

Coolcrete an Innovative Solution to Reduce Heating of Concrete

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Abstract – In our Project we are aiming to make a ‘Coolcrete an Innovative Solution to Reduce Heating of Concrete’, which contains Barium Sulphate in addition to cement, sand, aggregate and water. Barium Sulphate (BaSO₄) is an inorganic compound known for its high density, chemical inertness, and low thermal conductivity. When incorporated into concrete, it enhances its thermal and mechanical properties. Barium Sulphate (BaSO₄) has several uses including Medical Imaging, Drilling Fluids, Paints and coatings, Rubber and Plastics, Paper Industry, Glass Manufacturing and Electronics meaning the material (BaSO₄) has additional advantages that it reflects heat and reduces surface temperature of concrete. Coolcrete is an Innovative Solution to reduce surface temperature, Mitigate Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect where cities become significantly warmer than surrounding rural areas due to absorption of Heat by the pavement it helps for a cooler and more sustainable environment, it also Enhances durability of concrete, increases Energy Efficiency, Improve Safety of road users, requires more Time to Heat and provide High Strength.

Key Words: Coolcrete, Barium Sulphate, Low thermal conductivity, Reflects Heat, Reduces Surface temperature, Durability, Environment, High Strength.

1.INTRODUCTION

Coolcrete refers to as cool pavement or heat conductive concrete, is a novel material developed to counteract the Urban Heat Island phenomenon through the reduction of the heat absorbed and re-radiated by city surfaces. In contrast to regular concrete, which has the capacity to absorb and emit heat, leading to elevated surface and ambient temperature, heat-absorbing concrete utilizes specialty materials and additives to enhance the heat-dissipation capacity of the material. Some products employ phase-change materials, reflective aggregates, or specific polymers that reflect additional sunlight or store and release heat in a manner that cools the surface. This concrete is particularly useful in Urban Infrastructure like roads, sidewalks, and public spaces where temperature can impact comfort, public health, and energy use due to higher demand for air conditioning. Studies have demonstrated that heat-absorbing concrete can lower surface temperatures substantially, which in turn can

potentially lower nearby air temperatures and reduce the severity of heat islands in urban areas.

2. KEY OBJECTIVES :-

- To Mitigate Urban Heat Island Effect
- To Lower the Surface Temperature of Concrete
- To Increase the Safety of Road Users by Reducing the Heating of Concrete
- To Enhance Energy Efficiency
- To Increase the Strength of Concrete

3. LITERATURE REVIEW :-

The literature review focuses on various innovative solutions to reduce heat absorption in concrete, highlighting research on thermal energy storage, heat-resistant materials, and sustainable alternatives. Studies on thermal energy storage (TES) in concrete emphasize the integration of phase change materials (PCMs) to enhance heat retention and efficiency. Self-compacting concrete (SCC) and geopolymer concrete (GPC) have been examined for their thermal performance, with GPC showing superior heat resistance and sustainability. Research on fly ash-based geopolymers and polystyrene concrete explores their roles in improving thermal insulation and reducing environmental impact. The addition of basalt fibers in concrete enhances mechanical properties and enables microwave-based de-icing applications. Heat treatment techniques improve the strength and durability of expanded polystyrene concrete. Studies on heat-resistant concrete for industrial applications reveal advancements in composition to withstand extreme temperatures. Research on mass concrete structures investigates the impact of ambient temperature on heat dissipation and cracking prevention. Pervious concrete is analyzed for its permeability and urban heat island mitigation properties. Additional research explores heat-reflective coatings using sol-gel technology, solar thermal collectors with optimized absorber surfaces, and thermal energy storage using latent heat materials. Collectively, these studies contribute to the development of energy-efficient and sustainable construction materials, addressing both thermal management and environmental concerns.

4. METHODOLOGY: -

Two Sets of Concrete Blocks were fabricated to assess their Suitability for Construction Applications. The first Set of Comprised of Standard 150x150x150 mm Blocks of M30 Concrete, while the second set Integrated BaSO4 [Barium Sulphate] into the mix, Maintaining the same dimensions. Both sets underwent 7, 14, 28 Days Curing period to ensure optimal strength Development and results. The primary focus to evaluate their temperature difference and compressive strength for potential use in concrete structures. Subsequently Destructive and Non-Destructive tests were conducted to evaluate their structural integrity. following the initial testing phase, the 7 days cured blocks were tested with temperature heating at sixty degrees Celsius and cooled at interval of 1 minute, 5 minutes. Same was performed with 14, 28 days cured blocks. Next the compressive testing was performed with the both sets of concrete cubes with addition of barium sulphate [BaSO4] and Normal cubes.

Mix Proportion For BaSO4 Blocks

Sr.no	Material	Weight	Unit
1	Cement	22	Kg
2	Aggregate	16.5	Kg
3	Sand	33	Kg
4	BaSO4	0.440	Kg

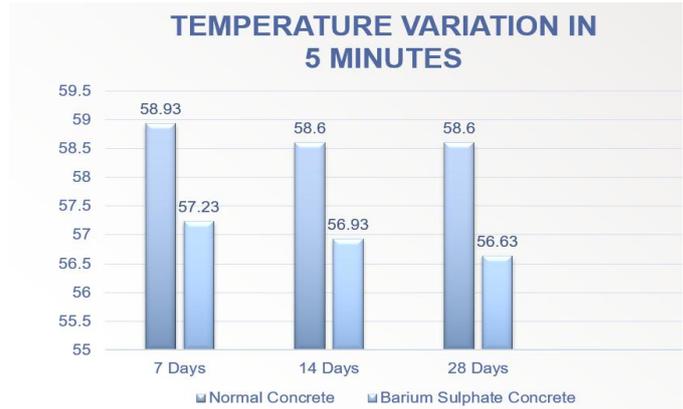
Table -1: Mix Proportion

5. RESULTS OBTAIN

All the cubes are heated at 60°C (Average Road Temperature)

	Sr .no	7 days		14 days		28 days	
		1 min	5 min	1 min	5 min	1 min	5 min
Normal cube	1	59.5	58.9	59.3	58.7	59.6	58.8
	2	59.6	58.8	59.2	58.5	59.4	58.6
	3	59.4	59.1	59	58.6	59.1	58.4
	Avg.	59.5	58.93	59.16	58.6	59.33	58.6
Barium sulfate	1	59	57.1	58.4	57.1	58.1	56.8
	2	58.9	57.2	58.5	56.8	58.5	56.6
	3	59.1	57.4	58.9	56.9	58.3	56.5
	Avg.	59	57.23	58.6	56.93	58.3	56.63
Difference of Average	0.5	1.7	0.56	1.67	1	1.97	

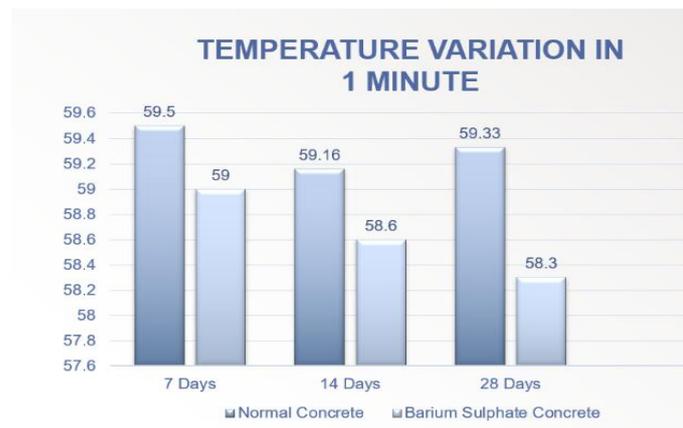
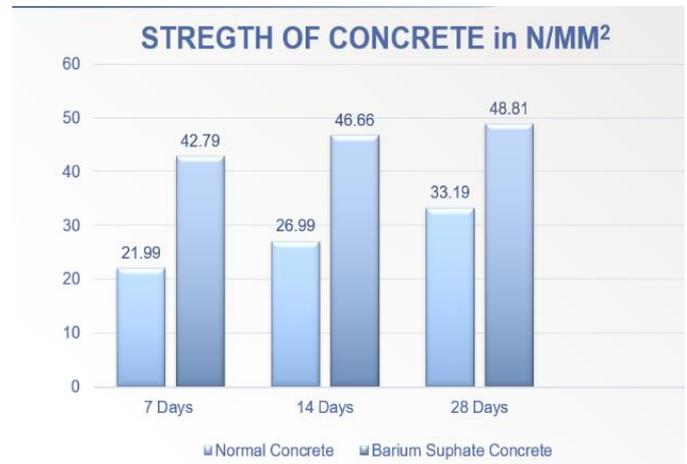
Table -2: Temperature Result



COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH RESULT

Compressive strength N/MM						
Sr.no	Normal cubes			Barium cubes		
	7 Days	14 Days	28 Days	7 Days	14 Days	28 Days
1	21.33	27.53	31.24	44.44	48.33	49.23
2	22.66	26.47	33.56	42.53	46.22	47.53
3	22	26.98	34.78	41.42	45.43	49.67
AVG.	21.99	26.99	33.19	42.79	46.66	48.81

Table -3: Compressive Strength



3. CONCLUSIONS

Coolcrete, a heat-reducing concrete solution, has shown immense potential in combating the urban heat island effect. With the use of specialized materials and optimized mix designs, Coolcrete accomplishes:

1. Lowered surface temperature: Maximum 25% reduction in surface temperature over regular concrete.
2. Enhanced thermal comfort: Increased pedestrian comfort and decreased heat stress.
3. Energy efficiency: Potential energy savings through lowering cooling requirements.
4. Environmental benefits: Support for reducing the urban heat island effect and enhancing air quality.

The success of Coolcrete in development and testing demonstrates the viability of innovative, sustainable solutions in concrete. As infrastructure growth is fueled by urbanization, Coolcrete provides an important instrument for building more livable, resilient cities.

Through further developing and adopting Coolcrete, we can build more livable, sustainable cities for future generations.

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