



Department of Civil Engineering

Eastern Mediterranean University

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HIGHEST CONCRETE STRENGTH COMPETITION 2024

Design & make your own concrete! Impress your friends! Break stuff!

Apply until 22 March 2024

Participants will be from Civil Engineering Department Undergraduate students of EMU. Teams can be up to 3 persons. Registration forms and related documents will be collected from <http://civil.emu.edu.tr> and filled forms should be sent to **Prof. Dr. Khaled Marar** until 22 March 2024 (by 17:00 hours) by Email (khaled.marar@emu.edu.tr) please write in email subject "**Highest Strength Concrete**"

Evaluation will be based on highest concrete compressive strength among all results after 28 days of casting concrete cube. Certificates (first rank, second rank, third rank, and all participants) will be given during Civil Engineering Week of 2024.

Rules

- Limit 1 specimen per entry, a 150 mm x 150 mm cube mold will be provided.
- Limit 1000 g Portland cement, to be provided by EMU Department of Civil Engineering.
- Limit 1 batch per specimen (do not waste your cement!).
- Concrete must be mixed by hand-tools, supervised in the Materials of Construction Lab.
- Curing:
 - Any curing method in lab.
 - Cube must be at or near room temperature at the time of testing (28 days after casting).
 - No external loads may be applied during curing.
- Laboratory materials available: BEM Cement class 42,5, crushed fine and coarse limestone aggregates, water.
- Any other materials (admixtures, fibers, etc.) will not be allowed.
- The properties of aggregates are presented in figure 1, figure 2 and table 1.

Aggregate Properties

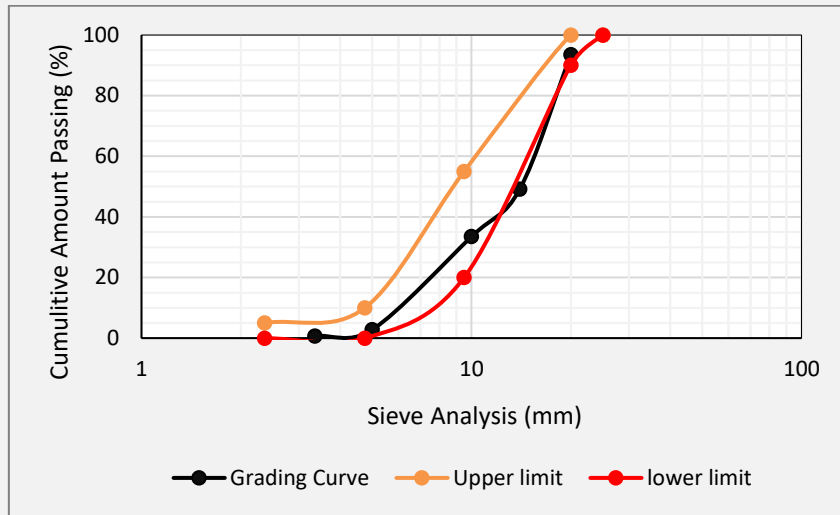


Figure 1: Grading curve of fine aggregate

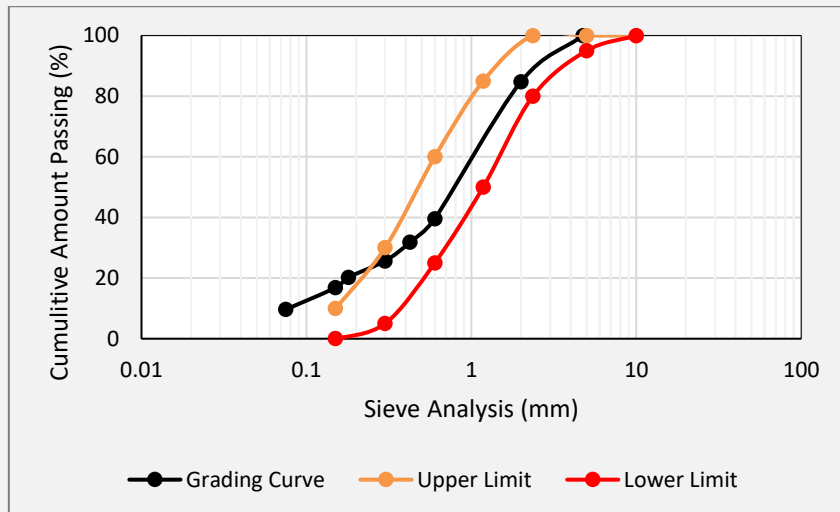


Figure 2: Grading curve of fine aggregate

Table 1: Properties of Aggregates

	Coarse Aggregate	Fine Aggregate
Aggregate Type	Crushed limestone	Crushed limestone
Relative Density (SSD)	2.7	2.75
Absorption (%)	0.47	4
Total Moisture (%)	0.13 ^a	1.07 ^a
Percentage passing 600-micron sieve (%)	-	40

^aThere is no constant value for total moisture (it changes with the change of weather)