

CEL 774 IIT DELHI Construction pRACTICES

(Lecture 2-3) Concrete: Production B. Bhattacharjee

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General Outline

Concrete Production.





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 Thorough mixing is essential for production of uniform quality concrete.

 Equipment and method should be capable of effectively mixing concrete material containing largest specified aggregate to produce uniform mixtures of the lowest slump practical for the work.



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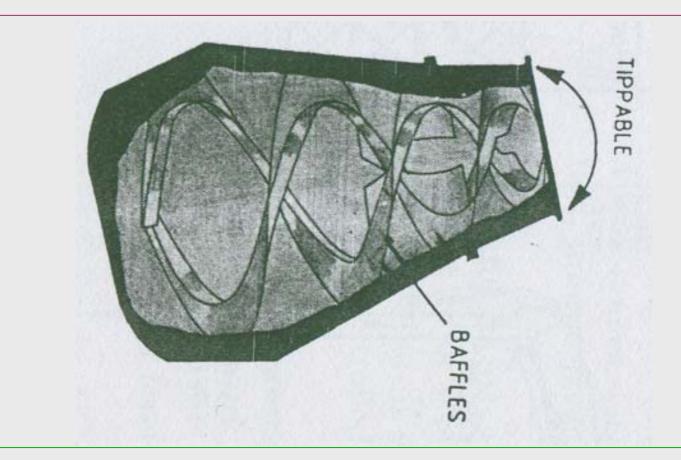


- cyclic or batch mixers, and continuous mixers. .
- gravity mixers or mixers with forced movements
 - o They can be tilting or Non-tilting
- Counter-flow mixer or open-pan mixers





TILTING DRUM MIXER

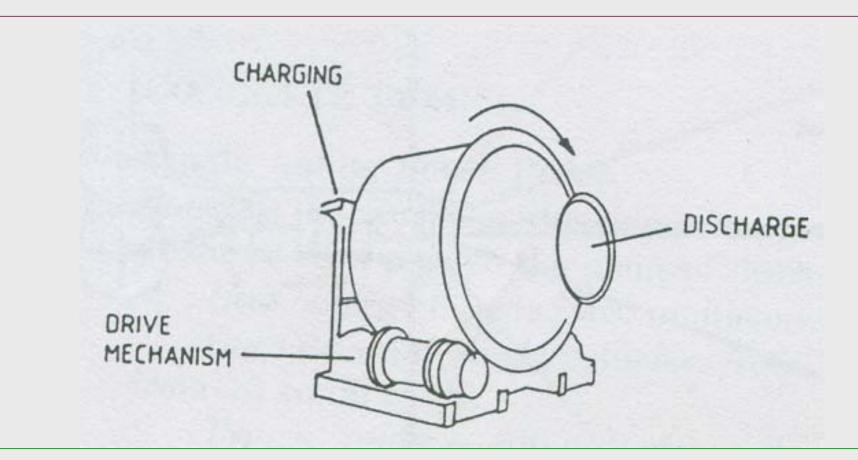




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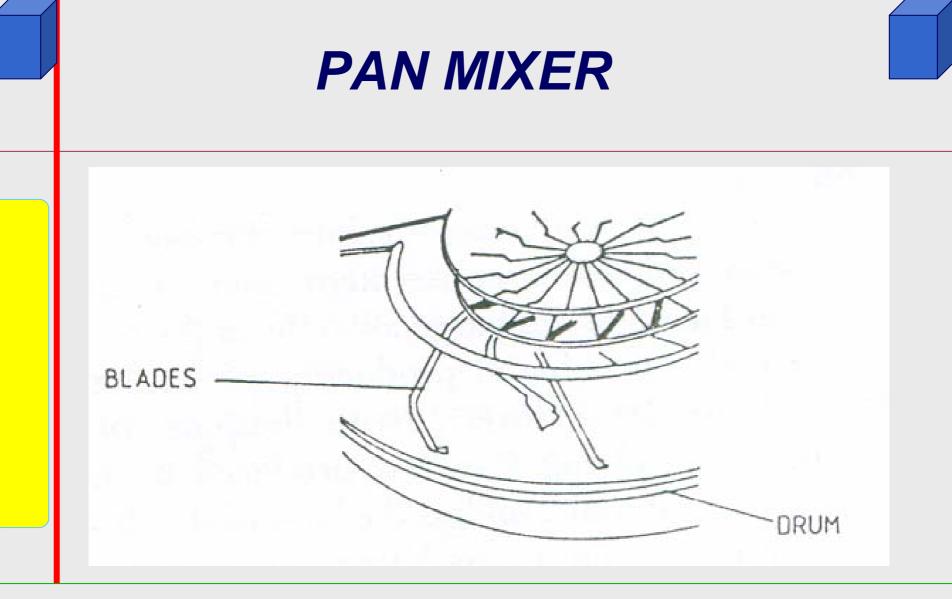


NON-TILTING DRUM MIXER





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MIXING



- uniformity tests on samples of fresh concrete collected from the mixer at different stages of its discharge from a given batch.
- Charging: pre-blending and ribboning effect
- Mixing Time: 1minute is required for 0.75 m3 capacity mixer and 0.25 minute is required for each additional 0.75 m3 capacity



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MIXING TIME



– IS guide lines

IS 4925-1968 "mixing time for each batch of materials, except the full amount of water, provided that all the mixing water shall be introduced before one-fourth the mixing time elapsed" shall be $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes respectively for mixer capacity up to 2 m3, 3 m3 and 4 m3 respectively. IS 456 : 2000 guidelines specifies a overall minimum mixing time of 2 minutes



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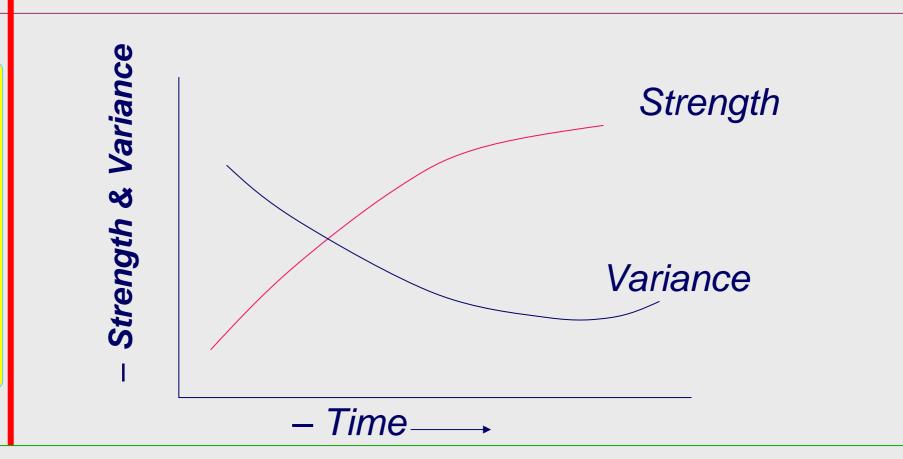


-increasing mixing time may result in more uniform distribution of hydration product resulting in higher compressive strength
-prolonging the mixing process too long may not increase the strength proportionally and may result in a decrease in some cases.
-over grinding of the material and in some cases may increase the proportion of fines.
Quite often excessive mixing leads to segregation in case of leaner concretes.



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Concrete production process
 Batching process and its importance in producing quality concrete
 Mixing process for producing uniform quality concrete



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