

REFERENCE PANEL

GUIDANCE NOTES

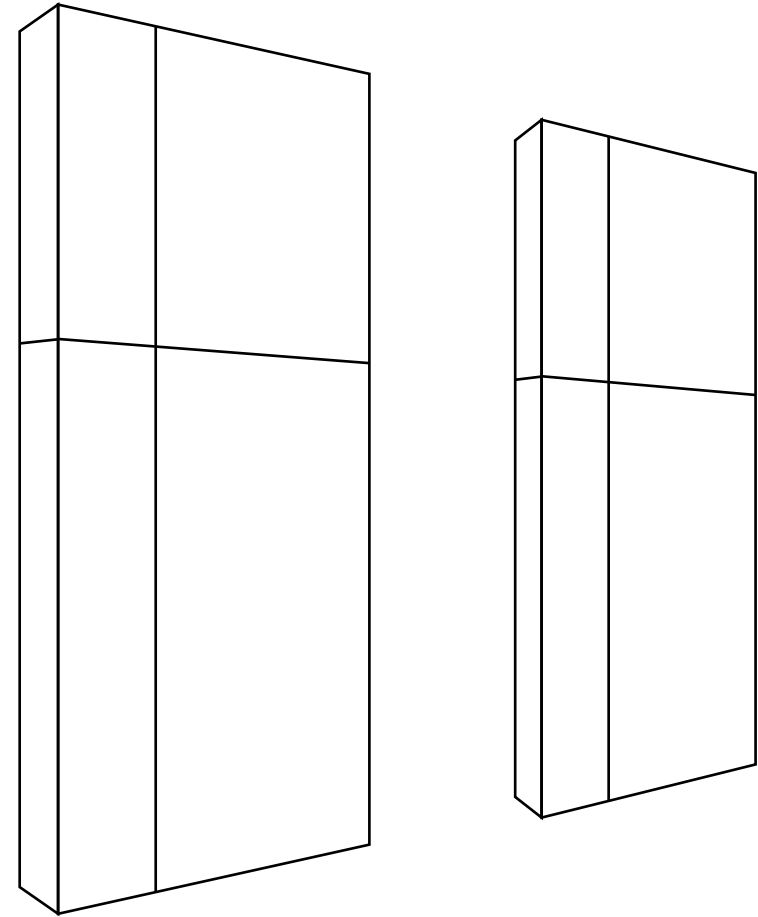


CONCRETE FINISHES

to

National Structural Concrete Specification

Edition 4



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The members of CONSTRUCT identified the need for physical reference panels to demonstrate typical finishes. The DETR agreed and offered 50% funding for a project to produce and locate panels at strategic sites throughout the UK. The National Concrete Frame Specification (NCFS) and subsequently, the National Structural Concrete Specification for Building and Construction, adopted the standards for concrete finish given in BS 8110 Structural Concrete and the reference panels and guidance notes have been produced for use with both specifications.

These notes have now been updated so that they are in accordance with the NSCS 4th Edition which has adopted BS EN 13670 Execution of Concrete Structures.

CONCRETE FINISHES - REFERENCE PANELS
GUIDANCE NOTES FOR INTERPRETATION AND USE

(Refer also to NSCS Standard Specification clause 8.6.1 and BS EN 13670: 2009 clause 8.8)

Introduction

These panels constitute a realistic, consistently achievable standard as a benchmark for the benefit of the construction industry. They represent interpretations of the most often used finishes in situ concrete, agreed by a committee of experienced, professional practitioners appointed by CONSTRUCT.

It is impossible to produce panels with a perfect finish straight from the formwork. Neither is it practical to produce panels with a ‘just acceptable’ range of blemishes such as blowholes, surface irregularities, colour variation and arris lines. The panels produced have therefore been assessed in conjunction with these guidance notes. They should be reviewed from a standard distance of 3 metres and the prevailing light and ambient conditions should be taken into consideration.

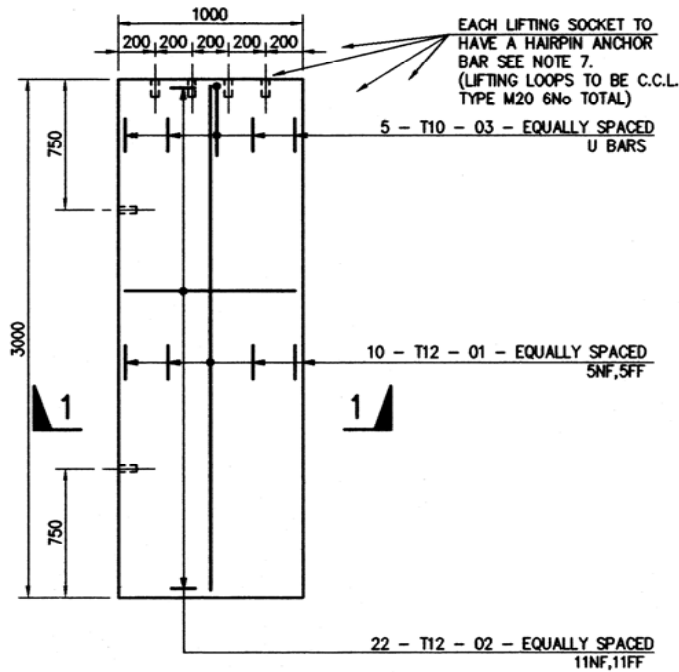
Information on the materials and methods used are only for background information. The panels are considered to be representative, irrespective of the type of material, methods and reuses of formwork used.

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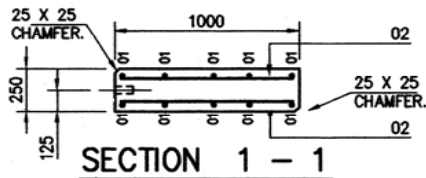
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WALL ELEVATION

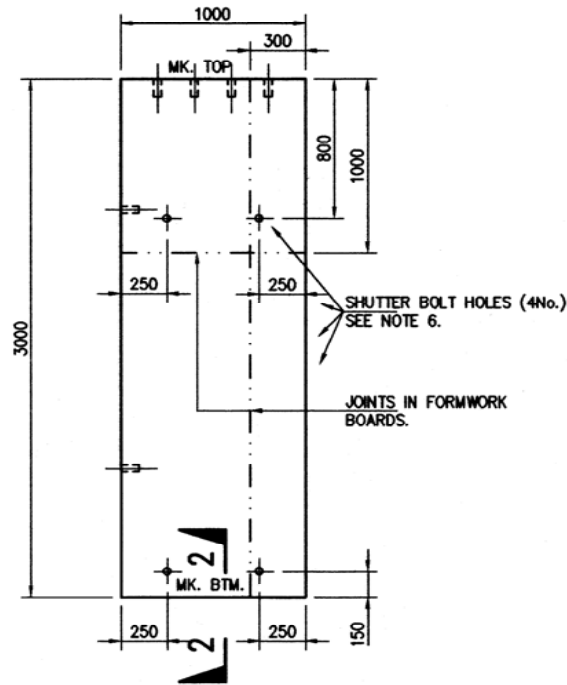


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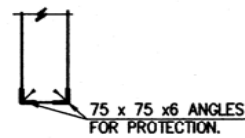
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MARK	TYPE & SIZE	TOTAL No.	LENGTH	SHAPE CODE	A	B
01	T12	10	2900	20	STRAIGHT	
02	T12	22	900	20	STRAIGHT	
03	T10	5	900	38	400	160

T - TYPE 2 DEFORMED BARS, GRADE 460 COMPLYING WITH BS 4449.



FORMWORK ELEVATION



SECTION 2 - 2

NOTES

- CONCRETE TO BE GRADE C 35 TO BS5328.
- REINFORCEMENT TO BE HIGH YIELD.
- COVER TO ALL BARS TO BE 40mm.
- MANUFACTURER TO PROVIDE SPACERS BETWEEN REINFORCEMENT MATS AS REQD. AND MAY TAKE THE FORM OF REINFORCEMENT U BARS. ALL TIE WIRE ENDS MUST BE TURNED IN, AWAY FROM THE PANEL FORMWORK SURFACE.
- BOLT HOLES FOR FORMWORK TO BE PLASTIC WITH CONES.
- ONE BOLT HOLE TO BE FILLED FLUSH (ON BOTH SIDES), AND ONE BOLT HOLE TO BE FILLED AND NEATLY RECESSED TO WITHIN 10mm BELOW SURFACE (ON BOTH SIDES).
- LIFTING SOCKETS TO BE C.C.L.M20 SOCKETS COMPLETE WITH 400mm LONG HAIRPIN T12 DIA. BARS ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURERS SPECIFICATIONS OR SIMILAR AGREED.
- TOTAL PANEL WEIGHT APPROX. 1.80 TONNES.
- TWO PANELS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AS FOLLOWS :

PANEL FINISH	EACH SIDE	FORMWORK
ORDINARY	NEW	DOUGLAS FIR G15 (GOOD ONE SIDE) WITH MOULD RELEASE AGENT.
	USED	
PLAIN	NEW	PAPER FACED PLY (EVANS POURFORM) WITH MOULD RELEASE AGENT.
	USED	

- PANELS MUST BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE VERTICAL POSITION AS WALL PANELS WITH TOP & BTM. POSITIONS AS MARKED.
- FORMWORK TO BE OF THE SAME CONSTRUCTION TO ALL PANELS.

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DETAILS OF PANELS - CONSTRUCTION DETAILS (London South)

CONCRETE C28/35	Materials:	Cement	<i>CEM I</i>	- Rugby, Rochester
		Aggregate	<i>20 –5 mm</i>	- Brett Marine Aggregate, Cliffe, Kent
		Sand		- Brett Marine Aggregate, Cliffe, Kent
	Mix details:			- 315kg/m ³ cement; w/c .505; agg/cem 6.08; 39.4% sand
FORMWORK	Design:	Pour rate	<i>Both finishes</i>	6 m/h
		Consistence	<i>Both finishes</i>	75 mm Slump
		Temperature	<i>Both finishes</i>	Concrete +10°C : Air 15-25°C
	Materials:	Face sheeting	<i>Ordinary finish</i>	Douglas fir G1S plywood; Plastic splay arris former
			<i>Plain finish</i>	Resin impregnated paper faced plywood (Pourform)
		Secondary support	<i>Both finishes</i>	Timber 100mm x 75mm nominal PAR; ply joints backed
		Primary support	<i>Both finishes</i>	Steel soldiers - RMD II
		Release agent	<i>Ordinary finish</i>	Chemical - Extracon DS
			<i>Plain finish</i>	Chemical - Extracon DS
	REINFORCEMENT		<i>See Page 2</i>	<i>Both panels</i>
CONSTRUCTION	Delivery:	Concrete	<i>Both finishes</i>	Ready-mixed (approx. 45 min travel)
	Consistence:	Concrete	<i>Both finishes</i>	75 mm Slump
	Placing:	Concrete	<i>Both finishes</i>	Crane and skip
	Pour rate:	Concrete	<i>Both finishes</i>	5 m/hr
	Compaction:	Concrete	<i>Both finishes</i>	Internal vibrator - 63mm Iscko Orion star - electric
	Temperature:		<i>Both finishes</i>	Concrete (unknown); Air 16 °C
	Striking:	Formwork	<i>Both finishes</i>	Approx 18 hours
	Curing:	Concrete	<i>Both finishes</i>	Exposed to the weather

ORDINARY FINISH - GUIDANCE

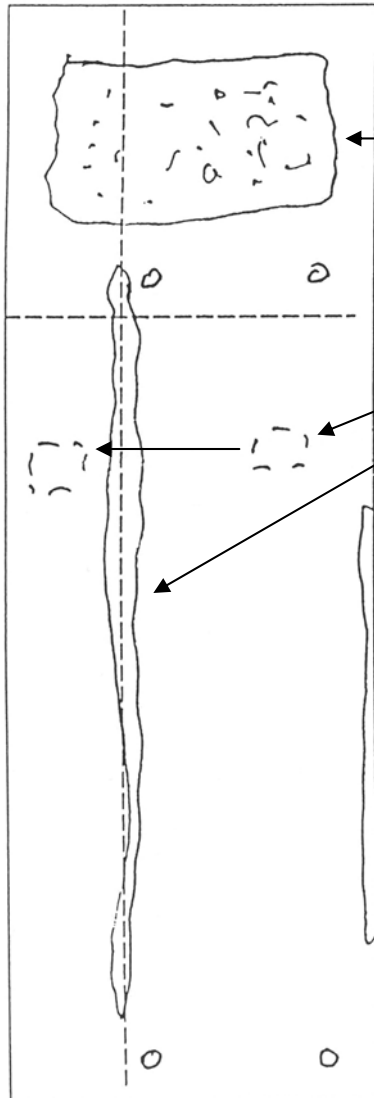
This is for use where visual quality is not important or it is to receive applied finishes. It is recommended that this finish is not used where surfaces are only to be painted. The use of small panel forming systems is considered suitable for producing this finish. Joints between formwork panels will show and the step may be up to 5mm. Grain marks are generally due to slight absorbance variations causing local colour variation, but the surface is generally smooth. Panels and bolt holes may not be a regular pattern. Colour of the finish will vary with the concrete delivered, the release agent used and reuse of the forming material. Project sample panels should not be specified for this finish. As the concrete finish is not important visually, making good is acceptable and so blowholes and minor surface blemishes can either be dealt with or accepted untreated by agreement between the CA and Constructor based on achieving an overall standard similar to the reference panels. If a system formwork is to be used eg Peri Trio/Duo, the finish of the formwork will generally be acceptable and the CA is expected to be aware of its quality.

ORDINARY FINISH - INTERPRETATION (London South)

SIDE 1 first use

SIDE 2 reused

These panels are typical of what should be expected of an Ordinary finish,
subject to the comments below



← Within specification

Surface Blemishes

← Within specification

Note: Sealing of joints in formwork would reduce grout loss at edges

Marks from props on green concrete

1mm at ply joints

Abrupt Irregularities

2mm at ply joints

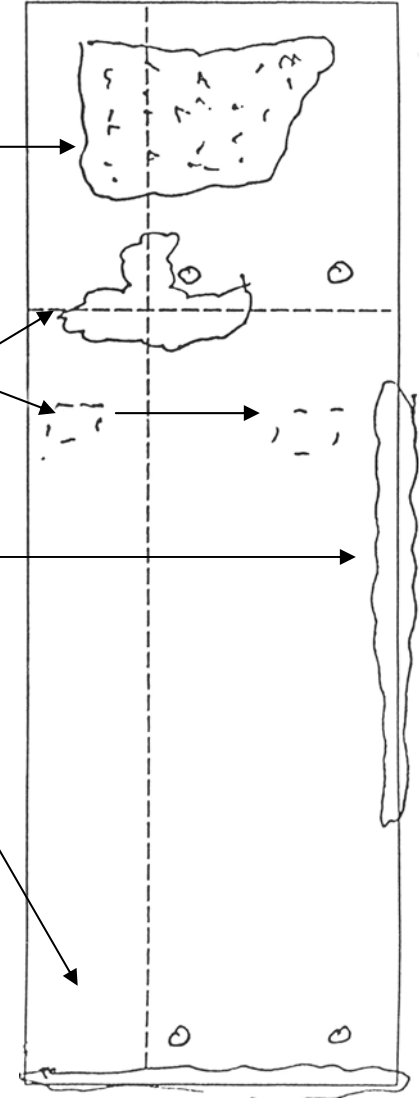
Ply damage & nail marks

Making Good

Typical bolt hole making good shown ~ recessed and flush
Grout loss from arrises should be made good for exposed finish
Grout loss at kicker should be made good for exposed finish
Fins at ply joint and nail marks may be removed if required

General

Good panels which more than meet the requirements for Ordinary finish
Very low number of blowholes



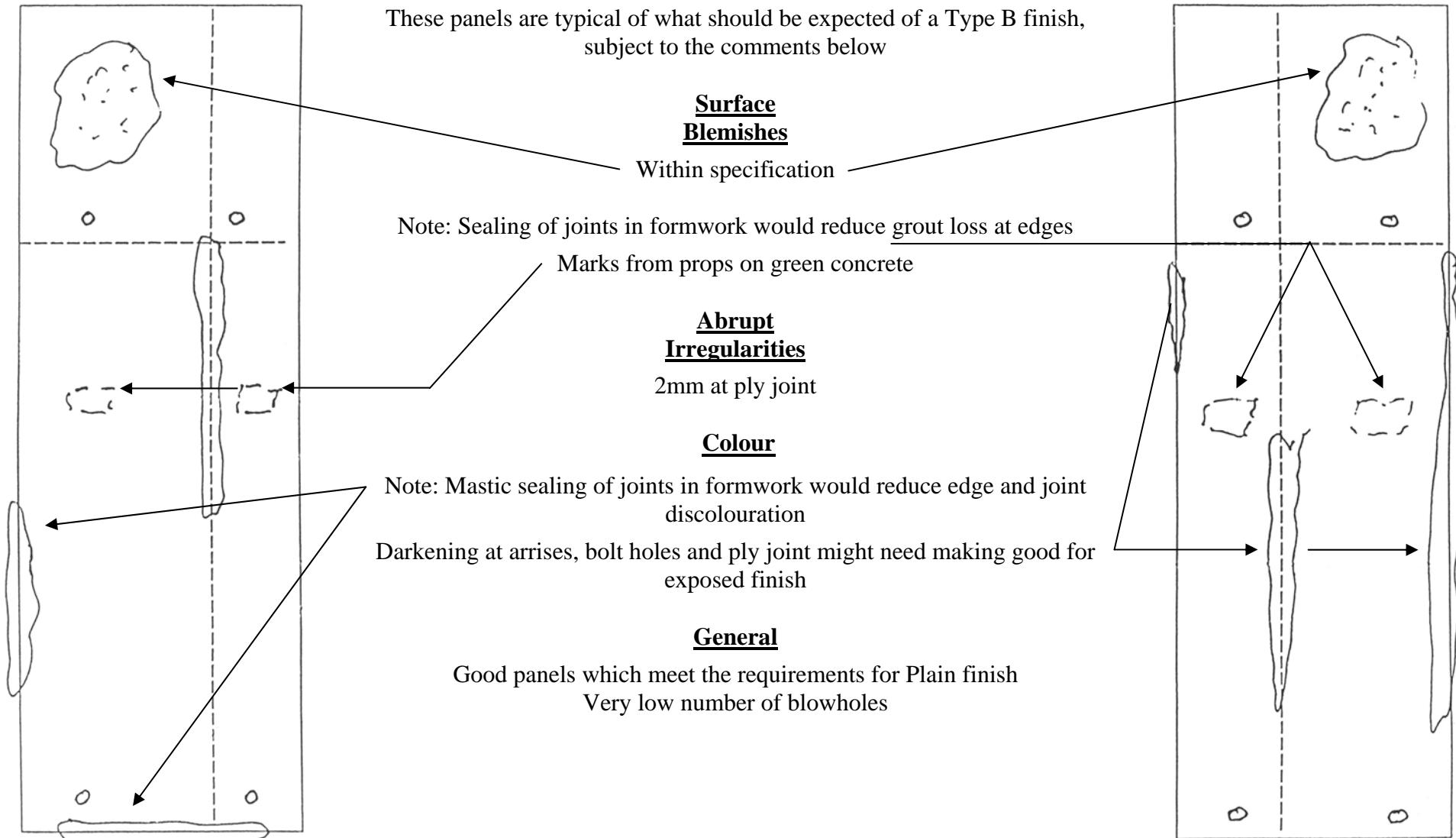
PLAIN FINISH - GUIDANCE

A Plain finish is for use where visual quality is of some importance such as areas occasionally seen or to be directly painted. The use of sheet material to limit jointing in forming material is considered suitable for producing this finish. In any one visible elevation the sheets should be of the same type and have had the same number of previous uses. Joints between formwork panels will show and the step may be up to 3mm. Tie-bolt holes should ideally be recessed, or alternatively filled flush, although this may not be so aesthetically pleasing. Panels and bolt holes should be in a regular pattern. Colour of the finish will change with concrete delivered and reuse of the forming material. A special product sample panel should not be specified for this finish, but a project example should be produced as one of the first areas of concrete poured on the project and used as the benchmark for the rest of the concrete.

PLAIN FINISH - INTERPRETATION (London South)

SIDE 1 first use

SIDE 2 reused



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