



**Laboratory Testing, Investigation, and Other Services of CMC: Fee Schedule – 2026**

*(Our prices are based on our experience, quality of our comprehensive report from the depth of examinations, having in-house extensive laboratory facilities to do all the tests mentioned here, report turn-around time, and associated consulting services)*

Tests	Designation	Unit Price (\$)
<b>Hardened Concrete</b>		
Air void analyses (Modified Point Count) *	ASTM C 457	750
Alkali-Carbonate Reactivity – Petrography, Chemical, & XRD	ASTM C 856	1500
Alkali-Silica Reactivity – Detailed Petrography*	ASTM C 856	1750
Alkali-Silica Reactivity - Mortar-Bar Method (Without Pozzolan) *	ASTM C 1260	1500
Alkali-Silica Reactivity – Mortar-Bar Method (With Pozzolan) *	ASTM C 1567	1500
Cement Content	ASTM C 1084	1500
Chloride Analyses – Acid-soluble – Powder Sample*	ASTM C 1152	250
Chloride Analyses – Acid-soluble – Per Section from A Core*	ASTM C 1152	350
Chloride Analyses – Water-soluble – Powder Sample*	ASTM C 1218	250
Chloride Analyses – Water-soluble – Per Section from A Core*	ASTM C 1218	350
Chemical Profiles of Water-Soluble Anions and Cations by Ion Chromatography (IC) or Energy-Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy (ED-XRF) at Three Depths	ASTM D 4327	1750
Density, Absorption, Voids*	ASTM C 642	300
Length Change	ASTM C 157	1750
Petrographic Examinations of Hardened Concrete*	ASTM C 856	2250
Petrographic Examinations of Hardened Concrete (Composite Core) *	ASTM C 856	2750
Petrographic Examinations of Hardened Concrete + Damage Rating Index (DRI)*	ASTM C 856	2750
Petrographic Examination + Scanning Electron Microscopy & Energy-Dispersive X-ray Microanalysis (SEM-EDS) *	ASTM C 856	3000
Petrographic Examinations + SEM + XRD*	ASTM C 856	3500
Resistance to Chloride Penetration (Chloride Permeability) *	ASTM C 1202	750
Sulfate Analyses (XRF)*	ASTM C 114	350
Strength – Compressive*	ASTM C 39/42	250
Specialized Tests as per project requirements	TBD	TBD
<b>Concrete Deteriorations (Quoted prices are project-specific, per sample, estimated)</b>		
Surface Distress – <i>Scaling</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS, Air-Void Analysis, Chloride Profile		\$5000
Surface Distress – <i>Delamination of a trowel-finished surface</i> – Petrography, Air-Void Analysis		\$3000
Surface Distress – <i>Aggregate Popouts, D-Cracking</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS		\$3000
Surface Distress – <i>Dusting, Efflorescence, Staining, Discoloration, etc.</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS, XRD		\$3500
Cracking due to <i>Alkali-Aggregate Reactions</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS		\$3000
Cracking and spalling due to <i>Corrosion of reinforcing steel in concrete</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS, Chloride Profiles		\$4000
Cracking due to <i>Hardened Expansions of Proprietary Grouts</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS, XRD, XRF		\$4000
Cracking due to <i>Oxidation of Iron Sulfide (Pyrite, Pyrrhotite) in Aggregates and subsequent Internal Sulfate Attack</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS, XRD, XRF, Total Sulfur		\$5000
<i>Early Freezing</i> - Petrography		\$2250
<i>Low Strength</i> – Petrography		\$2250
<i>Mix Calculations</i> – Petrography, Air-Void Analysis		\$3000
<i>Admixture Issues</i> – e.g., <i>From Excessive fly ash, Abnormal Setting, etc.</i> – Petrography, Chemical, FTIR		\$4000
<i>Fire attack</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS		\$3000
<i>External Sulfate Attacks</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS, XRD, XRF		\$4000
<i>Internal Sulfate Attacks</i> – DEF, Oxidation of Iron Sulfide – Petrography, SEM-EDS, XRD, XRF		\$4000
<i>Miscellaneous Chemical Attacks</i> – Petrography, SEM-EDS, XRD, XRF, IC		\$4500

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<i>Parking Garage Assessment – Petrography, SEM-EDS, Chloride Profile, Strength, Coating (FTIR)</i>		\$5000
<i>Bridge Deck Assessment – Petrography, SEM-EDS, Chloride Profile/Permeability, Strength</i>		\$4500
<i>Condominium Complex Assessment - Petrography, SEM-EDS, Chloride Profile, Strength</i>		\$4500
<i>Swimming Pool Plaster Deterioration - Petrography, SEM-EDS, Chemical</i>		\$3500
<i>PCCP, BCP, Sewer Pipe Distress – Petrography, Chloride/Sulfate Profile, Absorption, SEM-EDS</i>		\$4500
<i>Coating Failures – Petrography, SEM-EDS, FTIR</i>		\$4500
<i>Floor-Covering Failures – Petrography, SEM-EDS, Chemical Analysis</i>		\$4000
<b>Masonry Units &amp; Masonry Mortars</b>		
Masonry Mortar Analyses* – (1) Petrography (Optical Microscopy), (2) Chemical Analysis (Acid Digestion, Insoluble Residue, Loss on Ignition), (3) Mix Proportion Calculation, (4) Suggestion for Suitable Repointing Mortar, and (5) Investigation of Mortar deterioration, (6) Image Analysis for Sand and Void Contents and Distribution, (7) XRD (for bulk mineralogical composition), (8) ED-XRF (for bulk oxide composition), (9) SEM-EDS for detailed characterization of binders used, and (10) Sand extraction by acid digestion & sieve analysis of sand for compliance to ASTM C 144, photos of sand colors	ASTM C 1324 + RILEM	3000
Brick, Stone, or Concrete Masonry Units* – Petrographic Examinations and XRD	ASTM C 856	2250
Brick Masonry Units* – Absorption & Saturation coefficient to Check Compliance to ASTM C 216 Facing Bricks (Set of 5 half bricks)	ASTM C 67	1500
Brick Masonry Units* – Compressive Strengths to Check Compliance to ASTM C 216 Facing Bricks (Set of 5 dry half bricks)	ASTM C 67	1250
Brick Masonry Units – Efflorescence Test (Set of 10 full bricks)	ASTM C 67	750
Brick Masonry Units – Initial Rate of Absorption (Set of 5 whole bricks)	ASTM C 67	750
Masonry Efflorescence – Detection of Existing Efflorescence (Salt) Deposits on Masonry Walls by XRD	ASTM C 856	750
<b>Aggregates for Concrete</b>		
Alkali-Carbonate Reactivity – Rock Cylinder Method	ASTM C 586	1500
Alkali-Carbonate Reactivity – Petrography †	ASTM C 295	2000
Petrographic Examination - Crushed stone* †	ASTM C 295	3000
Petrographic Examination – Gravel* †	ASTM C 295	4000
Petrographic Examination - Slag †	ASTM C 295	4500
Petrographic Examination – Sand* †	ASTM C 295	2500
Total Sulfur by Combustion IR (Leco Method)	ASTM D 4239	500
Total Sulfur by ED-XRF	ASTM C 114	350
Sulfur Speciation by WD-XRF	ASTM E 1621	1000
Sulfide mineralogy in aggregate by XRD (Qualitative ICDD-Jade Search/Match)	ASTM C 1365	1000
Sulfide mineralogy in aggregate by XRD (Quantitative – Rietveld Analysis)	ASTM C 1365	1500
Detection of pyrrhotite in aggregate by magnetic separation	-	350
Accelerated oxidation test of pulverized aggregate from chemical analysis of filtrates by ion chromatography (IC)	ASTM D 4327	1500
Mortar Bar Expansion Tests – Accelerated Method	ASTM C 1260	1750
Mortar Bar Expansion Test – Length Change Measurements in Water	ASTM C 157	1750
Micro-XRF on Drilled cores from quarry	ASTM C 114	2500
Petrographic Examinations of drilled core from quarry (per 6 in. section)	ASTM C 295	2000
<b>Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipes (PCCP), Sewer Pipe, Clay Pipe</b>		
Absorption, Specific Gravity, Volume of Permeable Voids*	ASTM C 642	300
Chloride Analysis – Water-Soluble - Per Section/Depth*	ASTM C 1218	350
Petrographic examinations*	ASTM C 856	2250
<b>Portland Cement Plaster (Stucco)</b>		
Stucco Analysis (2-coat system) * – Petrographic Examinations to Evaluate the Composition and Condition of Individual Coats, and Investigate Stucco Failures	ASTM C 856	2000 (2-coat) 2500 (3-coat)
<b>Dimension Stones</b>		
Absorption (Set of 3 stones, each 2-in. square)	ASTM C 97	400
Petrographic Examinations of Dimension Stones – Optical Microscopy + XRD	ASTM C 1721	2000

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Petrographic Examinations of Dimension Stones – Optical Microscopy + XRD + SEM	ASTM C 1721	2500
Strength, Compressive (Set of 20 samples, pre-cut to spec. of ASTM C 170)	ASTM C 170	4000
Strength, Flexural (Set of 20 samples, pre-cut to spec. of ASTM C 880)	ASTM C 880	4000
Strength, Modulus of Rupture (Set of 20 samples, pre-cut to spec. of ASTM C 99)	ASTM C 99	4000
<b>Terra Cotta &amp; Architectural Cast Stones</b>		
Petrographic Examinations	ASTM C 856	2000
Petrographic Examinations + XRD	ASTM C 856	2500
Petrographic Examinations + XRD + SEM-EDS	ASTM C 856	3000
<b>Ceramic Tile &amp; Other Floor Covering Failures</b>		
Investigation of De-bonding, Blistering, Discoloration, Cracking, etc. of Floor Covering – Petrography*	ASTM C 856	2250
Investigation of De-bonding, Blistering, Discoloration, Cracking, etc. of Floor Covering – Petrography + SEM-EDS*	ASTM C 856	3000
<b>Pozzolanic and Cementitious Materials</b>		
Chemical Analyses of Hydraulic Cement - Oxides of Si, Al, Ca, Mg, Na, K, Fe, Ti, P, and S by ED-XRF	ASTM C 114	1500
X-ray diffraction (Qualitative)	ASTM C 1365	1000
X-ray diffraction (Quantitative)	ASTM C 1365	1500
<b>Gypsum &amp; Lime Products</b>		
Chemical Analyses – Oxides of Si, Al, Ca, Mg, Na, K, Fe, Ti, P, and S by ED-XRF	ASTM C 114	1500
Petrographic Examinations + XRD	ASTM C 856	2500
Petrographic Examinations + XRD + SEM-EDS	ASTM C 856	3000
<b>Fill Materials</b>		
Petrographic examinations + XRD + XRF	-	3000
<b>Rocks, Sediments, Soils, Meteorites, etc.</b>		
Chemical Analyses - Oxides of Si, Al, Ca, Mg, Na, K, Fe, Ti, P, and S by ED-XRF	-	1500
Petrographic Examinations (Optical Microscopy) – Rocks, Sediments*	-	2000
Petrographic Examinations (Optical Microscopy) - Soils	-	2500
XRD (Semi-Quantitative)	-	1000
SEM-EDS	-	1500
<b>Report of Laboratory Examination &amp; Report Consultation</b>		
Report of Laboratory Examinations by Electronic mail as an Adobe PDF File*	-	FREE
Report of Laboratory Examinations - Modifications	-	250-1000
Phone Consultation after Report Submission	-	250/hr.
Supplemental Report	-	500-1000
<b>Litigation Services</b>		
Principal – Deposition & Trial	-	750/hr.
Principal – Out-of-Office Travel Time - For In-PA Litigation	-	300/hr.
Principal – Air Travel Time - For Out-of-State Litigation	-	Minimum 1250/day
Principal – Document review for expert testimony	-	250/hr.
Principal – Document review and responses for a project (Other than the laboratory report)	-	350/hr.
Secretarial	-	150/hr.
Auto Mileage	-	\$2/mile
Miscellaneous Charges (e.g., Airfare, Hotel, Toll, Parking, Photocopies, Postage)	-	At cost + 15%

Price subjected to change without notice. All above testing prices (except those marked with †) are for standard 4-week TAT. An additional 100 percent premium is added for expedite 2-week report. For some tests, we also offer 5-business-day report at 2.5 times standard rate. †Standard Turnaround for ASTM C 295 is 6 to 8 weeks.

\*Asterisks show the most frequently requested tests.

Litigation services are mostly for court cases in PA. Since COVID pandemic, we do not offer out-of-state litigation anymore. An initial \$5000 retainer fee must be paid prior to the involvement of litigation services.

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## Information Needed to Initiate A CMC Project

1. Contact person(s) knowledgeable on the project - Name, Phone, Fax, Email address, Mailing address, and Company information for direct and other clients
2. Bill-to information for invoice and payment
3. Ship-to information for sending the Final Report (if hard copy is requested) & samples after testing
4. Full Name and Address of the Project (e.g., Street, City, & State)
5. Your Project Number (if available)
6. Testing Requested (e.g., Petrography, Air Content, Chloride Content/Permeability, etc.)
7. Reason(s) for the Requested Testing (e.g., If there a problem; Nature and Extent of the problem, etc.)
8. Detailed background Information, e.g. (i) Nature of the problem, if any, (ii) When the problem was first noticed, etc., (iii) Time of installation (e.g., month, year, season, age), (iv) Location/environment (e.g. indoor vs. outdoor, wall vs. floor, if it exposed to a freezing and thawing environment or a chemically aggressive environment), (v) Mix design, MSDS data sheets, Specification, etc., (vi) Previous testing results (e.g., strength results, air, slump, temperature, weather condition during placement, etc.), (v) Any other relevant information not mentioned here
9. Field photographs showing – (i) condition of the structure in question, the nature of the problem, if any, and (ii) sample locations with the extracted samples (either on a CD, or a flash drive, or by email)
10. What would you like to do with the sample(s) after testing is completed (i.e., Toss or Return)? Final report will not be emailed until sample return/disposal is confirmed in writing.
11. Label your samples properly (e.g., Sample ID, which side is top/exposed, good vs. bad samples, etc.).
12. Ship your samples securely with adequate bubble wraps – no peanut wrap please.
13. Mention the turn-around time (TAT): 4-week Standard, or 2-week Expedite at 2-times standard rate, or 5-business-day report at 2.5-times standard rate.
14. Include a paperwork (despite all prior email communications) of Project Transmittal in the sample box.
15. **All New Clients Are Requested to Pay in Full Prior To The Release of the Report.** All Existing Clients have a 30-Day Pay Period.
16. Testing will not begin until a receipt of the signed and approved Cost Proposal (which will be provided via email when our Lab receives the sample(s).