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**Nailable concrete**

**Question**

We had an inquiry for nailable concrete. We recall that sawdust concrete was promoted for this purpose at one time. In there anything new on this subject?

**Answer**

At least 45 years ago, sawdust concrete was indeed promoted for its nailability. Perlite concrete, vermiculite concrete, cellular concrete, and concrete made with foamed polystyrene beads, which in this country are usually made in a density class of about 20 to 50 pounds per cubic foot, all will accept nails. The same concretes made at higher densities will undoubtedly also do so. We know of no standard, however, of testing the nailability of concrete, nor any specifications for nailability.

In addition, don't forget that normal-weight concretes can be nailed with powder-actuated tools. The method apparently can be used successfully with concrete in the compressive strength range of about 1400 to 5000 psi.

**Source:** *Concrete Journal*, (January 1995)

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