

## Replacing of Aggregates by Rubber Aggregates in Concrete:an Experimental Investigation

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**ABSTRACT:** Concrete is one of the most well known structure materials. The development business is consistently builds its uses and applications. Along these lines, it is required to discover elective materials to decrease the expense of cement. Then again, Non-biodegradable waste for example water bottles, cool beverage containers and dispensable glasses, destroyed or crumbed elastic and so on., is making a ton of issues in the earth and its removal turning into an incredible trouble. The goal of this paper is to research the utilization of elastic pieces as coarse total in the solid. Concrete tried with changing rates of elastic from 10 to half of typical totals. Compressive quality, split elasticity and flexural quality of cement is estimated and near examination is made.

**Keywords:** crumbedrubber, Concrete, Compressivestrength, Tensilestrength, Flexuralstrength

### I. INTRODUCTION

Duringthelastthreedecades,therehavebeendramaticchangesinthewayofthinkingaboutindustrialprocessesa ndtheapproachandevaluationofnewandinnovativematerials. Concrete, initsmostbasicform, isoneoftheworld's oldest buildingmaterial. Concreteisasubstancecomposedofonlyafewsimpleandcommonly

availableingredients thatwhenproperlymixedandcured, maylastforcenturies. Concreteisanevolvingmaterial aswell. Newtechniquesandmethodsforselectingtherightquantitiesofhosesimplecomponentsarecontinuallybeingpre sentedtothedesigncommunity. Newingredientstoincludeinconcretemixesarealsoconstantlybeingresearchedandde veloped.

Ingeneral, concretehaslowtensilestrength, lowductility, andlowenergyabsorption. Concretealsotendstoshrin k andcrackduringthehardeningandcuringprocess. Theselimitationsareconstantlybeingtestedwithhopesofimprovementbytheintroductionofnewadmixturesandaggregatesusedinthemix. Onesuchmethodmaybetheintroductionofrubbert otheconcretemix. Shreddedorcrumbedrubberiswastebeingofnonbiodegradableandposesevere fire, environmentalan dhealthrisks.

Rubberfilledconcretetendstohaveareductioninslumpanddensitycomparedtoordinaryconcrete. Thereductio nisaround85% onslumphasbeenreportedwhencomparingwiththeconventionalconcrete[1,2]. Concretecontainingrubber aggregatehasahigherenergyabsorbingcapacityreferredastoughness. Rostamietal.[3]reportedinvestigationontheco mparisonofthetoughnessofacontrolconcretemixturewiththatofarubbercontainingconcretemixture. Theresultsshowst hatthetoughnessisincreasedwhenrubberaggregatespresentintheconcrete. Eldinetal.[4]andfedroffetal.[5]exploredthe effectofrubberchipsonthecompressivestrengthandflexuralstrengthofcrumbedrubberconcretemixes. BielandLee[6]e xperimentedwithaspecialcement(MagnesiumOxychloridetype)forthepurposeofenhancingthebondingstrengthbetwe enrubberparticlesandcement. HernandezOlivaresetal.[7]providedscanningelectronmicroscopephotosofrubber/cem entinterface, aswellastheevaluationofthecomplexmodulus. Thestudiesmentionedintheaboveareanalyticaland/orlabor atorybasedexperimentalworkandthemajorfindingsareductilityofconcretecanbeincreasedby introducingtherubberintheconcrete.

Theobjectiveofthisstudyistotestthepropertiesofconcretewhenshreddedorcrumbedrubberusedasaggregatebypartialre placementofnaturalaggregates. Theparametersofthisinvestigationincludethecompressivestrength, splittensilestrengt handflexuralstrengthofconcretespecimens. Cubesof150mmsizeforcompressivestrength, cylindersof size 150X300mmandbeamsizeforflexuretestis100X100X500mmarecastedforthetestingofconcrete. Theconcretehavingc ompressivestrengthof30N/mm<sup>2</sup> (M30)isusedandpercentagesofrubberaggregatesare10,20,30,40and50% ofnormalag gregates. Thenaturalaggregatesarereplacedbyrubberaggregatesonvolumebasis. Thestrengthperformanceofmodified concretespecimenswascomparedwiththeconventionalconcrete.

### II. EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION MATERIALS

Cement:

Physicalproperties	TestResults	LimitsasperIS8112-1989
Fineness(m <sup>2</sup> /Kg)	296	225minimum
InitialSettingTime(min.)	140	30

FinalSettingTime(min.)	245	600
Soundness	1.50	10
ByLechatelier(mm)		
By AutoClave(%)	0.04	0.8
Compressivestrength	32	23
3daysN/mm <sup>2</sup>		
7daysN/mm <sup>2</sup>		
28daysN/mm <sup>2</sup>		
Chemicalproperties		
*LSF	0.89	0.66to1.02
#AM( $Al_2O_3/Fe_2O_3$ )	1.26	0.66
Insolubleresidue(% bymass)	1.20	3
Magnesia(% bymass)	1.30	6
SulphuricAnhydrate(Bymass)	2.18	3
TotalLossinIgnition(%)	1.56	5
TotalChlorides(%)	0.012	0.05
*LSF:LimeSaturationFactor #AM:RatiopercentageofAluminatohatofIronOxide		

The Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) 43 grade is used in this investigation. The physical & chemical properties of the cement are as shown in Table-1

Table 1. Properties of Cement

**Aggregates:**

The aggregate consists of both fine and coarse components. The fine aggregate, which is often referred to as sand, is usually not a commercially manufactured product but one that is taken directly from nature. Coarse aggregate is a material commonly produced by crushing larger rock, separating the crushed portion according to size, and recombining in a carefully controlled manner.

**Fine Aggregate:**

The locally available river sand from Karim Nagar, Andhra Pradesh, India, is used as fine aggregate in the concrete design mix. The specific gravity, water absorption and fineness modulus are 2.62, 0.3% and 2.78 respectively. The sieve analysis data of fine aggregate is presented in Table-2.

**Table 2. Sieve Analysis of Fine Aggregate**

IS Sieve (mm)	Weight retained (gm)	% weight retained	Cumulative % weight retained	% passing	Limits as per IS 383-1970, IS 2386-1963.
10	0	0	0	100	100
4.75	94	4.7	4.7	95.3	90-100
2.36	178	8.9	13.6	86.4	75-100
1.18	246	12.3	25.9	74.1	55-90
600	606	30.3	56.2	43.8	35-50
300	482	24.1	80.3	19.7	8-30
150	346	17.3	97.6	2.4	0-10
Total cumulative % of weight retained			278.3		

**CoarseAggregate:**

The coarse aggregate used in the experimental investigation is a mixture of 20mm and 10mm size aggregates. The aggregates are angular in shape and free from dust. The specific gravity, water absorption and fineness modulus are 2.65, 0.3% and 7.18 respectively. The results of sieve analysis of coarse aggregate are shown in Table-3.

**Table3.SieveAnalysisofCoarseAggregate**

IS Sieve(mm )	Weightretained(g m)	% weightretained	Cumulative% weightretained	% passin g	LimitsasperIS383 –1970, IS 2386–1963
80	0	0	0	100	100
40	0	0	0	100	100
20	936	18.72	18.72	81.2	85–100
10	4044	80.88	99.6	0.4	0–20
4.75	20	0.4	100	0	0–5
2.36	0	0	100	0	0
1.18	0	0	100	0	0
600	0	0	100	0	0
300	0	0	100	0	0
150	0	0	100	0	0
Totalcumulative% ofweightretained			718.32		

**Water:**

Water used in concrete is free from sewage, oil, acid, strong alkalis or vegetable matter, clay and loam. The water used is potable, and is satisfactory to use in concrete. Water sample collected from bore well and its properties are shown in Table-4.

Table4.Propertiesofwatersample

S.No.	Parameter	Results	LimitsasperIS456–2000
1	pH	6.3	6.5–8.5
2	Chlorides(mg/l)	45	2000(PCC) 500(RCC)
3	Alkalinity(ml)	6	<25
4	Sulphates(mg/l)	105	400
5	Fluorides(mg/l)	0.04	1.5
6	OrganicSolids(mg/l)	43	200
7	Inorganic Solids(mg/l)	115	3000

**Shreddedorcrumbedrubber:**

The physical properties of shredded or crumbed rubber are given in Table-5.

**Table5.Propertiesofrubber**

Compacted density	2.3to4.8kN/cum
Compacted unit weight	1/3ofsoil
Compressibility	3timesmorecompressiblethansoil
Density	1/3to1/2lessdensethanthe granular fill
Durability	Non-biodegradable

ModulusofElasticity	1/10ofsand
Permeability	Lessthan10cm/sec
Poisson’sRatio	0.2to0.3
Specificgravity	1.14to1.27
Thermalinsulation	8timesmoreeffectivethanthe gravel
Unitweight	Halftheunitweightofgravel

**MixProportions:**

TheconcretemixisdesignedasperIS102621982,IS4562000andSP23.Table6presentsthequantitiesofmixproportionforonecubicmeterofconcreteandonecementbag.

**Table6.Quantitiesofmixproportion**

MixConstituents	Foronem <sup>3</sup> of concrete(kg)	For50kgcementbag(kg)
Cement	350	50
Water	147	21
Fineaggregate	719	103
Coarse aggregate20mm <10mm	712 474	102 68
Watercementratio	0.42	

Standardcastironmouldsofsize150x150x150mmforcubes,cylindersofsize150X300mmandbeamsizeforflexuretestis 100X100X500mmareusedinthepreparationofspecimens.TheexperimentalsetupisshowninFigure1and2.



**Figure1Experimentalsetup**



**Figure2Specimenafterfailure**

**III. RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS**

Theeffectofrubberaggregatesinunitweightofconcreteisdecreasedasthe%ofrubberincreasedasshowninFigure3.Almost20.4%lossofweightat50%ofaggregatesreplacedwiththerubberaggregates.

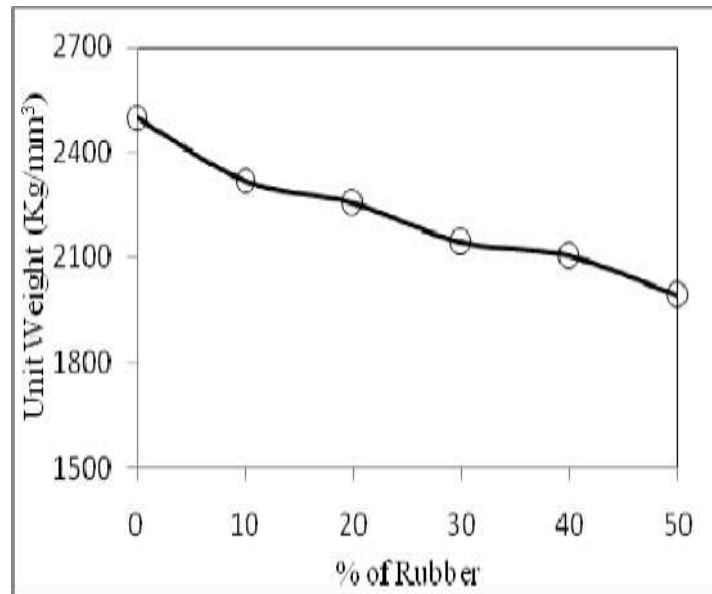


Figure3 Unit Weight (Kg/m<sup>3</sup>) of concrete

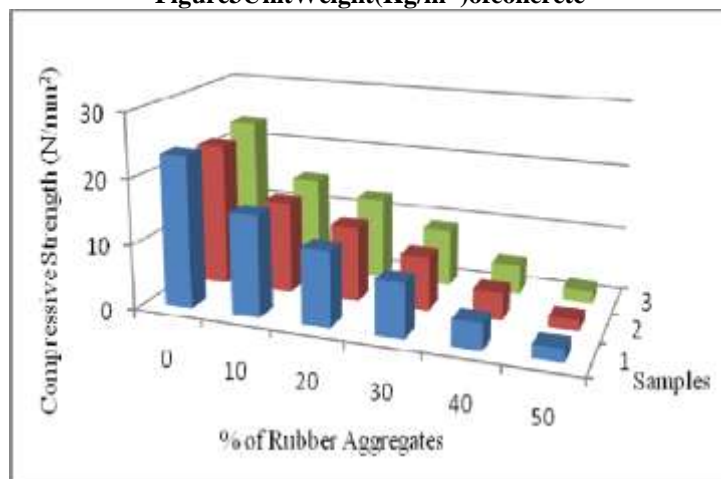


Figure4 Compressivestrength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) of concrete at 7 days

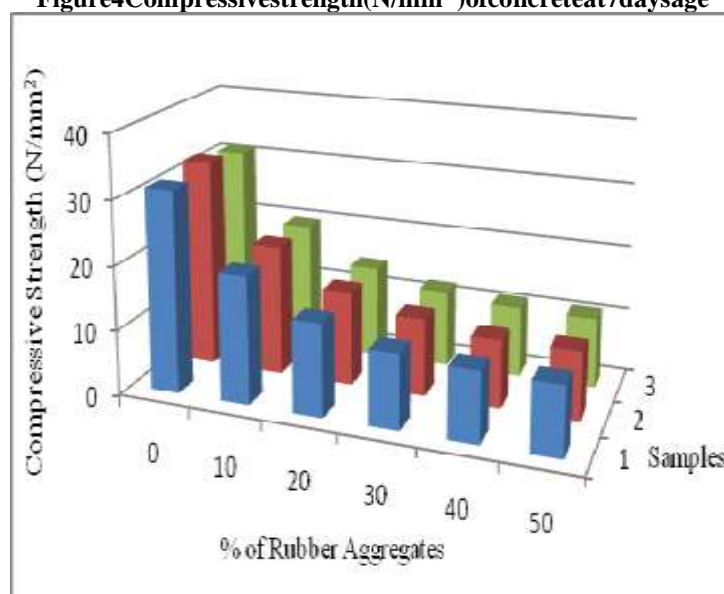


Figure5 Compressivestrength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) of concrete at 28 days

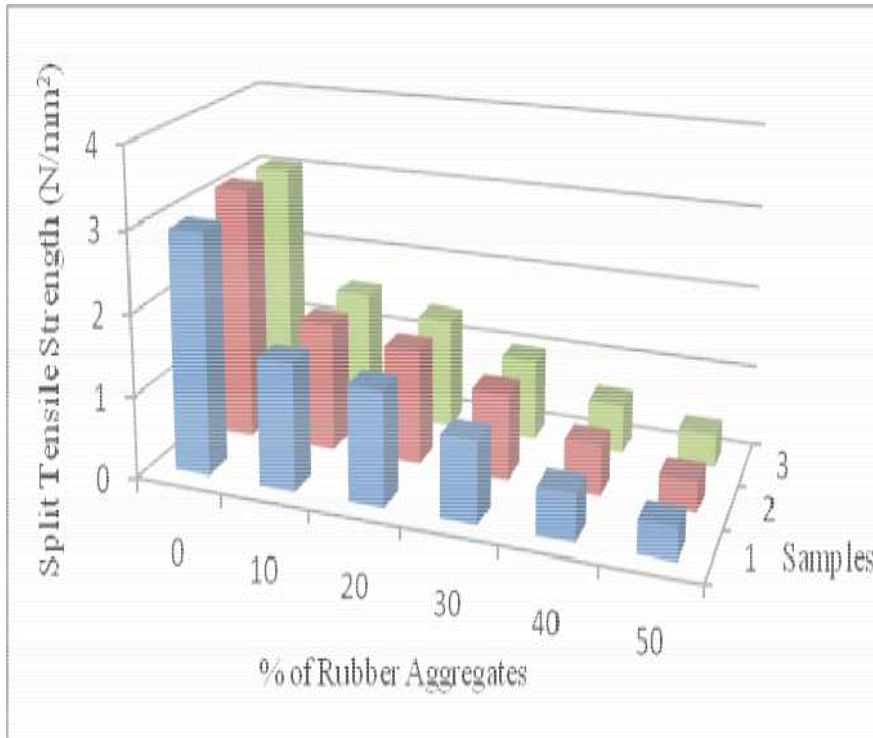


Figure 6 Split tensile strength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) of concrete at 7 days age

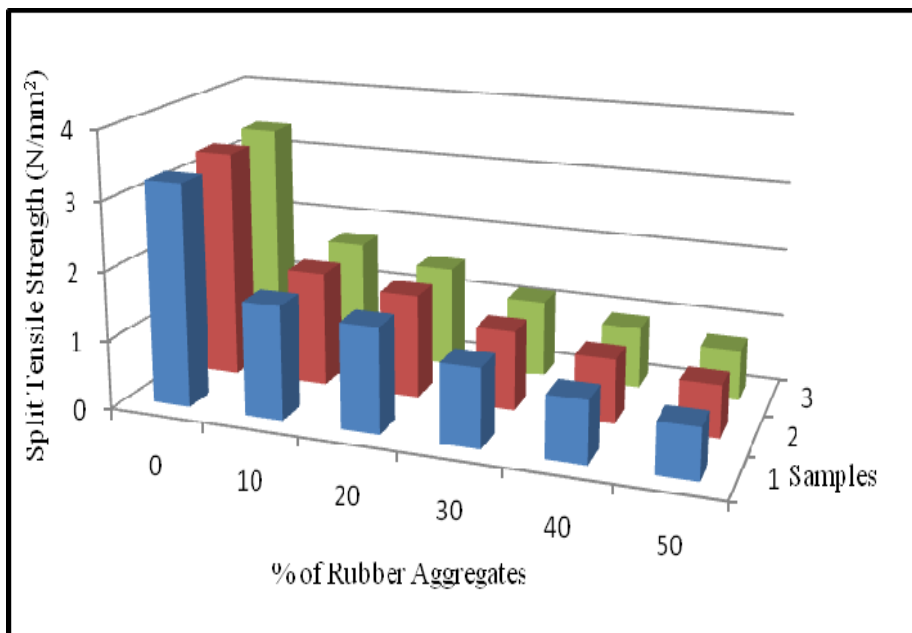


Figure 7 Split tensile strength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) of concrete at 28 days age

Compressive strength and split tensile strength of concrete is decreased as the percentage of rubber aggregates are increased in the concrete. The percentage of compressive strength loss is 35.53 for 10% of rubber aggregate and nearly 91.98 for 50% of rubber aggregates at the age of 7 days. The variations can be observed in Figures 4 to

7. Table no. 7 shows the average compressive and split tensile strengths of modified and conventional concretes.

Table 7 Average Compressive and Splittensile strengths of concrete

% of rubber	Compressive strength		Splittensile strength	
	7 Days	28 Days	7 Days	28 Days
0	23.08	31.57	3.05	3.32
10	14.88	19.95	1.56	1.68
20	11.97	14.36	1.39	1.50
30	8.48	11.86	1.01	1.14
40	4.24	10.77	0.59	0.91
50	1.85	10.71	0.39	0.74

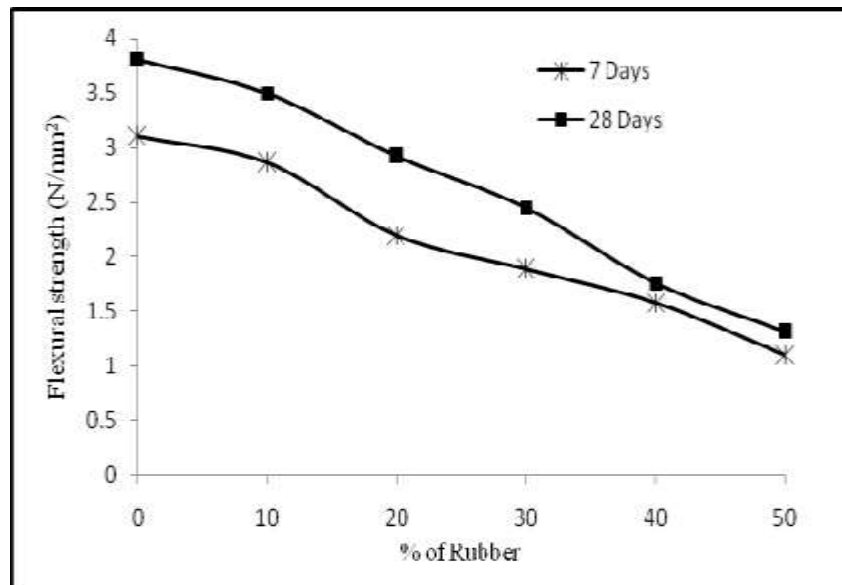


Figure 8 Flexural strength (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) of concrete

The flexural strength of modified concrete as shown in Figure 8 decreases as the percentage of rubber aggregates increases.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the present and experimental investigation studies the following conclusions can be drawn

1. The unit weight of modified concrete is decreased approximately by 20.4% when 50% of aggregates is replaced by rubber aggregates.
2. The compressive strength of concrete is decreased as the percentage of rubber aggregates increased.
3. As the rubber content increases in the concrete splittensile strength decreases. It indicates the strain at failure is increased. So this mix is more energy absorbent mix.
4. Concrete with rubber aggregates have flexural strength almost 66% less than the conventional concrete. However modified concrete has more ductility when compared to conventional concrete.

Concrete containing rubber aggregates is still not recommended for the structural applications and it can be used where strength is not the criteria. This mix will be very useful in the lightweight concrete applications.

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