

UNIT 1 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR STRATEGIES

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1. What is the objective of Maintenance. (April/May 2017)(April/May 2018)

Maintenance is the act of keeping something in good condition by- checking or repairing it regularly. Activities include inspection and works necessary to fulfill the intended function or to sustain original standard of service. It is preventive in nature.

2. What are the causes of deterioration? (April/May 2017)(April/May 2018)

- (i) Deterioration due to corrosion
- (ii) Environmental effects
- (iii) Poor quality material used
- (iv) Quality of supervision
- (v) Design and construction flaws.

3. Define inspection and mention its purpose (Nov/Dec 2017)

Some of the useful information may be obtained from the physical inspection of damaged structures, like nature of distress, type of distress, extent of damage and its classification etc., their causes. preparing and documenting the damages, collecting the samples for laboratory testing and analysis, planning for in-situ testing, special environmental effects which have not been considered at the design

stage and information on the loads acting on the existing structure at the time of damage may be, obtained. To stop further damages, preventive measures necessary may be planned which may warrant urgent execution.

4. Write the importance of maintenance?(Nov/Dec 2018)

- Petty repairs, replacement and structural repairs of buildings, white and colour washing distemping and painting at prescribed intervals.
- Repair and renewal of furniture
- Operation, periodical maintenance, repairs and renewals of machinery and equipment for electric and water - supply, air conditioning, refrigeration, vehicles and sewage installations.
- Repair of roads, culverts and resurfacing the roads.

5. How do you classify maintenance of structure?(Nov/Dec 2018)

- Daily, maintenance
- weekly maintenance
- monthly maintenance

6. Distinguish between repair and rehabilitation?(April/May 2017)

Repair	Rehabilitation
The repair of concrete structures may vary between a cosmetic treatment and total replacements. By a proper investigation and well designed equipment. Tools and materials can be reinstated economically, an appropriate repair method can be selected depending upon the cause and extent of damage, importance of the structural elements, and its location.	Support the structural members properly as required. Remove all cracked, spalled and loose concrete. Clean the exposed concrete surface and steel reinforcement. Providing additional reinforcing bars, if the loss in reinforcement is more than 10%.

7.What are the objectives of maintenance?(April/May 2017)

To preserve building

To restore buildings

To make improvements in serviceability

8. Differentiate between maintenance and rehabilitation (Nov/Dec 2017)

Maintenance actions help slow the rate of deterioration by identifying and addressing specific pavement deficiencies that contribute to overall deterioration.

Rehabilitation is the act of repairing portions of an existing pavement to reset the deterioration process.

9. Compare "Preventive maintenance" and "routinemaintenance".(April/May 2019)

Preventive Maintenance	Routine Maintenance
It is the maintenance done to prevent the defects or damage occurs In the structure	The nature of the work done and interval of time at which it is done depends upon specifications and materials of the structure.

10. What are thevarious aspects to be investigated during inspection of building (April/May 2019)

- Electrical Accessories
- Flushing sewer line
- Leakage of water line
- Cleaning Doors, windows, etc
- Checking Septic Tank/Sewer

- Observation for cracks in the elements
- Cleaning of overhead tanks

9. Define Repair.

Repair is the process of restoring something that is damaged or deteriorated or broken, to good condition. Repair is the technical aspect of rehabilitation. This refers to modification of a structure partly or wholly which is damaged in appearance or serviceability.

10. Define Rehabilitation.

Rehabilitation is the process of returning a building or an area to its previous good conditions. Strengthening consists in endowing the structure with a service level higher than that initially planned by modifying the structure including parts which is not necessarily the damaged area.

11. What are the two facets of maintenance?

The two facets of maintenance are

- (i) Prevention
- (ii) Repair

12. How deterioration occurs due to corrosion?

- Spalling of concrete cover
- Cracks parallel to the reinforcement
- Spalling at edges
- Swelling of concrete
- Dislocation
- Internal cracking and reduction in area of steel reinforcement.

13. What are the steps in selecting a repair procedure?

- Consider total cost

- Do repair job in time
- If defects are few and isolated repair on an individual basis. Otherwise do in a generalized manner.
- Ensure that the repair prevents further development of defects.
- In case of lost strength, repairs should restore the strength.
- If appearance is a problem, the number of applicable types of repairs become limited and the repairs must be covered.
- Repair works should not interfere with facilities of the structure.
- Take care in addition of section to a member and in redistributing live loads and other live load moments. After selecting a suitable method of repair, and after considering all the ramifications of its application, the last step is to prepare plans and specification and proceed with the work.

14. Discuss about the environmental effects which leads to deterioration of concrete structures.

Micro-cracks present in the concrete are the sources of ingress of moisture and atmospheric carbon di-oxide into the concrete which attack reinforcement and with various ingredients of concrete. In aggressive environments, concrete structure will be severely affected.

15. What is the effect of selecting poor quality material for construction?

Quality of materials, to be used in construction, should be ensured by means of various tests as specified in the IS codes. Alkali-aggregate reaction and sulphur attack results in early deterioration. Clayey materials in the fine aggregate weaken the mortar aggregate bond and reduce the strength. Salinity causes corrosion of reinforcing bars as well as deterioration of concrete.

16. How can we determine the cause for deterioration of concrete structure?

- Inspect and observe the structure.

- Observe in bad and good weather
- Compare with other constructions in the area or elsewhere.
- Study the problem and allow enough time to do the job.

17. What are the factors to be considered by the designer at construction site?

- Minimum and maximum temperatures
- Temperature cycles
- Exposure to ultra violet radiation
- Amount of moisture
- Wet/dry cycles
- Presence of aggressive chemicals.

18. What are the steps in repair aspect?

- Finding the deterioration
- Determining the cause
- Evaluating the strength of existing building or structure
- Evaluating the need of repair
- Selecting and implementing a repair procedure.

19. Define the fixed percentage method of evaluating the strength existing structure.

It is to assume that all members which have lost less than a predetermined percentage of their strength are still adequate and that all members which have lost more than the strength are inadequate. It usually varies from 15% onwards. Higher values are applicable for piling percentage stiffness, bearplates etc.

20. Discuss about the design and construction errors leading to deterioration of a structure.

Design of concrete structures governs the performance of concrete structures. Well designed and detailed concrete structure will show less deterioration in comparison with poorly designed and detailed concrete, in similar conditions. The beam-column joints are particularly prone to defective concrete, if detailing and placing of reinforcement is not done properly. Inadequate concrete cover may lead to carbonation depth reaching up to the reinforcement, thus, increasing the risk of corrosion of the reinforcement.

21. Discuss about the quality of supervision to be followed at a site.

Construction work should be carried out as per the laid down specifications. Adherence to specified water-cement ratio, controls the strength, permeability and durability of concrete. Insufficient vibration may result in porous and honey combed concrete, whereas excess vibration may cause segregation.

22. What are the possible decisions that can be made after evaluating the strength of a structure?

- To permit deterioration to continue.
- To make measures to preserve the structure in the present condition without strengthening.
- To strengthen the construction.
- If deterioration is exceptionally severe, to reconstruct or possibly abandon it.

23. How can we evaluate the strength of an existing structure by stress analysis?

This method is to make detailed stress analysis of the structure as it stands including allowances for loss of section where it has occurred. This is more difficult and expensive. Here also the first step is to make preliminary analysis by fixed percentage method and if it appears that major repairs will be required, the strength is reevaluated based on detailed stress analysis, considering all contributions to such strength.

24. Define the load test method of evaluating the strength of existing Structure.

Load tests may be required according to the local building conditions. But they should only be performed where computations indicated that there is a reasonable margin of safety against collapse, so that the test will not bring the structure down. Load tests show strengths much greater than computed strengths when performed on actual structures. In repair work, every little bit of strength is important.

25. What are the possible decisions after finding a structure to be inadequate?

- If the appearance of the existing condition is objectionable - repair now.
- If appearance is not a problem
- Put the structure under observation to check if the defect is dormant or progressive.
- If dormant - no repair.
- If progressive - check the feasibility and relative economics of permitting deterioration to continue and performing a repair at some later date or making the repair right away.

26. Briefly discuss about repairing of concrete floor?

- Prior to removal of masonry or concrete floor adequate support and centering should be provided.
- Planks of sufficient strength should be provided to give workmen firm support to guard against any unexpected floor collapse.
- No person should be allowed to work in an area directly underneath and access to such area should be barricaded.

27. When do you go for repair of a structure?

Repair of the concrete structures is decided upon the factors such as

- The cause of damage
- Type, shape and function of the structures
- The type and extent of damage
- The availability of repair materials.

28. Give two methods of semi-destructive testing systems commonly used in construction industry?

- Pullout and pull off test
- Core cutting sampling and testing
- Penetration techniques
- Permeability test

29. What is the pullout test?

In this test either an insert is cast in the concrete or fixed into a hole which is drilled in to the concrete and force required to pullout the insert is measured. This force is correlated with compressive strength.

30. What are the factors that affect cracking?

- Water
- Cement
- Aggregate
- Bleeding
- Improper curing
- Exposure
- Cover.

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more than the strength are inadequate. It usually varies from 15% onwards. Higher values are applicable for piling percentage stiffness, bearplates etc.

32. What do you mean by deterioration?

The process that adversely affects the performance of a structural over time due to defects and damages occurred by naturally occurring chemical, physical or biological actions repeated actions such as those causing fatigues, normal or severe environmental influences.

33. what do you mean by structural cracks?

Structural cracks are those which arise due to incorrect design, faulty construction or verloading. For example, extensive cracking of a RCC beam.

34. Why is inspection needed for a damaged structure?

- To understand the nature of distress and prevent the ingress of same.
- To know the extent of damage
- To eliminate possibilities of damage in near future
- To design repair procedures
- To re-instate the structural integrity of the member
- Maintain the aesthetics of damaged structure

35. What are the factors influencing maintenance?

(i) Cost, (ii) Age of building, (iii) Availability of physical resources, (iv) Urgency of maintenance, (v) Future use, (vi) Social considerations.

36. Define Retrofit and Restoration.

Retrofit:

Actions that improve the strength and other attributes of the integrity of a structure or a member with respect to resisting seismic forces. The structure or member need not be deteriorated. The action is to mitigate the effects of a future earthquakes.

Restoration:

Actions that improve the strength and appearance of a structure. The term is mostly used for historical structures. Restoration may also include repair for a deterioration or damaged structure.

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1. What is preventive maintenance?(April/May 2019)

Preventive maintenance (PM) has the following meanings:

1. The care and servicing by personnel for the purpose of maintaining facilities in satisfactory operating condition by providing for systematic inspection, detection, and correction of incipient failures either before they occur or before they develop into major defects.
2. Maintenance, including tests, measurements, adjustments, and parts replacement, performed specifically to prevent faults from occurring.

The primary goal of maintenance is to avoid or mitigate the consequences of failure of structure. This may be by preventing the failure before it actually occurs which Planned Maintenance and Condition Based Maintenance help to achieve. It is designed to preserve and restore structure reliability by replacing worn parts before they actually fail.

Preventive maintenance means the regularly scheduled repair and maintenance needed to keep a building component operating at peak efficiency and extend its useful life. It includes scheduled activities intended to prevent breakdowns, such as periodic inspections, lubrication, calibrations, and replacement of equipment. Replacing filters in an air-handling unit on a regularly scheduled basis is an example of preventive maintenance. Because prolonging the life of major building systems requires periodic replacement of equipment, preventive maintenance typically requires both capital and operating expenditures.

2. What are the factors influencing the maintenance in buildings? (April/May 2019)

Cost:

The cost of maintenance may at first sight seem to be a simple matter of how much to spend on the material and labour. The cost of maintenance comprises of direct and indirect cost. The maintenance materials vary to a great extent and its cost also varies dramatically. The direct cost in maintenance operations ranges generally from 70% to 90% of the total cost. Before coming to a decision to implement a particular item of maintenance indirect cost factors like restricted access production stopping, safety aspects, availability of time, overhead expenses etc. must also be considered along with the direct cost.

Age of Building:

All buildings and structures consist of materials and components linked together to form the desired unit of accommodation. All such materials and components will start aging from the moment these are used in the building construction. Any building structure constructed will have certain life expectancy since the materials and components wear out. This wearing out will reduce the overall serviceability of the building and also affect its remaining useful life. To obtain the maximum life out of materials, components, services, equipment and the building itself, a planned programme of inspections and maintenance should be established as soon as the building has been constructed.

Availability of Physical Resources:

Physical resources for maintenance of buildings can be defined as all the materials, components, services and equipment which are necessary for maintenance. Therefore, when an item of maintenance is being planned, the availability of all these physical resources must be considered and ensured.

Urgency:

The matter of urgency may outplay other factors when decision is to be taken to carry out a specific maintenance job. An urgent maintenance task may be required for a number of reasons such as the repair of services which, unless rectified immediately, would render them unserviceable, causing a lot of inconvenience. When such a problem arises, the important question which must be addressed is, how urgent is the urgency? Urgency is a relative term and therefore it must be established whether the repairs need to be carried out immediately, within hours or within days. Accordingly, action for maintenance must be undertaken.

Future Use:

The future use of a building as a whole must be considered while deciding when and how much maintenance is to be carried out at any given period of time. If the lease is for a short period and changed occupancy is expected, then maintenance of the building in question must be accordingly planned. If required, some efforts have to be made to carry out the maintenance in the context of the proposed future use.

Social Considerations:

Agencies engaged in maintenance works cause influence on social environment also. The results of good endeavours of maintenance agencies are left behind as an asset to the owner' if no inconvenience is caused to the society and the environment is also maintained clean and safe. The agencies carrying out maintenance activities create disturbances such as noise, safety, dust, smells, and temporary interruption of services. It must, therefore be one of the objectives to recognize the social responsibility. Plan the maintenance in such a manner that the disturbances will be kept to a minimum level, particularly when working within the occupied building.

3. Describe in detail about the various aspect of maintenance. (Nov/Dec 2018)(April/May 2018)

Of the two considerations - prevention and repair, prevention is more important. During construction the defects that may seem minor, will have serious consequences. The design engineer is responsible for the selection of

proper materials suitable for the exposure conditions of site, detailing of the structure in

a manner to prevent serious deterioration at least for the assumed service life and through the inspection staff must insist on proper construction.

These three points - proper materials, proper details, and proper construction require knowledge of what is improper at a site or construction; about the various ways of deterioration and about their causes. But there are some general considerations that should be taken into account for both the construction of new concrete structures and the repair of deteriorated structures. They are as follows.

(i) Match the materials to the environment:

Durability becomes an issue when a material's resistance to deterioration is less than that required to withstand the aggressiveness of the environment in which it is to function. For e.g.: Steel will not corrode in a dry and salt free environment, but it will do so in the presence of moisture and chloride ions.

To ensure the choice of an appropriate material, the environmental conditions to which the material will be exposed must be known so that its behaviour under these conditions can be predicted and addressed in the design. When a designer contemplates using a new material, problems may arise if there has not been sufficient experience with the material to adequately understand its behavior or to allow for the development of standards.

In the absence of standards, several factors should be critically evaluated, among them the relevance of the test data provided in product literature, and the limitations and requirements associated with the environmental conditions of the project.

The following factors should be considered by the designer at the construction site.

- Minimum and maximum temperatures
- Temperature cycles
- Exposure to ultra violet radiation
- Amount of moisture

- Wet/dry cycles
- Presence of aggressive chemicals.

(ii) Combine only materials with similar properties:

Concrete is a solidified mixture of diverse materials. When these materials are incompatible with one another, the concrete cracks and spalls, resulting in unsightly surfaces and the need of expensive rehabilitation work. Materials are considered to be incompatible when the differences in their physical or chemical properties exhibit a state of instability.

For e.g.: Galvanic corrosion is promoted when two metals with different electrochemical properties are combined in a building assembly.

The use of materials with different thermal coefficients or different modulus of elasticity should also be avoided, since they expand and contract at different rates, and their deformation characteristics are significantly different. In both instances, the incompatibility of the selected materials will lead to deterioration of the concrete. When the load is perpendicular to the bond line, the difference in modulus does not cause problems.

(iii) Assess the limitations of a particular material in its functional context:

The selection of materials, particularly those used in repairs, must be based on knowledge of their functions and of the environment in which the materials have to function. Their physical & chemical properties as well as their limitations with respect to installation and performance must also be considered. In particular, the designer should anticipate the degree of abrasion or wear to which a surface will be subjected.

For eg: Parking garages should be designed to resist more abrasion by using special cast concrete and on applied polymeric coating impregnated with an abrasion resistant material such as corundum.

(iv) Protect materials from general deterioration:

In choosing a material the designer should be aware not only of the properties that seem to address the intended function but also the auxiliary properties that did not constitute the basis for selecting the material. For eg: Air entrainment is used to

provide durability with respect to freeze and thaw cycles but it also enhances workability.

Most concrete deterioration can be attributed to water penetration since concrete absorbs moisture until it becomes saturated, preventing entry of water from collecting on surfaces is of prime importance. Moisture fosters deterioration not only where it carries dissolved chemicals that can react with steel, lime and other components in the concrete, it also plays a major role in concrete deterioration through freeze thaw cycles. By providing sufficient slopes and effective drainages, it is possible to prevent water from ponding and thus being absorbed.

Concrete design should accentuate water shedding characteristics for vertical elements. For eg: proper window shades prevent the wall from wetting. Sealing the surface with a penetrating concrete sealing and the use of 50 mm thick reinforcement cover to protect steel are other means of protection.

(v) Design level Factors:

Concrete structures are an assembly of operating systems that experience temperature, air pressure and vapour pressure and gradients. Seasonal and diurnal

fluctuations on outdoor conditions provide variability and direction of the gradients. These operating conditions can accelerate premature failure of the components in

a repair. The relative severity of these factors will vary depending on the use and location of the structure, and the types of repair material used and so on. Predicting these fluctuations and accommodating them at design stage is important.

Allow for change in use in design:

During the service life of a structure, its environment and occupancy may change. As a result, the structure will have to withstand stresses different from those for which it was originally intended. For e.g.: Addition of roof garden to parking lot requires additional protection against ponding of water on the roof of parking lot.

Even though designers allow a large margin of safety in their designs, once deterioration reaches a critical limit, immediate repair is needed to restore the level of performance to its intended level of service. In fact, if the rehabilitation work is not carried out in time, the structure may not be repairable to the required level of service. The execution of such a repair is an exacting, technical matter involving five basic steps.

1. Finding the deterioration
2. Determining the cause
3. Evaluating the strength of existing building or structure
4. Evaluating the need of repair
5. Selecting and implementing a repair procedure.

(i) Finding the deterioration:

Before the repair can be effected, there must be a realization that something is wrong, and the realization must come before it is too late to make a repair, i.e., before the structure has collapsed. For e.g: timbers and timber piling can be damaged by insects or marine organisms, virtually to the point of collapse, without exhibiting any external evidence which would be apparent except to a trained observer. Even a common defect like corrosion of steel can be difficult to detect because if it occurs, principally, in the most inaccessible parts of the structure. The reason is simple. The accessible parts are painted, but the inaccessible parts often are neglected.

The point to be made is that the engineer charged or interested in maintenance must be trained, technically in, where to look, how to look and what to look for, before he can even be expected and realize that there is trouble. Knowing all these requires knowledge of various kinds and causes of deterioration and before checking, the engineer must know all these.

(ii) Determine the Cause:

To select the repair step, the cause has to be identified. In case of concrete, the specific cause might not be known due to several agents acting. What can be done is to eliminate possibilities and design repair procedure for any of the remaining part

of the structure. In such cases the cost will go higher. But it should also be noted that the failure to understand the cause of a defect can lead to the selection of a repair procedure which would be harmful, rather than helpful. There are no set rules for determining the cause but with experience you can determine. For eg: cracks in walls due to foundation settlements run diagonally.

Cracks due to corrosion of reinforcement run straight and parallel at uniform intervals and show evidences of rust, and staining

(b) Observe in bad and good weather

A few tips are as follows:

- (a) Inspect and observe the structure
- (c) Compare with other constructions in the area or elsewhere and be patient
- (d) Study the problem and allow enough time to do the job.

(iii) Evaluate the strength of the Existing structure:

This should be done to know whether it is safe to continue using the structure or limit it to a less severe extent of usage if the structure has not completely deteriorated, the adequacy of determination of strength becomes important. For this the following methods can be used.

(a) Fixed percentage method:

It is to assume that all members which have lost less than some predetermined % of their strength are still adequate and that all members which have lost more than the strength are inadequate. It is usually from 15% onwards; higher values are applicable for piling, percentage stiffness bearing plates etc.

(b) Analysis of the Actual stress condition:

This method is to make detailed stress analysis of the structure, as it stands including allowances for loss of section where it has occurred. This is more difficult

and expensive. Here also the first step is to make preliminary analysis by fixed percentage method and if it appears that major repairs will be required,

the strength is reevaluated based on detailed stress analysis, considering all contributions to such strength.

(c) Load test:

Third step is load test. Load tests may be performed according to the building codes. But they should only be performed where computation indicated that there

is reasonable margin of safety against collapse, lest the test bring the structure down. Load test show strengths much greater than computed when performed on actual structures. In repair work every little bit of strength is important.

Accordingly the use of load test is recommended but with a full and clear understanding of their limitations and range of applicability.

(iv) Evaluate the need of repair:

When the cause of the deterioration has been determined and the strength of the existing structure has been checked, a decision must be made whether.

- (a) to permit deterioration to continue
- (b) to take measures to preserve the structure in its present condition without strengthening.
- (c) to strengthen the construction
- (d) If deterioration is exceptionally severe to reconstruct or possibly abandon it.

These decisions are based on:

- (a) safety
- (b) economy and
- (c) appearance; different decisions may be appropriate for different elements of the same structure.

Case (a): Analysis show that, structure still has adequate strength:

- If the appearance of the existing condition is objectionable - repair now
- If appearance is not a problem then
- Put the condition under observation to check if it is dormant or progressive.
- If dormant - no repair

- If progressive - check the feasibility and relative economics of permitting deterioration to continue and performing a repair at some later date or making the repair straight away.

Case (b) Analysis shows that the strength of the structure currently is inadequate:

- Either repair it or
- Rebuild it or
- Abandon it, partially or completely or
- Consider a change of use.

(v) Select and implement a Repair procedure:

- Select the least expensive that can suit the job

Steps of Repair:

- Consider total cost
- Do repair job in time
- If defects are few and isolated repair on an individual basis. Otherwise do in generalized manner.
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4. Describe the steps in the assessment procedure for evaluate damages in a structure. / With a flow chart explain the procedure for assessing the damages of a distressed structure? (April/May 2019)(Nov/Dec 2018)(April/May 2017) (Nov/Dec 2017) (April/May 2018)

The following steps may be necessary

- (i) Physical inspection of damaged structure.
- (ii) Preparation and documenting the damages.
- (iii) Collection of samples and carrying out tests both in-situ and in laboratory.
- (iv) Studying the documents including structural aspects.
- (y) Estimation of loads acting on the structure
- (vi) Estimation of environmental effects including soil structure integration,
- (vii) Taking preventive steps not to cause further damage'
- (viii) Retrospective analysis to get the diagnosis confirmed
- (ix) Assessment of structural adequacy
- (x) Estimation on future use
- (xi) Remedial measures necessary to strength and repairing the structure,
- (xii) Post repair evaluation through tests
- (xiii) Load test to study the behavior
- (xiv) Choice of course of action for the restoration of structure.

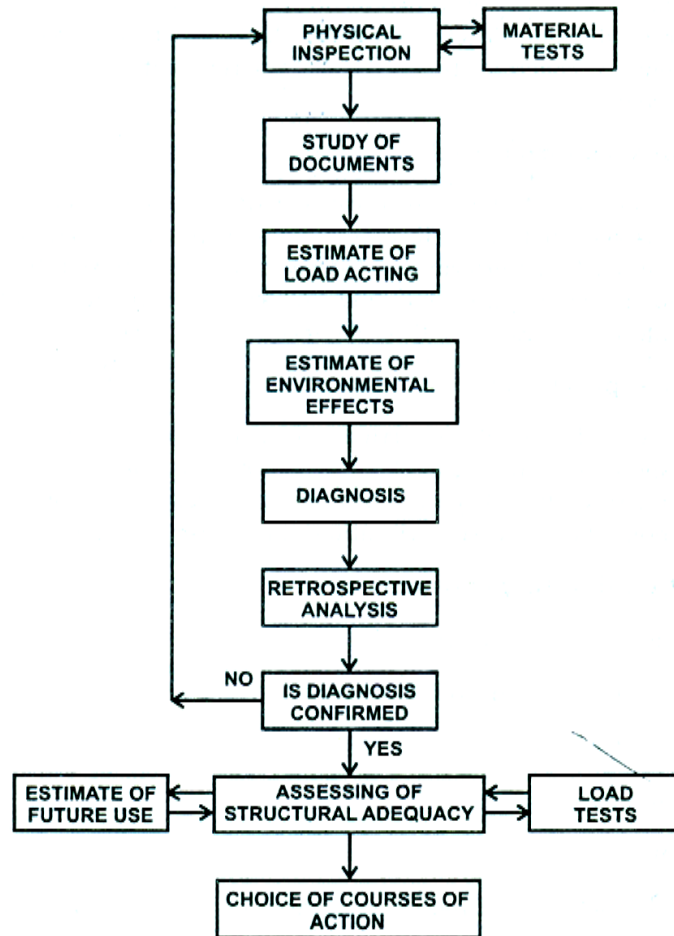


Fig: The steps in the assessment procedure to evaluate damages in a structure.

1.Preliminary investigations

The following data are to be collected:

- 1) Sources and properties of the materials with which the structure was
- 2) constructed.
- 3) Assumptions made in the design and the design calculations.
- 4) The construction procedure adopted, problems during construction, any
- 5) Abnormal observations, details about the work carried out during rainy season, flooding problems at the site, any stoppages of the work, test results of concrete and steel members.
- 6) The results of sub-soil investigations, ground water analysis, foundation systems used in the area, any subsequent excavations in the area adjacent to the structure.

- 7) The general stability of the ground mass, erosion/scour problems, earthquake effects, corrosive atmosphere, floods and vibrations.
- 8) Any changes in the service conditions of the structure, any modifications carried out.
- 9) Quality control and methods of construction.
- 10) Whether the structure will be worth its rehabilitation cost.

2. Analysing the Problem:

With the help of the data collected above the construction engineer should analyse the problem of the structure and arrive at its root cause. This is important for a successful rehabilitation work.

3. Observations for confirming the findings in the Analysis:

This is done by fresh observations. Typical observations will include the following:

- a) Settlement readings on the plinth of the building, pile caps, beams, adjacent
- b) ground, flooring and pipelines.
- c) Tell-Tale strips across cracks or separations
- d) Deviations from plumb-line of columns
- e) Seepage flow-both inward and outward
- f) Mapping of 'honey combs' in concrete

These observations can be done once a day and the data should reach the rehabilitation engineer without delay.

4. Tests to be carried out:

The following tests are to be carried out on the samples taken out from the structure and on the structural members.

- (i) Testing the concrete for the strength of the mix proportions.
- (ii) Sampling and testing of the subsoil.
- (iii) Chemical analysis of the ground water
- (iv) Chemical or x-ray diffraction tests on concrete
- (v) Testing of leached materials

- (vi) Hammer or Ultra-sonic tests on the concrete
- (vii) Load tests on beams or slabs
- (viii) Permeability tests for concrete or masonry
- (ix) Vibration studies-amplitude and frequency

5. Diagnosis and Solution:

Based upon the past information, observations and tests conducted, it is reasonably possible to locate the actual root cause and also to it is reasonably possible to locate the actual root cause and also to select the remedial action. At this stage, various alternative methods of rectification may be studied from the point of view of feasibility, safety, economy and time. The most appropriate method among the various alternatives is chosen.

5.Explain the various causes for deterioration of concrete structures. (OR) Damage classification of structures (or) various causes of distress(April/May 2019)(April/May 2017)(Nov/Dec 2018)

Some of the causes of deterioration of concrete structures are discussed below.

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(v) Deterioration due to corrosion:

- Spalling of concrete cover
- Cracks parallel to the reinforcement
- Spalling at edges
- Swelling of concrete
- Dislocation
- Internal cracking and reduction in area of steel reinforcement.

6. Explain the various categories of inspection based on method and interval . (April/May 2017)

Inspection to be carried out during construction of structure.

Inspection of Buildings Under Construction are required for a variety of purposes, including statutory requirements, which will dictate the frequency and scope of inspection and reporting format, and these must be agreed between the professional and the client.

Foundation stage	
Boundary clearances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • setbacks to all relevant allotment boundaries and other buildings and structures
Excavation of foundation material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dimensions of excavations • profile of soil excavated • bearing surfaces of excavations
Compaction of fill material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • level of compaction • retention of compacted fill
Reinforcement of slab and footing system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • type and placement of steel reinforcing • size and gauge of reinforcing steel • location and dimension of lap store reinforcing steel
Slab Stage	
Termite management system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location and type of physical and chemical barriers • protection of penetrations through footing or slab elements.
Floor levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • finished slab levels to establish heights above flood levels, building height or to accommodate drainage requirements.
Frame Stage	
Floor framing and flooring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • member sizes and spacings • diaphragm bracing and blocking • water proof/resistant flooring to wet areas.
Roof and ceiling framing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • member sizes and spacings • cross-bracing and tie-down • point-loads supported • location and fixing of truss binders • batten fixing and joint location (sheet roofs).

Inspection to be carried out after construction of structure.

At the completion of all aspects of the work the following inspection need to be carried out.

Final Stage	
Site works and drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drainage complies with building development approval and site facilitates drain away from the dwelling and protect adjoining properties from storm water run-off • drainage of retained earth including batters do not impact on the dwelling or adjoining properties

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surface and roofwater discharges to an approved discharge point • finished ground levels adjacent to the dwelling are graded a way • required finished slab heights above external ground level.
Termite management systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sub-floor termite shields and other elements of physical and chemical barriers • exposed slab edges • termite management system notices in required locations.
Damp and weatherproofing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weatherproof coating to external face of single-leaf masonry walls • flashing to wall/roof junctions • location and spacing of weep holes to cavity masonry walls • flashing to door and window openings for sheet-clad external walls.
Fire safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hearth construction around free-standing or open fire place • termination height of chimney • fire-rated construction • construction requirements for bush fire prone areas • operation and location of smoke alarms.
Health and amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ceiling height to stairs, habitable and non-habitable spaces light transmission areas. • natural and mechanical ventilation of rooms • construction of sanitary compartments
Safe movement and access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • balustrade to stairs, balconies, decks, windows and path • of access to a building etc • construction of stair risers and goings • construction of landings and thresholds.
Construction of wet areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water resistant and waterproof construction to wet areas • treatment of wall floor junctions.
Glazing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location and type of glass in accordance with building development approval • location and type of glass for energy efficiency requirements.
Sub-floor ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location and spacing of sub-floor ventilation • area of ventilation openings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ventilation openings to sub-floor internal walls • sealed impervious membrane over ground in excessively damp areas • ground grading. •
Energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • energy efficient lighting and hot water supply systems installed. • energy efficiency requirements as per building development approval.
Water savings measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rainwater tanks or greywater treatment plants installed in accordance with Queensland Development Code MP4.2 • water conservation measures— showerheads, aerators, taps.

7. Distinguish between repair and rehabilitation? (April/May 2017)

Repair	Rehabilitation
<p>The repair of concrete structures may vary between a cosmetic treatment and total replacements. By a proper investigation and well designed equipment. Tools and materials can be reinstated economically, an appropriate repair method can be selected depending upon the cause and extent of damage, importance of the structural elements, and its location.</p>	<p>Support the structural members properly as required.</p> <p>Remove all cracked, spalled and loose concrete.</p> <p>Clean the exposed concrete surface and steel reinforcement.</p> <p>Providing additional reinforcing bars, if the loss in reinforcement is more than 10%.</p>

8. Illustrate the deterioration mechanism (April/May 2019)

Different defects can be involved in the **deterioration of concrete**. The following review provides a brief summary on the most common defects observed in the

existing structures. Normally, one or a number of these defects can be seen in structures; therefore, it is necessary to identify them properly. One needs to understand these different defects properly in order to get more realistic evaluation of the structure.

SCALING

Scaling is referred to the loss of the surface portion of concrete (or mortar) as a result of the freezing and thawing (OSIM, 2008). It is a physical action that usually leaves the aggregates clearly exposed.

Scaling happens when the hydraulic pressure from water freezing within concrete exceeds the tensile strength of concrete. Scaling is more common in non-air-entrained concrete, but can also occur in air-entrained concrete in the fully saturated condition.

DISINTEGRATION

Disintegration is the physical deterioration (such as scaling) or breaking down of the concrete into small fragments or particles.

It usually starts in the form of scaling. It may be also caused by de-icing chemicals, sulphates, chlorides or by frost action.



EROSION

Erosion is the deterioration of concrete surface as a result of particles in moving water scrubbing the surface.

When concrete surface is exposed to the water-borne sand and gravel, the surface gets deteriorated by particles scrubbing against the surfaces. Flowing ice particles can also cause the problem. It is an indicator of poor durability of concrete for that specific exposure.



CORROSION OF REINFORCEMENT

Corrosion is the deterioration of steel reinforcement in concrete. Corrosion can be induced by chloride or carbonation. The corrosion can result in cracking in the concrete cover, delamination in concrete decks, etc.

When the concentration of chloride ions above the surface of reinforcement reaches the threshold limit (which is the amount required to break down the passive film) corrosion begins. The volume of resulting material (rust) is 6-7 times, which increases the stress around the rebar, and causes fracture and cracking. The cracks extend to the surface of concrete over time; that is when we can visually see the sign of rust over the surface of concrete.



Structural Effects of Corrosion

DELAMINATION

“Delamination is defined as a discontinuity of the surface concrete which is substantially separated but not completely detached from concrete below or above it.” Delamination is often identified by the hollow sound by tapping or chain dragging of concrete surface.

The corrosion of reinforcement and subsequent cracking of the cover can cause delamination. When the rebar have small spacing, the cracking extends in the plane of the reinforcement parallel to the exterior surface of the concrete.

SPALLING

Spalling can be considered an extended delamination. In fact, when the delamination continues, the concrete fragments detach from a larger concrete mass.

If delamination is not repaired on time, the progress of damages as a result of external loads, corrosion, and freezing and thawing can break off the delaminated pieces.

ALKALI-AGGREGATE REACTIONS

It is the internal cracking of concrete mass as a result of a chemical reaction between alkalis in the cement and silica in the aggregates. The AAR/ASR cracking are very famous for their crack patterns.

The alkalis in the cement can react with the active silica in the aggregates to form a swelling gel. When this gel absorbs water, it expands, and applies pressure to surrounding environment which makes the concrete crack.



CRACKING OF CONCRETE

A crack is a linear fracture in concrete which extends partly or completely through the member.

Some people believe that concrete is born with cracks; that its ingredients, and how it is produced - from the batching plant to pouring, setting, and curing - is influenced by so many factors that cracking of concrete does not come as a big surprise; and to a great extent, that might be true. Cracking of concrete can happen in different stages: It can happen before hardening of concrete, and it can happen in an old concrete structure:

9. Explain in detail the six facets of maintenance?

- (a) **Emergency maintenance:** Necessitated by unforeseen breakdown of drainage or damage caused by natural calamity like fire, floods, cyclone, earthquake etc.
- (b) **Condition based maintenance** (i.e.) work initiated after due inspection.
- (c) **Fixed time maintenance:** Activities repeated at predetermined intervals of time.
- (d) **Preventive maintenance:** This is intended to preserve by preventing failure and detecting incipient faults (work is done before failure takes place)
- (e) **Opportunity maintenance:** Work done as and when possible within the limits of operational demand.
- (f) **Day to day care** and maintenance.
- (g) **Corrective maintenance:** This is the usual or common method to carry out repair and rehabilitation when an item falls below the level of an acceptable standard. This is called corrective maintenance, e.g., corrosion maintenance, repair of cracks, etc.
- (h) **Shutdown maintenance:** Thorough overhaul and maintenance after closing a facility.
- (i) **Improvement plans:** This is essentially maintenance operation wherein the weak links in the original construction are either replaced by new parts or strengthened.

10. What is maintenance? Explain the facets and importance of maintenance with various inspection procedures?

Maintenance is the act of keeping something in good condition by- checking or repairing it regularly. Maintenance is preventive in nature, Activities include inspection and works necessary to fulfill the intended function or to sustain original standard of service.

Facets of maintenance:

The two facets of maintenance are

(i) Prevention which include emergency maintenance, fixed time maintenance, condition based maintenance, preventive maintenance, opportunity maintenance, day to day care maintenance, corrective maintenance, shutdown maintenance etc.,

(ii) Repair referring to modification of a structure partly or wholly which is damaged in appearance or serviceability.

IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE:

The following are the advantages of good maintenance.

- Improves the life of structure.
- Improved life period gives better return on investment.
- Better appearance and aesthetically appealing.
- Better serviceability of elements and components.
- Leads to quicker detection of defects and hence remedial measure.
- Prevents major deterioration and leading to collapse.
- Ensures safety to occupants.
- Ensures feeling of confidence on the user.
- Maintenance is a continuous cycle and involves every element of buildingscience

11. What is time based maintenance?

Time-based maintenance is maintenance performed on a calendar schedule. This means that time is the maintenance trigger for this type of maintenance. Time-based maintenance is planned maintenance. This means that it can be used with both preventative maintenance and predictive maintenance strategies. A maintenance plan for a piece of work is put together that needs to be performed regularly. An example is the maintenance that is done on an air-conditioner every year before summer. With the maintenance plan in place, the maintenance is performed each time the calendar rolls over the specified number of days.

Advantages:

Easy to implement, no condition monitoring needed.

Decision variable: Time (T).

Maintenance is performed when the unit reaches age T.

A time-based maintenance plan must comprise the following parts, in order for it to be scheduled:

(i) Scheduling data & Scheduling parameters

The maintenance of scheduling parameters is dependent on the maintenance plan type.

(ii) Maintenance cycle

The maintenance cycles and packages contain the time or performance condition when maintenance must be performed.

(iii) Maintenance strategy

A maintenance strategy defines the rules for the sequence of planned maintenance work. It contains general scheduling information, and can therefore be assigned to as many maintenance task lists (PM task lists) and maintenance plans as required.

(iv) Maintenance item(s)

A maintenance item describes which preventive maintenance tasks should take place regularly at a technical object or a group of technical objects.

12. What is condition based maintenance?

Condition-based maintenance (CBM), shortly described, is maintenance when need arises. This maintenance is performed after one or more indicators show that equipment is going to fail or that equipment performance is deteriorating.

Condition-based maintenance was introduced to try to maintain the correct equipment at the right time. CBM is based on using real-time data to prioritize and optimize maintenance resources. Observing the state of the system is known as condition monitoring.

Secondly, introducing CBM will invoke a major change in how maintenance is performed, and potentially to the whole maintenance organization in a company.

CBM has some **advantages** over planned maintenance:

- Improved system reliability
- Decreased maintenance costs
- Decreased number of maintenance operations causes a reduction of human error influences

Its **disadvantages** are:

- High installation costs, for minor equipment items often more than the value of the equipment
- Unpredictable maintenance periods cause costs to be divided unequally
- Increased number of parts (the CBM installation itself) that need maintenance and checking

13. Explain the classification of maintenance?

Daily Routine Maintenance:

- Basically an inspection oriented and may not contain action to be taken.
- Help in identifying major changes, development of cracks, identifying new cracks etc.
- Inspection of all essential items by visual observation.
- Check on proper function of sewer, water lines, wash basins, sinks etc.
- Check on drain pipes from roof during rainy season.

Weekly Routine Maintenance:

- Electrical accessories.
- Cob webs cleaning
- Flushing sewer line
- Leakage 0; water line.

Monthly Routine Maintenance:

- Cleaning doors, windows, latches etc.

- Checking septic tank/sewer.
- Observation for cracks in the elements.
- Cleaning of overhead tanks.
- Peeling of plaster, dampness, flour cracks

Routine maintenance:

- Attending to small repairs and white washing
- Painting of steel components exposed to weather.
- Check of displacements and remedial measures.

Maintenance operations require different approaches for different elements of the structure.

1. Those which should last the life of the structure without requiring attention.

Ex: foundations.

2. Those where improvements and sustained operation level is possible by the replacement of small parts at more or less regular intervals, like waterproofing of roof.

3. Those components which are subject: to wear and tear due to human or mechanical or natural agencies, like flooring.

4. Those components which are proved obsolete as a result of technological advances or to cater to changing tastes of user like sanitary fittings.

5. Those components which are exposed to weather and other natural deteriorating agents.

These operations may involve tackling the following:

- Structural repairs
- Electrical wiring
- Plumbing - water supply - sanitation
- Finishes on floors and walls
- Roof terrace
- Service platform / verandah
- Lifts
- Doors, windows and other elements.

14. Elaborate on the scope and objectives of investigations?

The **scope of investigation** of a defect is dependent primarily on the amount of money and effort that can be spent on it. The scope is further related to:

- Nature of the defect
- The accuracy with which causes of defect needs to be identified
- The main reason for the defect investigation (such as remedial work required).

The scope of investigation becomes wider with uncommon defects and requirements of greater accuracy.

Purpose/ Objectives of Investigations:

Before taking up investigations for assessing the causes of deterioration of building structures/services, it is necessary to understand reasons for carrying out such investigations. The purposes for investigation are:

(i) Legal: Commission of enquiries are normally appointed to go into the reason of such deterioration and failures. The emphasis is on 'who' rather than on "what" went wrong. But more often the aim of these investigations is to find out the "Culprit". If deaths have occurred due to deterioration/failure, these investigations become part of criminal procedures also.

(ii) Insurance Surveys: Many times important works under construction are insured against "Contractor's All-Risk (CAR) Policies", Centering, form-work, and works under water are insured by the contractors against failure risks. Even Architects and Consultants like "Professional Indemnity Insurance" to protect themselves against claims from the clients by insuring their design. Here again the investigations concentrate more on Assessment of damages including damages in terms of money.

(iii) Structural Failures: These investigations are primarily done to find out scientifically what went wrong with regard to design and construction and to pinpoint the cause of deterioration.

15. Explain the different common defects in concrete structures with their causes and effects?

Common building defects and their symptoms

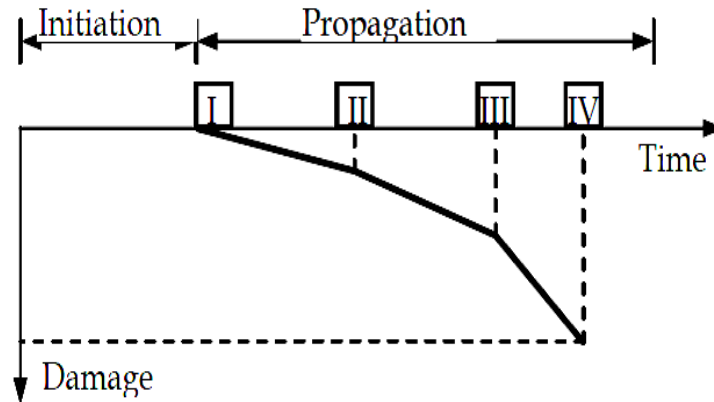
Common Defects	Symptoms/Phenomenon	Possible Causes
<p>Defective concrete</p> <p>(i) spalling or loose plaster in ceilings</p>	<p>Surface with water/rust staining,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •waterleakage •Patterned cracking, •Bulging, <p>falling off of concrete patches with reinforcementexposed,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •often rustyfalling off of plaster/tiles 	<p>Defective concrete as a result of ageing is commonly found in old buildings. Persistent water leakage may affect the steel reinforcement. Weak concrete caused by the use of salty water in concrete mix, or overloading are also common causes in spalling</p>
<p>Water seepage from</p> <p>(ii) external wall, window, roof, or from ceiling</p>	<p>Water staining, Peeling off of paint or wall paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water dripping • Growth of fungus • Defective concrete, plaster or tiles • Rust staining 	<p>External water seepage could be due to a variety of reasons including cracks on external wall, honey comb concrete, defective sealant at window, defective waterproofing membrane at roof, defective external water and drainage pipes, etc</p>
<p>Structural cracks in</p> <p>(iii) walls</p>	<p>Cracks that penetrate through finishes into the concrete or bricks,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Long, continuous cracks across width of wall, •Diagonal cracks at corners of window or door, •Cracks with rust staining 	<p>Structural cracks may be caused by many factors, e.g. excessive movement of the building structure, unwanted ground settlement, serious overloading, weaknesses caused by corrosion/deterioration of materials, or damage by accidents, or poor design/ construction, etc. Detailed investigation must be carried out to identify the cause(s) which must be removed or rectified before the cracks are repaired</p>

<p>on-structural cracks (v) usually in plaster or other finishes with cement sand rendering as base)</p>	<p>airline cracks multi-directional cracks (shrinkage cracks)Cracks between panel walls and structural elements e.g. brick wall and beams/columns</p>	<p>Cosmetic shrinkage cracks in plaster or other forms of finishes will affect the appearance only and do not pose any safety concern. They are small hairline cracks developed within the finishes layer not penetrating down to the reinforced concrete structure</p>
<p>effective external wall (vi) finishes/mosaic tiles/ceramic tiles/stone cladding/curtain wall</p>	<p>debonding of finishes/tiles from wall Structure resulting in "hollow sound" when tapped with a hammer racking of wall surfaces Bulging with hollow base Falling offCracks Loosening of parts</p>	<p>The defects could be due to ageing, structural movements, defective workmanship during installation, thermal movement, defective or missing expansion joints, damage by external factors (e.g. falling objects during typhoon), ingress of water into the gap between the finishes or tiles and the structure, etc.</p>

16. With a graph explain the service life behavior of a concrete structure with respect to maintenance.

Service life models

The service life of concrete structures is commonly modeled as a two stage process, defined respectively as the "initiation" and the "propagation" stage (see Figure). Many studies have already been performed based on these processes over the last decades. The limit state functions (critical failure modes) will be developed based on these physical models.



- I. Initiation
- II. Cracking
- III. Spalling
- IV. Collapse

Initiation Period:

The initiation period is a period during which chloride ingress occurs into the concrete cover until, eventually, depassivation takes place and rebar corrosion starts. Once corrosion of a rebar in concrete has been initiated, phenomena may occur such as reduced rebar cross-section, deterioration of concrete cover, cracking and spalling of concrete, loss of steel-to concrete bond, etc.

If corrosion proceeds at a sufficiently high rate, all of these phenomena may negatively affect performance and eventually structural capacity. Actually, corrosion takes place during the whole propagation period. Initiation of rebar corrosion itself does not necessarily represent an undesirable state, but without initiation the probability of these negative phenomena is absent. This is why in many service life approaches, initiation is taken as an indicator of the need to carry out maintenance; usually preventive maintenance is sufficient to secure all required levels of performance.

Propagation period:

After the initiation of corrosion the propagation begins and this period has two distinct processes. One is that the corrosion flows an electrochemical process

and the other is the physical process due to which damage to concrete occurs. During the propagation period the corrosion progress at a rate depending on the availability of oxygen and moisture.

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