



### Testing of Fly Ash Brick at the site



- Compressive Strength Test
- Drying Shrinkage Test
- Efflorescence Test
- Water Absorption Test

There are two most BIS standard (IS 3495 & IS 10077) is available for testing the Fly Ash bricks.



# **Compressive Strength**



**❖** The minimum average wet compressive strength of pulverized fuel ash-lime bricks shall not be less than the one specified for each class in 4.1 when tested as described in IS 3495 ( Part 1). The wet compressive strength of any individual brick shall not fall below the minimum average wet compressive strength specified for the corresponding class of bricks by more than 20 percent.

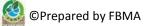
#### Procedure

Place the perforated faces of the brick between two 3-ply plywood sheets each of 3 mm thickness and carefully centered between the plates of the testing machine. Apply the load axially at uniform rate of 14 N/mmsqr ( 140 kgf/cmsqr ) per minute till the failure occurs and note the maximum load at failure. The load at failure shall be the maximum load at which the specimen fails to produce any further increase in the indicator reading on the testing machine.

NOTE - In place of plywood sheets plaster of Paris may be used to ensure a uniform surface for application of load.

Comopressive strength in N/mm sqr ( kgf/cmsqr ) =

MaGmum load at failure in N ( kgf) / Average net area of the two faces under compression in mmsqr ( cmsqr )







## Water Absorption

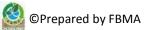


- ❖ The bricks, when tested in accordance with the procedure laid down in IS 3495 (Part 2), after immersion in cold water for 24 h, shall have average water absorption not more than 20 percent by mass up to class 12.5 and 15 percent by mass for higher classes.
- **❖** Preconditioning: Dry the specimen in a ventilated oven at a temperature of 105 to 115°C till it attains substantially constant mass. Cool the specimen to room temperature and obtain its weight (M1). Specimen warm to touch shall not be used for the purpose.

#### Procedure

- ➤ Immerse completely dried specimen in clean water at a temperature of 27 + 2°C for 24 hours.
- ➤ Remove the specimen and wipe out any traces of water with a damp cloth and weigh the specimen. Complete the weighing 3 minutes after the specimen has been removed from water (M2).
- ➤ Water absorption, percent by mass, after 24-hour immersion in cold water is given by the following formula:

$$\frac{M_2-M_1}{M_1}\times 100$$







#### **Efflorescence Test**



- ❖ The bricks when tested in accordance with the procedure laid down in IS 3495 (Part 3), shall have the rating of efflorescence not more than moderate up to Class 12.5 and 'slight' for higher classes.
- **❖** GENERAL
- I. The dimensions shall be measured to the nearest 1 mm.
- II. All apparatus and testing equipment shall be calibrated at frequent intervals.
- III. The number of specimens for the test shall be selected according to IS 5454: 1976.

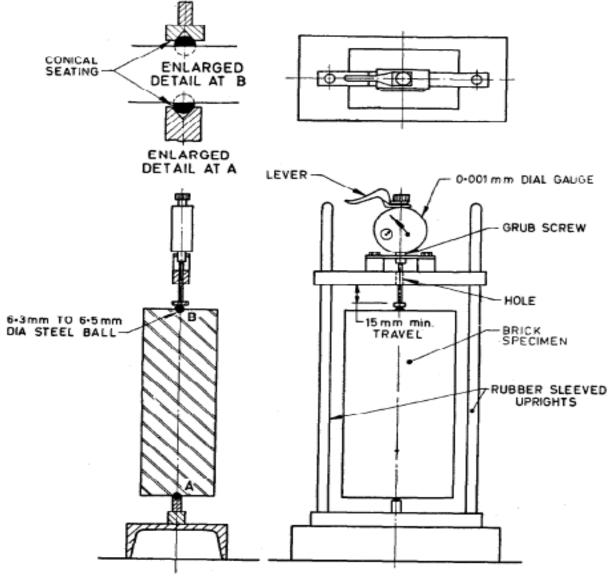
### **Drying Shrinkage**

The average drying shrinkage of the bricks when tested by the method described in IS 4139, being the average of three units, shall not exceed 0.15 percent.



# METHOD FOR DETERMINATION OF DRYING SHRINKAGE







## End-user Challenges: Testing at Site

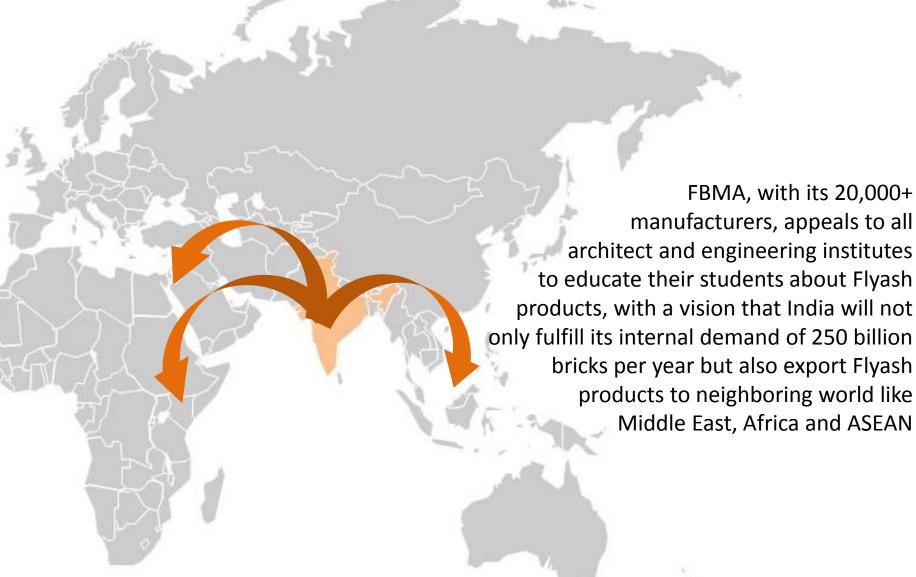


Size	<ul> <li>Check the dimensions of the product to get the number of FAP required per m³, with a tolerance of +2%</li> <li>1m³ of brick work consists of 0.8 m³ of bricks and 0.2 m³ of mortar</li> </ul>
Shape	<ul> <li>Orthogonal shape with smooth faces and sharp edges, with bonding frogs/ grooves</li> </ul>
Colour	<ul> <li>Whether coloured or not coloured, tone shall be uniform through out the product</li> </ul>
Marking	<ul> <li>Each brick shall be marked in a suitable manner with the manufacturer's identification mark or initials</li> </ul>
Strength	<ul> <li>CTM Test: Fill the frog with cement mortar (1:3) 24 hours before testing         <ul> <li>Divide maximum load at failure with total area of the bed face to get the FAP strength</li> </ul> </li> <li>Drop Test: FAP should not break when dropped from a height of 4 ft on flat surface</li> </ul>
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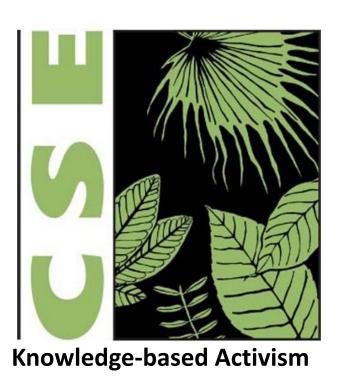


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#### References



- IS 12894:2002 Pulverized Fuel Ash-Lime Bricks Specification
- IS 3115:1992 Specification for lime based blocks
- IS 10049: 1981 (Reaffirmed 2009) Code of Practice for Manufacture of Lime Based Blocks
- IS 2541:1991 Code of practice for preparation and use of lime concrete
- IS 4098:1983 Specification for lime-pozzolana mixture
- IS 5817:1992 Code of practice for preparation and use of lime-pozzolana mixture concrete in buildings and roads
- IS 10359:1982 Code of practice for manufacture and use of lime-pozzolana concrete blocks for paving
- IS 10360:1982 Specification for lime-pozzolana concrete blocks for paving
- IS 10772:1983 Specification for quick setting lime pozzolana
- IS 12654:1989 Code of practice for use of low grade gypsum in building industry
- IS 12679:1989 Specification for By-product gypsum for use in plaster, blocks and boards
- IS 2212:1991 Code of practice for Brick Works
- IS 3495:1992 Compressive Strength of Brick