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# Experimental Analysis on Partial Replacement of Cement by Glass Powder and Using of Steel Fiber

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**Abstract:** Concrete consists of fine aggregate, coarse aggregate, water, and optional admixtures, such as Portland cement or another hydraulic cement. Because of its massive resource consumption, the concrete industry poses a serious danger to the sector's long-term viability. The concrete industry is struggling in part because of concerns about the environment and the economy. Many studies are currently being conducted on the utilisation of waste materials like Pulverised Fly Ash (PFA) and Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag (GGBS) as supplemental cementitious materials. Similar to PFA and GGBS, waste glass powder can be used to partially substitute cement during the hydration reaction. To some extent, waste glass can substitute cement in concrete and contribute to strength development if it is ground to a very fine powder and demonstrates pozzolanic properties due to its high SiO<sub>2</sub> content. This research examined the Compressive, Tensile, and Flexural strengths of concrete that had been aged for up to 60 days with concrete that had been partially replaced with Glass Powder at percentages ranging from 0% to 40%. The aggregate test findings suggest that Waste Glass Powder could be used as a suitable cement replacement in construction projects. Fibre reinforced concrete (FRC) is a composite building material made from small, discontinuous fibres that are randomly distributed throughout the concrete part. Steel, glass, and polymer fibres, as well as fibres originating from natural sources, are the most common types of fibre used in cement-based composites. The tendency of fibres to be more closely spaced than traditional reinforcing steel bars makes them more effective at preventing cracking. It's important to note that fibre is not a suitable replacement for steel bars when reinforcing concrete.

**Keywords:** Concrete, Glass powder, Cement replacement, Steel fiber, Strength, Sustainability, Pozzolanic properties, Fiber reinforced concrete (FRC), Durability, Crack control.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a global construction staple. In terms of global consumption, it is second only to water. Concrete with a standard blend of fine and coarse aggregate is the cement used. However, there are inevitable ecological concerns connected to its application that should not be ignored. Large-scale production typically includes massive quantities of standard asset characteristics. When concrete is made, a large amount of carbon-dioxide gas is released into the atmosphere, contributing significantly to the hazardous atmospheric deviation and nursery impact. The production of one tonne of concrete releases one tonne of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, accounting for around 7 percent of the world's total annual output of CO<sub>2</sub> (Meyer, 2004). In India, concrete is a common building material, and its production has a comparable effect on the environment.

Glass is a nonliving material that may be used repeatedly without degrading or altering its chemical composition. Waste glass powder, crushed to a precise size, can be used in place of concrete in a number of contexts apart from the production of new glass. Glass, a silica-based substance with an open structure, has potential uses in the concrete industry. This study presents preliminary research findings on the use of glass powder as a concrete replacement. Waste glass powder's successful implementation in substantial will boost the use of such irregular materials, which are often of regional or local origin.

Fibre reinforced concrete (FRC) is a composite building material made from small, discontinuous fibres that are randomly distributed throughout the concrete part. Cement-based composites typically employ fibres sourced from steel, glass, polymer, or natural resources. The tendency of fibres to be more closely spaced than traditional reinforcing steel bars makes them more effective at preventing cracking. It's important to note that fibre is not a suitable replacement for steel bars in reinforcing concrete.

Concrete is the backbone of the worldwide building industry and the second most used substance on Earth after water [1]. Its significance, however, is accompanied with environmental worries due to the substantial use of resources and the release of carbon dioxide during its manufacturing [1]. Because of the negative effects on the environment, scientists have been looking at greener options. Partial cement replacement with waste materials like glass powder has been investigated as a means to improve concrete's durability and strength [1].[2].

Glass powder's pozzolanic properties could make it a cementitious material [2]. Its core properties remain after recycling and construction [2]. Fibre reinforcement, which includes steel fibres, has also improved concrete's mechanical qualities, improving fracture control and lifespan [1][3].

Building materials research is ongoing. Er Manoj Kumar Meena et al. (2018) used glass powder instead of cement and examined how it affects concrete strength and properties [1]. Yajurved Reddy et al. (2016) investigated utilising synthetic sand in concrete instead of natural sand [2]. Pereira de Oliveira et al. (2008) investigated how waste glass particles and fly ash improve concrete strength [3]. These studies demonstrate how seriously individuals take using less material and building better [1][2][3]. Environmental responsibility and construction excellence shape research.

#### A. *Need for Study*

- 1) Waste glass powder increases compressive, ductile, and flexural strength.
- 2) This technique can also reduce construction costs because glass powder is cheaper than concrete.
- 3) This concrete substitution material can also reduce the problem of non-degradable waste.
- 4) A better understanding of the display of a non-standard concrete substitution material like glass powder could increase its use, increasing supportability.
- 5) Fibres and continuous reinforcing steel bars have various roles in innovative concrete technology, and both should be used in numerous applications.

#### B. *Scope*

- 1) Concrete production requires massive asset depletion and high costs.
- 2) To reduce concrete use since it releases CO<sub>2</sub>, causing abnormal weather change. Substituting materials for practical concrete is great.
- 3) This study uses discarded glass powder to determine compressive strength, rigidity, flexural strength, and cost.
- 4) □Most concrete reinforcing uses steel fibre (SF). SFs first inhibit concrete plastic and drying shrinkage. SFs in concrete increase its flexural toughness, energy absorption capacity, ductile behaviour before failure, reduced cracking, and durability.

#### C. *Objective*

- 1) At 7, 14, 21, and 28 days of curing, concrete mixes with and without glass powder were tested for compressive strength, flexural strength, split tensile strength, and alkalinity.
- 2) Halfway substitution of concrete with glass powder (10%,20%,30%, and 40%) and apparent cement (0%).
- 3) To test steel fiber's concrete property enhancement.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### A. *Cement*

Cement has sticky and cohesive qualities due to its hardened state. It is a powdered building ingredient consisting of calcined limestone and clay, and it is combined with water and sand or gravel to create mortar and concrete. When water is added to cement, it hardens. There is a one-to-one relationship between cement and strength standards. Walls, bricks, R.C.C. work, plastering, etc. all benefit from using cement.



Fig.1. Cement

#### B. *Coarse Aggregates*

Concrete and other building materials would be useless without the use of coarse aggregates. Construction aggregates are bigger particles of diverse materials used to increase the strength, stability, and longevity of a building's foundation, walls, and other structural elements. Concrete is made by combining these materials with cement, water, and fine aggregates (like sand). The aggregates used in the mix play a major factor in the concrete's final strength. Aggregate that is 20mm in size and is retained on a 12.5mm sieve.





Fig.2. Coarse aggregate

### C. Fine Aggregate

Together with coarse aggregates, fine aggregate plays a pivotal role in concrete and other construction materials. The standard definition of fine aggregates is any material that can be sieved using a 4.75 mm (0.187 in) mesh size sieve. They are crucial to the improvement of concrete's workability, strength, and durability.



Fig.3. Fine aggregate

### D. Glass Powder

Glass powder, manufactured from recycled glass, is now sold in area stores. Used glass is an extremely robust material. Adding powdered glass to concrete requires grinding the glass to a size between 150 and 300 microns in diameter. Separately from the dry mixing of the other materials, glass powder is added to the cement. Glass powder was found to have a specific gravity of 2.69. This is significantly lower than the Portland cement threshold of 3.15. Glass is a transparent substance made by melting a mixture of materials at a high temperature, such as silica, soda ash, and  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , and then allowing the mixture to cool without crystallising. Glassware, sheet glass, bottles and vacuum tubing are just a few examples of the many produced objects that put glass to use in our daily lives. The ever-increasing demand for glassware has led to a corresponding rise in the quantity of waste glass produced.

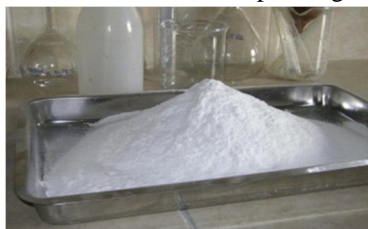


Fig.4. Glass Powder

### E. Steel Fibres

Aspect ratios in the range of 40–80 are currently in use; fibres are typically spread uniformly across a particular cross section, while reinforcing bars or wires are added only when necessary. Unlike continuous reinforcing bars or wires, steel fibres are both short and densely packed. When compared to a network of reinforcing bars or wires, steel fibres cannot usually provide the same ratio of reinforcement area to concrete area. As little as 1% by volume of steel fibres added to concrete has been demonstrated to significantly reduce plastic shrinkage cracking. Although steel fibres do not normally affect free shrinkage of concrete, they have been shown to increase resistance to cracking and decrease fracture width at high enough dosages (Shah, Weiss, and Yang, 1998).



Fig.6. Steel fibers (hooked end)

### III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

#### A. Specimens Casted

The beam estimate has been used to guide the installation of the wooden formworks and the tying up of the necessary reinforcement. To prevent formwork from coming into touch with reinforcement, coverings are being provided. The beam estimate has been used to guide the installation of the wooden formworks and the tying up of the necessary reinforcement. To prevent formwork from coming into touch with reinforcement, coverings are being provided. Below is a diagram detailing the formwork and reinforcement that was provided.



Fig.7. Prepared Beam

#### B. Load vs Deflection Results

After curing for 28 days, the control mix, glass powder, and steel fibre in the M30 grade concrete beam are removed and thoroughly cleaned. Load-deflection curves can be generated by fixing the beam to its supports.

Table 1. Load Deflection Values

Load (KN)	Deflection (mm)			
	0 % of Glass powder and 0% of S.F	10 % of Glass powder and 1% of S.F	20 % of Glass powder and 3% of S.F	30 % of Glass powder and 5% of S.F
0	0	0	0	0
2	3	2.3	2.4	2.1
3	4.7	2.9	2.6	2.3
4	6.4	3.1	3.8	3.1
5	8.6	3.6	3.9	3.6
6	12	3.9	4.1	4.3
8	15.4	4.2	4.2	4.4
9	17.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
10	18.8	4.9	5.0	5.0
11	19.9	5.1	5.1	5.3
12	-	6.3	5.3	5.9
14	-	8.9	5.9	6.3
15	-	10.1	7.1	7.5
16	-	12.2	8.2	8.3
17	-	13.2	9.2	9.8
18	-	-	10.3	10.9
19	-	-	11.3	11.6
20	-	-	12.3	12.6

**C. Glass and Fibre Replacement On Concrete Compressive Strength**

The study determines how much glass powder and fibre can replace cement in M30 concrete. As cement replacement, 0%, 10%, 20%, 30% glass powder and 0%, 1%, 3%, 5% fibre were added. Table 2 shows compressive strength results.

Table 2. Compressive strength for different % of Glass powder and fibre added to concrete

Percentage replacement of Glass powder and fibre in M30concrete	Load in Tonnes	Comp. strength (N/mm2) 7 days	Average comp. Strength (N/mm2)	Load in Tonnes	Comp. strength (N/mm2) 28days	Average comp. strength (N/mm2)
30% & 5%	48.67	21.22	21.07	80.98	35.31	36.11
	50.48	22.01		82.31	36.18	
	46.72	20.37		84.56	37.06	
20% & 3%	50.49	22.02	22.1	81.23	35.67	35.60
	58.62	25.56		80.03	34.82	
	49.81	21.72		81.96	35.83	
10% & 1%	61.98	27.02	27.04	82.65	36.62	34.87
	62.04	27.04		75.02	32.70	
	62.13	27.08		81.45	35.31	
Conventional mix	59.32	25.86	25.75	76.99	33.57	33.27
	58.94	25.69		74.65	32.26	
	59.01	25.72		78.90	34.00	
10% & 0%	55.23	24.08	23.95	70.98	30.95	27.90
	54.92	23.94		64.67	27.90	
	55.67	23.84		56.04	24.85	

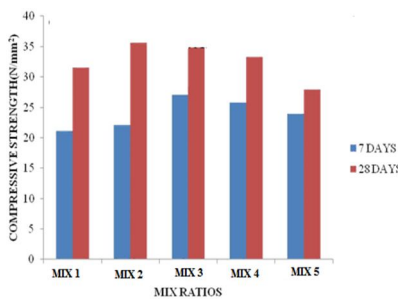


Fig 8. Variation of compressive strength for different % of Glass powder and fibre added to concrete

**D. Effect of Replacement Of Glass Powder And Fibre On Split Tensile Strength And On Flexural Strength.**

These values are plotted in table 3, which show the variation of split tensile strength at different curing period.

Table 3. Split tensile strength for different % of Glass powder and fibre added to concrete.

Percentage replacement of Glass Powder and fibre in M30 concrete	Split tensile strength (N/mm2) 7 days	Average Split tensile strength (N/mm2)	Split tensile strength (N/mm2) 28 days	Average Split tensile strength (N/mm2)
30% & 5%	2.08	2.35	3.33	3.46
	2.35		3.60	
	2.63		3.46	
20% & 3%	2.08	2.22	3.05	3.14
	2.35		3.60	
	2.22		2.77	
10% & 1%	2.08	2.035	2.77	2.82
	2.08		2.77	
	1.94		2.91	

E. Flexural Strength

Table 4. Flexural strength for different % of Glass powder and fiber added to concrete

Percentage replacement of Glass Powder and fibre in M30 concrete	Flexural strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) 7 days	Average Flexural strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) 7 days	Flexural strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) 28 days	Average Flexural strength (N/mm <sup>2</sup> ) 28 days
30% & 5%	2.38 2.95 3.13	2.82	4.48 4.32 4.45	4.42
20% & 3%	2.38 2.95 3.62	2.98	3.45 3.52 3.39	3.45
10% & 1%	2.21 2.65 2.01	2.29	3.42 3.59 3.50	3.50

IV. CONCLUSION

Glass powder and steel fibres alter cement and concrete characteristics. Coarser aggregates require less water because fineness modulus increases. Compression and tensile strength were tested 7, 14, and 28 days after casting. Steel fibres improve concrete properties. Compression strength was 36.62 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and tensile strength 2.21 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. Fineness modulus lowers cement mortar drying shrinkage. Admixture increases compressive and binding strength of mortar. Due to lower water cement ratio. Plastering Sand with a superior particle size distribution, maximum particle size of 2.36 mm, and Fineness Modulus between 1.8 and 3.8 makes better plaster mortar. This project tests the flexural strength of steel fibre concrete beams with glass powder in a loading frame. Testing yields the ultimate load, deflection, and flexural strength, which are summarised and the following conclusions drawn. This project's experimental results lead to these conclusions.

Concrete mixtures with and without glass powder were tested for compressive, flexural, split tensile, and alkalinity at 7, 14, 21, 28, and 60 days. Glass powder added concrete with 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, and 25% GLP for M30 grade as a partial cement replacement was tested for strength. Concrete with 15% GLP has the maximum compressive and flexural strength. The graph and table below demonstrate compressive strength, flexural, split, and alkalinity test results for M30 concrete with 0%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, and 25% glass powder replacement. Increased alkalinity minimises reinforcement corrosion and increases above strengths.

- 1) Waste glass powder's finer particle size increases cement activity and concrete mix compressive strength.
- 2) 150-µm glass powder starts alkali aggregate reaction.
- 3) The study reveals that superior glass powder can replace cement in concrete.
- 4) Glass powder reduces concrete workability. Experimental concrete slumps 80–100 mm.
- 5) At 15%, 10%, and 5% glass powder replacement, compressive, tensile, and flexural strengths were highest.
- 6) Sample pH averaged 12.59. Alkaline samples resist corrosion and rust.
- 7) More glass powder reduces water absorption and bulk dry density.
- 8) Waste glass is cheap and abundant, making it a good material for waste glass disposal.
- 9) The foregoing result shows that 15% cement substitution by glass powder is optimum.
- 10) Plasticizers can be used to improve workability, strength, and durability for long-term glass powder replacement studies.

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