Chicora Foundation Gas Displacement Mortar Analysis Data Sheet

Repointing Mortar, E. Thayer

Name: Tomb Sample No.: 2010-02

Date: 8/12/10 Origin of Sample: Elm Street Cemetery, Braintree, MA

Visual Description of sample (color, texture, hardness, inclusions, etc.):

Gray (2.5YR5/1) with the appearance of a Portland cement. Moderate amounts of inclusions with few large items (largest was about 7.25 mm in diameter). Semi-rough texture with some large inclusions sitting on the surface. Easily broken, but not friable.

Mortar Analysis

Original weight of powdered sample (in g)	10.00	
Weight of filter paper (in g)	0.89	
Weight of filter paper + dry fines (in g)	2.12	
Weight dry fines (in g)	1.23	Sand Grain Size Analysis
Weight of dry sand (in g)	6.71	30
Gas Displacement (in ml)	0.13	25 20
Weight of lime (in g)	0.00	% 15
% of sand	67.10	10
% of fines	12.30	5 0
% of lime	0.01	4.75mm2.36mm1.18mm600μm 300μm 150μm 75μm 53μm Grain Size
% of acid solubles	20.59	Statif 6126

Observations (dissolution of binder, color of liquid, reaction):

Not immediately aggressive; liquid turned a dark green. Reaction relatively short-lived with isolated bubbles for an additional 10 minutes.

Characterization of Sand:

			wt (gm)	%
Microscopic Examination:	wt./% finer than	4.75mm	0.11	1.639344
Subrounded to angular; quartz, quartzite, mica.		2.36mm	1.26	18.77794
		1.18mm	1.87	27.86885
		600µm	0.79	11.77347
		300µm	1.68	25.03726
		150µm	0.64	9.538003
		75µm	0.28	4.172876
		53µm	0.08	1.19225
		38µm	0.00	0
	Total sand weight		6.71	

Munsell Color(s) of Sand: gray (2.5YR5/1)