.32	

**B. Fine Aggregate**

Sand is a characteristic granular material which is mostly made out of finely partitioned silica (silicon dioxide or SiO<sub>2</sub>), generally as quartz, in light of its compound latency and extensive hardness. It is the most well-known enduring safe mineral. Consequently it is utilized as fine total in concrete.

Waterway sand from Ganderbal area was utilized in the examination. Drafting of sand was finished and sand of

zone III was viewed as successful. The FA was tried for its actual necessities, for example, degree, fineness modulus, explicit gravity as per IS:2386-1963. The sand was surface dried before use.

Table 2: properties of fine aggregate.

Fineness modulus	2.09
Specific gravity of fine aggregate	2.55
Free moisture	1.58

**C. Coarse Aggregate**

Used were stream bed boulders that had been crushed to sizes of 20 mm and 10 mm at a nearby smashing factory. The totals' true requirements, such as fineness modulus, degree, explicit gravity, and mass thickness, were tested. Totals were initially thought to as cement filler to reduce the amount of concrete needed. Nevertheless, it is now known that the type of aggregate used in cement can considerably alter the flexible and solidified state characteristics of cement. They can make up 80% of the significant blend, hence they are essential to cement's characteristics. Totals can be broadly categorised into the following four categories: considerable burden, light weight, typical weight, and ultra light weigh

Table 3: properties of coarse aggregates.

Specific gravity of coarse aggregate	2.60
watervabsorption	0%

**D. Water**

Water fit for drinking was used in the experimental investigation.

**E. Auramix 400( Super Plasticizer)**

**PROPERTIES:**

- o Appearance: light yellow coloured liquid
- o pH: minimum 6.0
- o volumetric mass @ 20°C: 1.09Kg/litre
- o chloride content: nil to IS:456
- o Alkali content: typically less than 1.5g Na<sub>2</sub>O equivalent/ litre of admixture.

**F. Silica Fume**

Silica fume is a modern side-effect of silicon combinations. Silica seethe is known to work on the mechanical qualities of cement. The standard actual impact of silica rage in pervious cement is that of filler, on account of its fineness can squeeze into space between concrete grains similarly that sand fills between particles of coarse totals and concrete grains occupy the space between sand grains[10]. With respect to the compound response of silica rage, on account of high surface region and high satisfied of nebulous silica in silica seethe, the profoundly dynamic pozzolans respond more rapidly than standard pozzolans. The utilization of silica seethe in PC has designing potential and monetary benefit.

**IV. CASTING OF SPECIMENS**

the compressive strength was calculated using typical cube casting moulds of size(150x150x150mm) . The standard cylinders of (300x100mm)were used to determine the split tensile strength. The specimens of standard prisms of (150x150x700mm) were used to determine the flexural strength strength. The samples were cured in water and latter tested for 7days, 14days and 28days for its compressive. Flexural and split tensile strength as per Indian standards

**V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**A. COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH**

These results are obtained by testing the total 9 specimens for 7, 14and 28 days and by considering the average of the test results and that are tabulated as under

Table 4: compressive strength of concrete.

CONCRETE MIX	7 DAYS	14 DAYS	28 DAYS
0% SF	12.21	16.15	20.1
5% SF	15.30	19.65	24
10% SF	19.14	22.17	25.2
15% SF	22.52	24.76	27
20% SF	20.19	22.24	24.3
25% SF	18.41	20.54	22.68

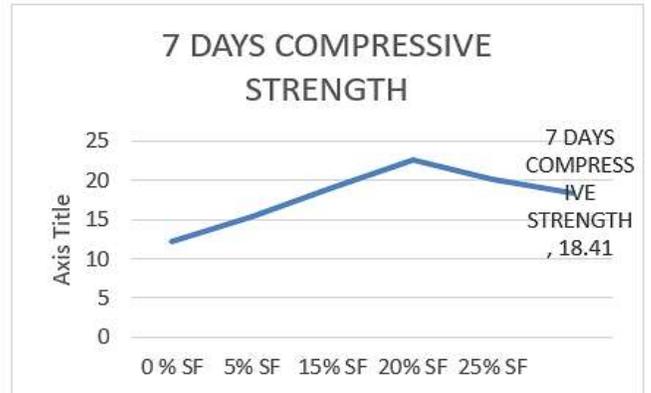


Figure 1: lot of 7 days compressive strength using silica fume

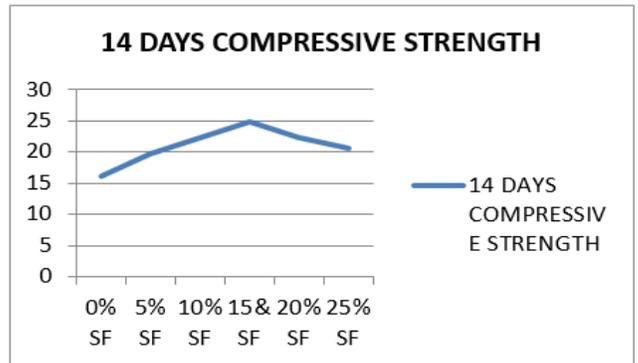


Figure 2 : Plot of 14days compressive strength using silica fume.

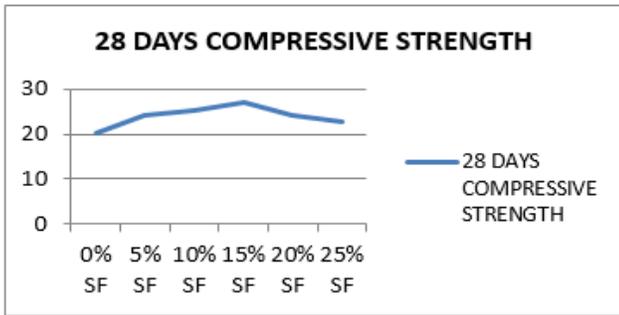


Figure 3: Plot of 28 days compressive strength using silica fume

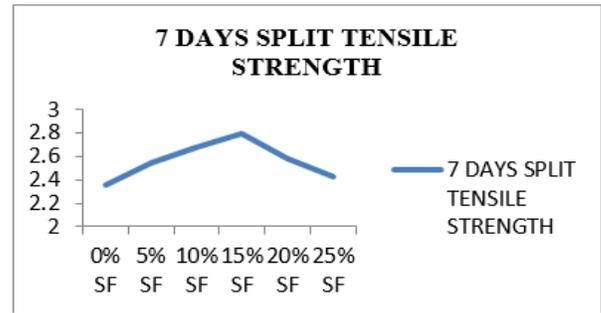


Figure 6: plot of 7 day split tensile strength

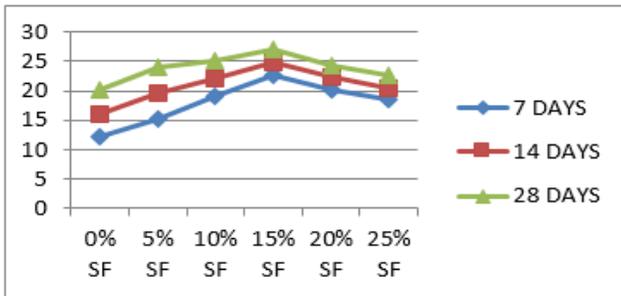


Figure 4: Percentage variation of silica fume

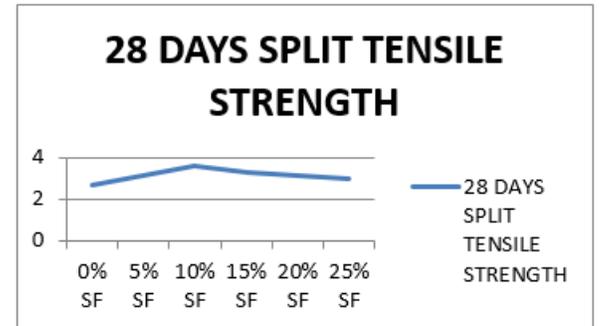


Figure 7: plot of 28 days split tensile strength.

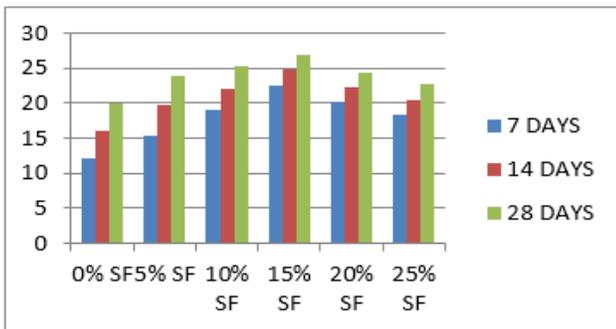


Figure 5: Compressive Strength at Different % of SF

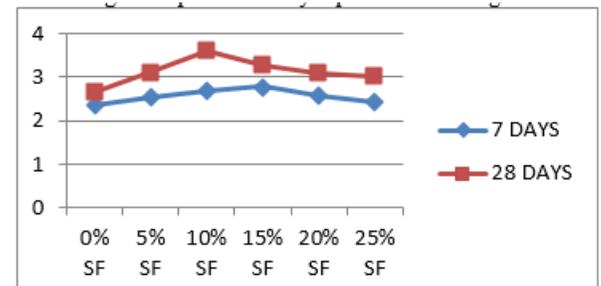


Figure 8: Percentage variation of silica fume

**B. Split Tensile Strength Of Concrete**

The results are obtained by testing the total 9 specimens for 7 and 28 days by considering the average of the test results that are tabulated in table.

Table 5: split tensile strength of concrete

Concrete mix	7 days	28 days
0% SF	2.36	2.66
5% SF	2.55	3.12
10% SF	2.67	3.60
15% SF	2.79	3.27
20% SF	2.58	3.10
25% SF	2.43	3.01

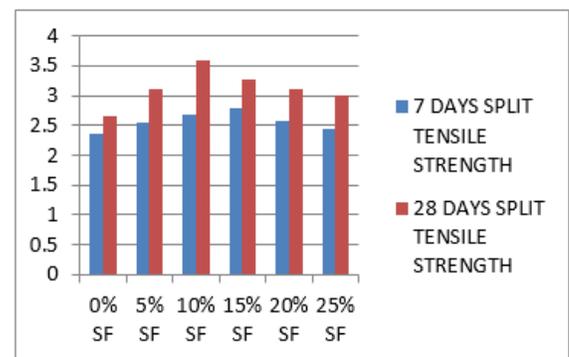


Figure 9: Split tensile strength of concrete at different % of SF

**C. Flexure Strength of Concrete**

These results are obtained by testing the total 9 specimens for 7 and 28 days and by considering the average of the test results and that are tabulated in table 6.

Table 6: Flexural strength of concrete

Concrete mix	7 days	28 days
0% SF	2.75	3.33
5% SF	3.19	3.85
10% SF	3.77	4.1
15 % SF	3.79	4
20 % SF	3.00	3.79
25% SF	2.88	3.7

When silica fumes are added, strength can be increased up to an optimal range of 15% before progressively waning.

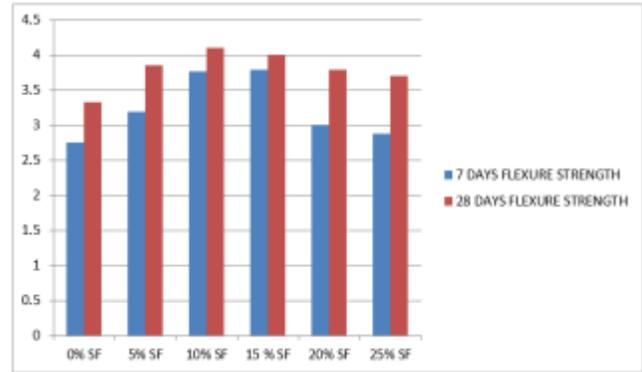


Figure 13: Flexure strength of concrete at different % of SF

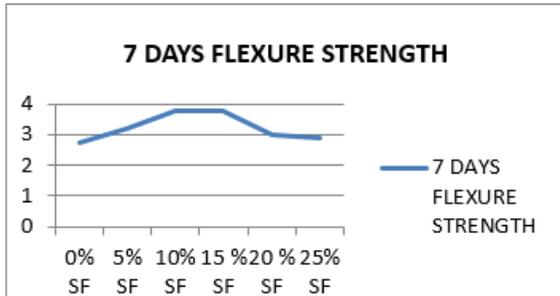


Figure 10: plot of 7 day flexural strength

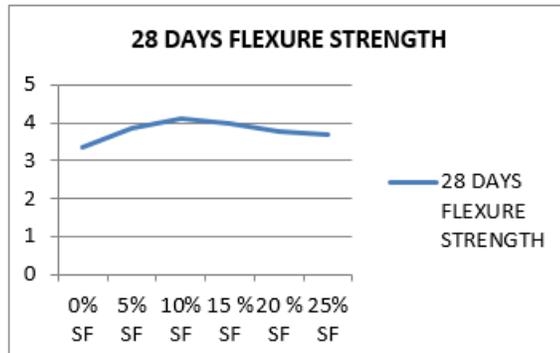


Figure 11: plot of 28 days flexural strength

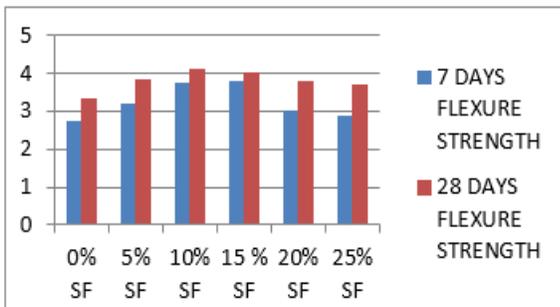


Figure 12: percentage variation of silica fume

The flexural strength of pervious concrete exhibits the same trend as compressive strength, as seen in figures 12 and 13.

A percentage replacement of 5% to 25% of cement with silica fume results in an increase in compressive strength (figure no. 4 & 5), but a replacement of 20% to 25% results in a loss. The strength is shown to decrease after 15% silica fume, which is the ideal proportion. Workability is decreased by the presence of silica fume. High fineness content silica fume produces uniformity that is normal. The strength increase in split tensile (figure no. 7& 8) caused by the addition of super plasticizer is essentially identical to that in compressive strength caused by the substitution of silica fume. In addition, silica fume reduces the voids in concrete. Concrete's bond strength is increased by the addition of silica fume. Silica fume concrete has an elastic modulus that is comparable to that of regular concrete.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The following conclusions are drawn based on the experimental investigations on compressive strength, flexural strength, split tensile strength and permeability.

- The experimental outcomes showed that the compressive strength of pervious cement expanded upto the ideal dose of 15% SF after that the strength diminished significantly and same pattern was trailed by different grades of cement. The 7 days, 14 days and 28 days strength was as 22.52% , 24.76% and 27% separately.
- The flexural and split rigidity additionally expanded upto the dose of 15% SF , after that the strength boundary diminished. Hence it was presumed that 15%SF measurement is the ideal dose.

However the pervious cement has low compressive, malleable and flexural strength yet it has high

- coefficient of penetrability, thus the accompanying ends are drawn:
- Further pervious concrete is a natural accommodating answer for help maintainable development. By and by fine totals is an intense deficiency, in this way by dispensing with the fines compares to diminish in environmental related issue

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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