

Colorado Procedure – Laboratory 4103-15a

Standard Method of Test for

Unrestrained Shrinkage of Concrete

(This procedure modifies ASTM C 157-08. ASTM C 157-08 and CP-L 4103 shall be used together.)

1. Scope

1.1 This method establishes a procedure for determining the unrestrained shrinkage of Concrete mixtures.

1.2 This test method is identical to ASTM C157-08 *Standard Test Method for Length Change of Hardened Hydraulic-Cement Mortar and Concrete*, with the following exceptions:

10. Procedure for Curing of Specimens

Delete Subsection 10.3 and replace with the following:

10.3 After the initial comparator reading, store the specimens in lime-saturated water at 73 ± 3 °F [23 ± 2 °C] until they have reached an age of 7 days, including the period in the molds. At the end of the curing period, take a second comparator reading after the specimens have been brought to a more closely controlled temperature as was done prior to the earlier reading and in the manner described above.

11. Procedure for Storage of Specimens

Delete Subsection 11.1, 11.1.1 & 11.1.2 and replace with the following:

11.1 *Air Storage*—Store the specimens in the drying room, so that the specimens have a clearance of at least 1 in. or 25 mm on all sides. Take comparator readings of each specimen after periods of air storage after curing of 4, 7, 14, and 28 days. Preferably, take these readings in a room maintained at a relative humidity of 50 ± 4 % while the specimens are at a temperature of 73 ± 3 °F [23 ± 2 °C].