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The performance of polypropylene fiber reinforced concrete: Mechanical properties

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This paper investigated the mechanical properties of polypropylenes fibers on normal concrete. Effects of addition polypropylene L fiber on concrete are studied. Polypropylene fiber act as additives by volume . This research are conduct with three different type of mixing where each of mix containing different percentage of polypropylene fiber that are 0.3%, 0.6% and 0.9%. Compression test, flexural test and water absorption test were carried out to determine the mechanical properties. All tests are conduct by using a standard method of testing. The different type of mixing has been tested with different aged 7, 14, 21 and 28 days. The overall specimen that was prepared to tests is 48 cubes and 32 prisms. From the data obtained, results show that slightly increase in compressive strength. But, the higher the fibers content, the lower its strength. This research indicated that 0.3% fibers have higher result in compressive test while 0.9% higher in flexural strength. The lowest percentage of water absorption test is 0.3% with 5.19% at 28 days.

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