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ABSTRACT

This study examines the effect of recycled concrete aggregate (RCA) on the bond strength of concrete

and deformed steel bars. Here, 144 push-out tests were performed. Four RCA replacement

percentages (i.e. 0%, 30%, 40%, and 50%) and three sizes of deformed steel bars (i.e. 10M, 15M, and

20M) were used. Moreover, the effect of embedment length and concrete cover to bar diameter ratio

on the bond strength was considered. It was found that under constant mix proportions, an increase in

the bar size and the embedment length to bar diameter ratio lead to a reduction in the bond strength.

Like regular concrete, larger concrete cover helps improve the bond behaviour. On an average,

specimens made of partial RCA had bond strengths similar to regular concrete. In some cases, 30%

replacement of natural aggregate by RCA illustrated the best results among all the mixes. A new

formula for calculating the bond strength is proposed based on the test results.

Keywords: Recycle Concrete Aggregate, Push-out Test, Bond Strength

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