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## Standard Specification for Precast Concrete Septic Tanks<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers design requirements, manufacturing practices, and performance requirements for monolithic or sectional precast concrete septic tanks.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

- A 82/A 82M Specification for Steel Wire, Plain, for Concrete Reinforcement
- A 185/A 185M Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain, for Concrete
- A 496/A 496M Specification for Steel Wire, Deformed, for Concrete Reinforcement
- A 497/A 497M Specification for Steel Welded Wire Reinforcement, Deformed, for Concrete
- A 615/A 615M Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- A 706/A 706M Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- A 996/A 996M Specification for Rail-Steel and Axle-Steel Deformed Bars for Concrete Reinforcement
- C 33 Specification for Concrete Aggregates
- C 39/C 39M Test Method for Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens
- C 94/C 94M Specification for Ready-Mixed Concrete
- C 125 Terminology Relating to Concrete and Concrete Aggregates

- C 150 Specification for Portland Cement
  - C 231 Test Method for Air Content of Freshly Mixed Concrete by the Pressure Method
  - C 260 Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete
  - C 330 Specification for Lightweight Aggregates for Structural Concrete
  - C 494/C 494M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete
  - C 595 Specification for Blended Hydraulic Cements
  - C 618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
  - C 685/C 685M Specification for Concrete Made by Volumetric Batching and Continuous Mixing
  - C 890 Practice for Minimum Structural Design Loading for Monolithic or Sectional Precast Concrete Water and Wastewater Structures
  - C 990 Specification for Joints for Concrete Pipe, Manholes, and Precast Box Sections Using Preformed Flexible Joint Sealants
  - C 1116 Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete and Shotcrete
- #### 2.2 ACI Standard:<sup>3</sup>
- ACI 318 Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete
- #### 2.3 NSF/ANSI Standard:<sup>4</sup>
- NSF/ANSI 46–2005 Evaluation of Components and Devices used in Wastewater Treatment Systems

### 3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms relating to concrete, see Terminology C 125.

#### 3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *access opening, n*—a hole in the top slab used to gain access to the inside of the tank for the purpose of cleaning and removing sludge without a person actually having to enter the tank.

3.2.2 *air scan volume, n*—the number of cubic inches (centimetres) in the space between the liquid surface and the underside of the top slab.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, <http://www.aci-int.org>.

<sup>4</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.