

*Indian Standard*

**METHODS OF PHYSICAL TESTS FOR  
HYDRAULIC CEMENT**

**PART 5 DETERMINATION OF INITIAL AND FINAL SETTING TIMES**

**( *First Revision* )**

**FOREWORD**

**0.1** This Indian Standard (Part 5) (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards on 10 March 1988, after the draft finalized by the Cement and Concrete Sectional Committee had been approved by the Civil Engineering Division Council.

**0.2** Standard methods of testing cement are essential adjunct to the cement specifications. This standard in different parts lays down the procedure for the tests to evaluate the physical properties of different types of hydraulic cements. The procedure for conducting chemical tests of hydraulic cement is covered in IS: 4032-1985\*.

**0.3** Originally all the tests to evaluate the physical properties of hydraulic cements were covered in one standard; but for facilitating the use of this standard and future revisions, it has been decided to print the different tests as different parts of the standard and, accordingly this revised standard has been brought out in thirteen parts. This will also facilitate updating of individual tests. Further, since publication of the original standard in 1968, a number of standards covering the requirements of different equipment used for testing of cement, a brief description of which was also covered in the standard, had been published. In this revision, therefore, reference is given to different instrument specifications deleting the description of the instruments, as it has been recognized that reproducible and repeatable test results can be obtained only with standard testing equipment capable of giving desired level of accuracy. This part covers determination of initial and final setting times of cement.

**0.4** This edition 2.1 incorporates Amendment No. 1 (March 1993). Side bar indicates modification of the text as the result of incorporation of the amendment.

**0.5** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960\*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

**1. SCOPE**

**1.1** This standard (Part 5) covers the procedure for determining the initial and final setting times of cement.