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Surface Deterioration

- Pop Outs
- Mortar flaking
- Scaling



Mortar Flaking



Factors Affecting Scaling

- Permeable and poor-quality concrete due to:
 - -High water-cementitious material ratio
 - -Excessive slump for prevailing job conditions
 - -Overworking of wet concrete
 - -Premature finishing operations
 - -Inadequate curing
 - -Low compressive strength at the surface
- Inadequate air content for concrete exposed to freeze and thawing
- Deicing Salts







Recorded Temperature 1993-94 High & Lows









For scaling resistance, you need:

- A good mix design (4000 psi / .45 wcr)
- Good plastic properties (slump and air)
- Proper inspection
- Good finishing practices
- Proper curing
- To seal the concrete
- To place concrete at the proper time of the year

M	ix
Des	ign

ACI 301 ACI 318 ACI 332 NRMCA

Suggested Mixture Design		
Modified Maryland SHA Mix 6		
Strength (psi)	4000	
Wcr (max)	0.45	
Cementitious Factor (lbs.)	615	
Air (%)	5-8	
Slump (in.)	3-5	
Coarse Aggregate Size (ASTM C33)	57 / 67	
Concrete Temperature (°F)	50-95	
Max Slag Cement Replacement (%)	50	
Min / Max Fly Ash Replacement (%)	15-25	
Admixtures: Air Entraining, Normal Water		
Reducing, Retarding, Non-Chloride Accelerating,		
High Range Water Reducing		





Slump and Air



























Sealing











Slag Cement, Fly Ash and De-Icing Salts


The Deleterious Chemical Effects of Concentrated Deicing Solutions on Portland Cement Concrete

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Inadequate Air Void System



Fig. 3 Representative area of concrete in Core Sample M7OLS ASE 7/29 Lot 7959-B showing the air-void system; millimeter scale.

Bleed Water Finished into Surface



High WCR in Surface of Concrete



No Air in Top Surface











Where do we go from here?





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Finishers



Inspectors



Deliverables

- Booklet in plain simple terms on important factors in finishing exterior concrete
- Keep it simple and focused on what causes scaling
- Straight forward test (one for finishers and one for inspectors)
- Should there be a prerequisite for years of experience
- Have a practical part where participants can see the effect of water on concrete
- Spanish and English





Safety


























Jointing

















Challenges

- Spanish translation
 - Work with finishers, utilize Spanish speakers in industry
- Finding suitable sites for practical
 - NRMCA
 - Partner with Ready Mix
 - Use actual sites
- Finding suitable sites for presentation and testing
- How many people on a crew need to be certified
- Losing certification for improper finishing (legal issues)

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