

Concrete

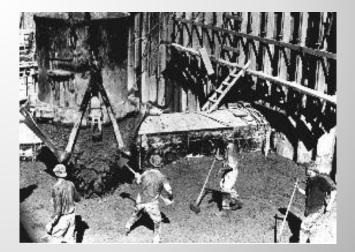
Concrete is a <u>composite material</u> composed of coarse <u>aggregate</u> bonded together with a fluid <u>cement</u> that hardens over time



History

The word concrete comes from the Latin word "*concretus*" (meaning compact or condensed), the perfect passive participle of "*concrescere*", from "*con*-" (together) and "*crescere*" (to grow).







As Novacem's cement hardens, carbon dioxide from the atmosphere is absorbed.

Magnesium Silicate



Most concretes used are lime-based concretes such as Portland cement concrete or concretes made with other hydraulic cements. However, asphalt concrete, which is frequently used for road surfaces, is also a type of concrete, where the cement material is bitumen, and polymer concretes are sometimes used where the cementing material is a polymer.



Liquid Concrete



When aggregate is mixed together with dry Portland cement and water, the mixture forms a fluid <u>slurry</u> that is easily poured and molded into shape. The cement reacts chemically with the water and other ingredients to form a hard matrix that binds the materials together into a durable stone-like material that has many uses. Often, additives (such as <u>pozzolans</u> or <u>superplasticizers</u>) are included in the mixture to improve the physical properties of the wet mix or the finished material. Most concrete is poured with reinforcing materials (such as <u>rebar</u>) embedded to provide <u>tensile strength</u>, yielding <u>reinforced concrete</u>.



Famous concrete structures include the Hoover Dam, the Panama Canal, and the Roman Pantheon. The earliest large-scale users of concrete technology were the ancient Romans, and concrete was widely used in the Roman **Empire.** The Colosseum in Rome was built largely of concrete, and the concrete dome of the Pantheon is the world's largest unreinforced concrete dome. Today, large concrete structures (for example, <u>dams</u> and multi-storey car parks) are usually made with reinforced concrete.



Hard Concrete



Thank you for your attention!!!