



**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF MATERIALS AND TESTS**

**PCCP CORE LENGTH DETERMINATION  
ITM No. 404-15**

**1.0 SCOPE.**

- 1.1 This test method covers the procedure for determination of PCCP core lengths.
- 1.2 This ITM may involve hazardous materials, operations, and equipment and may not address all of the safety problems associated with use of the test method. The user of the ITM is the responsible for establishing appropriate safety and health practices and determining the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

**2.0 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.**

**2.1 AASHTO Standards.**

T 24 Obtaining and Testing Drilled Cores and Sawed Beams of Concrete

**3.0 TERMINOLOGY.** Definitions for terms and abbreviations shall be in accordance with the Department's Standard Specifications, Section 101.

**4.0 SIGNIFICANCE AND USE.** This ITM is used to determine the length of PCCP cores for calculating the thickness of PCCP.

**5.0 APPARATUS.** The apparatus consists of a carriage, five drop scales, a vertical shaft, a standard manufactured rule, and a base as shown in Figure 1. The apparatus shall be capable of measuring cores ranging in length from 4 in. to 20 in.

**5.1 Carriage.** The carriage shall consist of two steel plates held parallel to each other. The two steel plates have holes drilled inline to hold five drop scales perpendicular to the steel plates. One hole shall be in the center of the plate and the center of the other four holes is 1.3 in. from the center of the plate. A lift plate allows the operator to lift all five drop scales simultaneously.

**5.2 Drop Scales.** The five drop scales are of No. 3 diameter steel approximately 8 in. in length. Each drop scale is scored at 0.1 in. intervals, with varying paint colors inlaid to assist in clarity of measurement. Each drop scale has metal conical tips at the lower ends. The upper ends of the drop scales are held in place with hex nuts, which prevent the scales from falling through the carriage while not in use.

- 5.3** Vertical Shaft. The vertical shaft is constructed of steel tubing.
- 5.4** Rule. A standard steel rule with both metric and English units is attached to the vertical shaft. Pointers attached to the carriage indicate the length of the core based on the attached rule.
- 5.5** Base. The base consists of a metal plate mounted to the vertical shaft. The base is equipped with an open vice to ensure that the core is centered during measuring. The base should be large enough to support the core and balance the weight of the carriage, the drop scales, the vertical shaft, and the rule.
- 6.0** **SAMPLING.** Sampling shall be done in accordance with AASHTO T 24.
- 7.0** **TEST SPECIMEN.**
- 7.1** The PCCP cores shall be 4 in. in diameter and free of slurry or debris.
- 7.2** Cores that show abnormal defects or that have been damaged appreciably during drilling operations shall not be used. Cores that crack during drilling operations that may be reassembled without detection of the crack and remain adhered independently during measurement may be used.
- 7.3** A core drilled from PCCP may include aggregate particles bonded to the bottom surface. Particles not substantially surrounded by mortar shall be removed with a rock hammer. Care shall be taken not to damage the core. The core shall not be used if damage occurs during aggregate removal.
- 8.0** **PROCEDURE.**
- 8.1** Set the carriage along the vertical shaft, at the depth of the core, to the nearest 1.0 in. Raise the carriage so that the drop scales are suspended above the core. Center the core under the carriage with the finished end at the base of the apparatus.
- 8.2** Lower the carriage so that the drop scales rest on the unfinished end of the core. Determine the length of the core at each drop scale location to the nearest 0.1 in. Record the five readings on the form in Appendix A.
- 8.3** Repeat 8.1 and rotate the core 45 degrees about the principal axis of the core. Repeat 8.2.

**9.0 CALCULATIONS.**

- 9.1** Calculate the average of the 10 readings and report the average as the core length as follows:

$$L = \frac{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 + R_5 + R_6 + R_7 + R_8 + R_9 + R_{10}}{10}$$

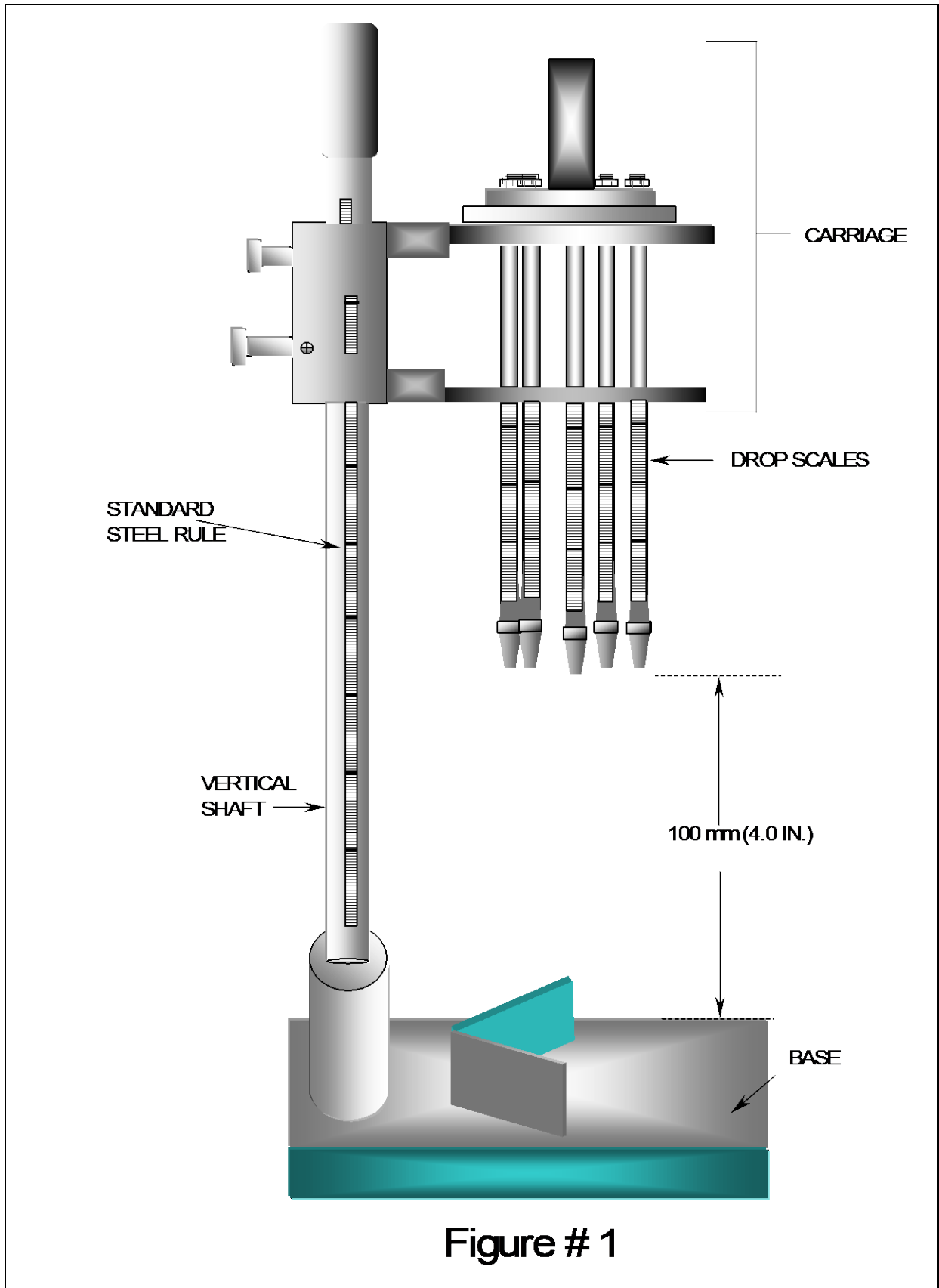
where:

L = average core length

R = core length at an individual measurement

- 9.2** The average core length is reported on the Core Length form (Appendix A)

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