

# Comparative Study on Fiber Reinforced Concrete Using Various Fibers Form 60 Grade Concrete

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## ABSTRACT

In conventional concrete, micro-cracks develop before structure is loaded because of drying shrinkage and other causes of volume change. When the structure is loaded, the microcracks open up and propagate because of development of such micro-cracks, results in inelastic deformation in concrete. Fiber reinforced concrete (FRC) is cementing concrete reinforced mixture with more or less randomly distributed small fiber. In the FRC, number of small fibers are dispersed and distributed randomly in the concrete at the time of mixing, and thus improve concrete properties in all directions. The fibers help to transfer load to the internal microcracks. Steel fibers can improve the structural strength to reduce in the heavy steel reinforcement requirement. The addition of these fibers into concrete can dramatically increase the compressive strength, tensile strength and split tensile strength of the concrete. In this study, tests have been done for the concrete with glass fiber of 5%, 10% and 15% of cement by adding as an admixture.

**Keywords:** Fiber Reinforced Concrete; Cocopit; Glass Fiber; Polymer Fiber; Aspect Ratio; Mechanical and Structural Properties

## I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a composite material consisting mainly of water, aggregate, and cement. The physical properties desired for the finished material can be attained by adding additives and reinforcements to the concrete mixture. A solid mass that can be easily moulded into desired shape can be formed by mixing these ingredients in certain proportions. Over time, a hard matrix formed by cement binds the rest of the ingredients together into a single hard (rigid) durable material with many uses such as building, pavements etc.,

The Technology of Using

Concrete was adopted earlier on large-scale by the ancient Romans, and the major part of concrete technology was highly used in the Roman Empire. The Coliseum in Rome was built largely of concrete and the dome of the Pantheon is the world's largest unreinforced concrete structure. After the collapse of Roman Empire in the mid-18th century, the technology was re-powered as the usage of concrete has become rare. Today, the widely used man-made material is concrete in terms of tonnage.

## II. METHODOLOGY

To study the strength characteristics of concrete with the fibers like cocopit and glass fibers with varying percentages of mix and first design mix done for M60 concrete. Collect all materials and tests should be conducted for materials to verify the properties with respect to the respective IS code. Then by doing weight batching cast the cubes of size 150mm\*150mm\*150mm and cylinders of size 300mm depth, 150mm diameter,

After 24 hours remoulding the cubes then it is allowed for curing in water at 7 days, 14 days, and 28 days. Then conduct tests on cubes at 7 days, 14 days, and 28 days and compare the normal concrete with fibers concrete. Estimate the cost of concrete and compare both select the which one is the cost effectiveness and economically.

### III. MATERIALS USED

The Different Types Of Materials Used In This Investigation Give Below.

**Cement:** ordinary Portland cement 53 grade cement conforming to IS: 1691989. the result of tests included on cement areas as follow.

**TABLE 3.1. Results Of Cement**

Si.no	Property	Required as per IS 1489-1	VALUE
1.	Fineness	<10%	7%
2.	Specific gravity	3.1-3.16	3.16
3.	Initial setting time	30MINS	32MINS
4.	Final setting time	<600MINS	500MINS

**FINE AGGREGATE:** The sand obtained from Saradhari verneeranakapalle is used as fine aggregate in this project investigation. The sand used in this confirmation is to zone-1 according to B.S. Sand which passed on 4.75mm sieve & retained on 150micron sieve are used.

#### Glass Fiber

Glass fiber is a material consisting of numerous extremely fine fibers of glass.

Glassmaker throughout history have experimented with glass fibers, but mass manufacture of glass fiber was only made possible with the invention of finer machine tooling. In 1893, Edward Drummond Libber exhibited a dress at the World's Columbian Exposition incorporating glass fibers with the diameter and texture of silk fibers. Glass fibers can also occur naturally, as Pele's hair.

Glass wool, which is one product called "fiberglass" today, was invented sometimes between 1932 to 1933 by Games Slayter of Owens-Illinois, as a material to be used as thermal building insulation. It is marketed under the trade name Fiberglas, which has become a genericized trademark. Glass fiber when used as a thermal insulation material is specially manufactured with a bonding agent to trap many small air cells, resulting in the characteristically air-filled low-density "glass wool" family of products. Glass fiber has roughly comparable mechanical properties to other fibers such as polymers and carbon fiber. Although not as rigid as carbon fiber, it is much cheaper and significantly less brittle when used in composites. Glass fiber reinforced composites are used in marine industry and piping industries because of good environmental resistance, better damage tolerance for impact loading, high specific strength and stiffness.



**Picture: Glass fiber**

#### COCOPIT

Coconut fiber or coir is a product which is extracted from the outer shell of the coconut fruit. It is used in a variety of ways worldwide, being especially popular for rope and matting, and there

are a number of sources for coir and coir products.

Both organic and conventionally produced versions are available, and some firms specialize in coir which has been harvested sustainably by work

ers who are paid a fair wage for their labor. There are two different types of coconut fiber: white coir and brown coir. White fiber comes from young coconuts, while brown fiber comes from more mature specimens. In mature coconuts, a layer of lignin has been deposited in the cellulose wall

of the fiber, causing it to darken in appearance. Once extracted from the coconut, the fiber can be spun unormatted. It can also be bleached or dyed, although some producers prefer to leave the fiber as it is for a more natural look.



Picture: COCOPIT

#### IV. RESULT AND OBSERVATIONS Compressive Strength Of Cube

The cube specimens were tested on a compression machine of capacity of 1800KN. The machine was cleaned and the specimen was placed in such a manner it was given load on opposite sides equally. All the concrete specimens were tested in a 1800KN capacity compression testing machine. Concrete cube of size 150mm x 150mm x 150mm

is placed on the compression testing machine and grip firmly between top and bottom plates. Apply the load at the rate of 140kg/sq.cm/minute till the specimen failed. Note down the ultimate load at the failure of specimen, when the load is applied. Divide the ultimate load by the area of specimen, then the compressive strength has been calculated.



Picture: Compression Testing Machine With Cube Specimen.

**Compressivestrengthobservationsofconventionalconcrete,5%ofGlassfiber5%ofCocopit**

s.no	AgeofSpecimen	Conventionalconcrete(N/mm2)	5%Glassfiber(N/mm2)	5%ofCocopit(N/mm2)
1	7days	44.54	47.69	46.12
2	14days	61.74	63.13	62.25
3	28days	67.04	71.91	71.15

**Compressivestrengthobservationsofconventionalconcrete,10%ofGlassfiber10%ofCocopit**

s.no	AgeofSpecimen	Conventionalconcrete(N/mm2)	10%Glassfiber(N/mm2)	10%ofCocopit(N/mm2)
1	7days	44.54	48.21	47.24
2	14days	61.74	69.24	63.09
3	28days	67.04	75.20	73.03

**Compressivestrengthobservationsofconventionalconcrete,15%ofGlassfiber15%ofCocopit**

s.no	AgeofSpecimen	Conventionalconcrete(N/mm2)	15%Glassfiber(N/mm2)	15%ofCocopit(N/mm2)
1	7days	44.54	46.63	46.16
2	14days	61.74	67.68	60.18
3	28days	67.04	71.23	70.38

**V. CONCLUSION**

Basedonexperimentalinvestigationad ditionofGlassFiberinplainconcreteincreasest hestrengthanddurabilitycharacteristics10%of glassfiberreachesthestrengthat28daysof75.11 N/mm<sup>2</sup>isobtained.Experimentalinvestigation wasdonetoevaluatethedurabilitypropertiesofc oncretereinforcedwithcocopitfiber.Thestreng thpropertyofcocopitFRCismorethanthatofpla inconcrete.10%ofCocopitreachesthestrength at28daysof73.03N/mm<sup>2</sup>isobtained.Ithasbeen observedthattheworkabilityofconcreteincreas esatwiththeadditionofglassfibre.

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