

# USE OF FLY ASH AND PLASTIC IN BRICKS

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**Abstract** – use of fly ash brick is now a day becoming popular, they are used for construction approaches, paths and parking area and also the engineering building and pavements. This paper discusses the result of an experimental study conducted on fly ash, plastic sag strip and plastic. The making of brick which is made up by adding plastic in concrete help to reduce plastic bag and also improve the tensile properties of the bricks. Using this type of the plastic and fly ash will reduce the cost of the bricks.

**Key words:** Bricks, polyethylene, polystyrene

## I. INTRODUCTION

Now a days concrete plays an important role in every construction industries practices. Bricks is an attractive engineering and economical alternative to both flexible and rigid pavement in various countries. Interlocking concrete pavements are special dry mix precast piece of concrete commonly used in exterior landscaping pavement applications. For better look, easy laying and finish bricks are ideal material. The strength, durability and aesthetically pleasing surfaces have made paving blocks attractive for many commercial, municipal and industrial applications such as parking areas, pedestrian walks, traffic intersections, container yards and roads. Stone sub based and levelling bed of is needed to install interlocking bricks. Concrete bricks are made with concrete basically consisting of cement, fine aggregates, coarse aggregates (10 mm and below), water, chemical pigments, etc. Overall performance of concrete bricks used are mainly governed by properties of materials, water cement ratio, mixing process and curing process. For outdoor flooring versatility in application interlocking paver are modern day solutions. To suit the imagination of landscape architectures and nature's paver are having various shape, size and colour. They are placed in variety of pattern. There are many advantages of choosing outdoor paving tile to finish off a patio design or to tidy up your garden. They do not absorbed water when it is placed in places like garden and patio area.

Use of waste plastic in household is increases with time. The large component of plastic waste is polyethylene and polystyrene. If we use this type of the plastic in our construction purposed it will help to reuse of waste materials. As the plastic has longer life and longer services we can use it in bricks. Because the amount of mineral aggregates required in concrete is large, the environmental benefits are not only related to the safe disposal of bulk waste, but also to the reduction of environmental impacts arising from the extraction of aggregates. The use of wastage plastic in concrete bricks is aimed at reducing aggregates content and leading to better economy and durability. It will also help in safeguarding the environment effects and contribute towards the solution for safe disposal of wastage plastic.

### 2. OBJECTIVE

The present study aims at evaluating the performance of plastic concrete for bricks for use in pavements and other application areas. As compressive and durability are the most significant properties for concrete bricks, the same have been studied for various concrete mixes with varying percentages of material.

### 3. NEED

Why Plastics: Plastic has a number of properties, which exploited alone or together, which fulfill construction needs.

[1] Corrosion resistant. [2] Good Insulation for cold, heat and sound saving energy. [3] It is economical and has a longer life. [4] Maintenance free (such as painting is minimized) [5] Hygienic and clean [6] Ease of processing / installation [7] Light weight

Why fly ash: Fly ash can be used for making concrete by replacing of Portland cement with fly ash. Less amount of water is required to fly ash compare to the Portland cement.

[1] Low cost.

[2] Easily available.

[3] Great workability.

[4] Reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### 4. MATERIALS USED AND THEIR PROPERTIES

Cement: Cement used for the test was ordinary Portland cement of 43 grade confirming to IS 8112-1989.

Table -1: Properties of cement

Physical properties	Test result
Standard consistency	26.8%
Initial setting time	60 min
Final setting time	600 min
Specific gravity	3.31
Compressive strength in 3 days	31.2
Compressive strength in 7 days	38.3

Fine Aggregate: Natural river sand was used as fine aggregate. The properties of sand conducting tests as per IS2386 (Part- I).  
 Water: Portable water free from impurities and salt used for casting and curing the concrete blocks as per IS – 456-2000. Water cement ratio is 0.45.

Plastic: Pieces Polyethylene bag which are commonly used for the packaging and carrying goods are used in concrete.

Table -2: Properties of plastic

Property	NCA	PCA
Specific gravity	2.54	0.8
Crushing value	25	2
Density	3.21	0.93

Fly ash: low cost by-product of burned coal. It is obtained from Thermal Power plant.

## 5. METHODOLOGY

Materials used for making the normal case bricks are

- Cement
- Dust (crushed aggregate sand)
- Plastic powder

The materials we use in the concrete mix of the bricks are in the ratio 1: 2: 4 (cement: dust: plastic )

For the purpose of making six block of paver of size 100 x100 x 100 mm size we need 2kg of cement, 4kg of crushed aggregate sand and 8kg of stone chips.

Step 1: Take one pan, weight it on machine then add the material as 2kg of cement, 4kg of crushed aggregate sand and 8kg of plastic .

Step 2: Make ready the block of 100x 100 x100 mm by oiling it on its inner surface for the easy re moulding of the block.

Step 3: Mix the material with the help of shovel, after that add the water of 800 ml to it i.e. (0.4%) as per the IS code-15658-2006 requirement.

Step 4: While mixing the material simultaneously fill the bottom layer of the block by the cement slurry up to 4mm (slurry of cement n water in ratio 1:1) and let that slurry set for 10 minutes.(if required we can add color with the slurry)

Step 5: After that add that concrete in three levels with the tamping of 25 blows on each level for the purpose of compaction.

Step 6: After filling the blocks with the concrete keep it on the compactor machine for removing air voids from it.

Step 7: After 24 hrs. Remold the block and keep it for curing for 3days and 7 days. In the same way we test it for replacement with plastic, fly ash with cement and aggregate.

## 6. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION

Environmental problems are created by using plastic bags which are used for carrying goods become a waste. Every year large amount of plastic waste produced. Recycle and reused of plastic require vast manpower and processing cost thus the very small amount of plastic recycled and reused and rest going into landfills, incinerators and dumps. To improve the properties of concrete, we use these plastic sag strips in a concrete as a plastic fibre. Use of plastic has both the advantages that it solves the problem of disposal of plastic up to some extent also cost of material is low.

## 7. RESULT

To calculate the compressive strength of bricks the universal testing machine is used. Compressive strength is calculated by following formula:

$$\text{Compressive Strength} = \text{Load/area}$$

**7.1 CASE 1 - Replacement Of 30% Fly Ash with Cement**

Material used -Cement + 30% fly ash Dust (crushed aggregate sand) Stone chips (size ¼)

12Day of curing -3 days & 7 days Compressive strength for 3days -13.4KN/M<sup>2</sup> Compressive strength for 7days-15.2KN/M<sup>2</sup>

**7.2 CASE 2 - Replacement Of 10% Plastic with Crush Aggregate**

Material used - Cement Dust (crushed aggregate sand) Plastic powder (size ¼) Day of curing -3 days & 7 day Compressive strength for 3days -19.3 KN/M<sup>2</sup> Compressive strength for 7days -22.1 KN/M<sup>2</sup>

**7.3 CASE 3- Replacement Of 20% Plastic With Crush Aggregate**

Material used – Cement

Dust (crushed aggregate sand) Plastic sag strips Stone chips (size ¼) Day of curing -3 days & 7 day Compressive strength for 3days -21.2KN/M<sup>2</sup> Compressive strength for 7days -24.4KN/M<sup>2</sup>

**7.4 CASE 4- Replacement Of 20% Plastic with Crush Aggregate**

Material used - Cement Dust (crushed aggregate sand) Plastic sag strips Stone chips (size ¼) Day of curing -3 days & 7 day Compressive strength for 3days - 22.1KN/M<sup>2</sup> Compressive strength for 7days - 25.7KN/M<sup>2</sup>

**7.5 Overall Results of Compressive Strength Of Bricks.****8. CONCLUSION**

We can conclude from the above discussion that the use of plastic can be possible to improve the properties of concrete which can act as a one of the plastic reusable method.

[1] Eco friendly

By using waste plastic in bricks 20 – 40% of plastic may reduce, it is also dangerous to environment and wildlife

[2] Strength increases up to 30-35%

Strength could be increased by using this plastic in the bricks by 30 to 35% by normal bricks and also help in reducing waste by 20 to 40%.

[3] Economical

As the plasticizer are not used in plastic concrete bricks the cost of plasticizers is reduces also plastic is zero cost material hence it also reduces the cost of plastic at some extend.

[4] Increases properties of concrete.

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