DESIGN AND TESTING OF CLASSES "A" AND "B" CEMENT TREATED BASES

A. SCOPE

The procedure for determining the proper cement and moisture contents to be combined with available aggregates in the preparation of cement treated bases is described in this test method. Procedures for determining compressive strengths of test specimens and for determining relative compaction of cement treated bases are also described.

This test method is divided into the following parts:
I. Preparing Laboratory Processed Materials.
II. Field Sampling and Preparation Procedures.
III. Fabricating and Curing Test Specimens.
IV. Determining Optimum Moisture, Cement Content and Test Maximum Density.
V. Determining Compressive Strength.
VI. Calculating Percent Relative Compaction.

PART I. PREPARING LABORATORY PROCESSED MATERIALS

A. SCOPE

The preparation of aggregates and the batching and mixing of materials for fabricating compressive strength test specimens is described in this part.

B. APPARATUS

1. Scales, 5,000 gram capacity, accurate to 1 gram.
2. Water spray metering device with turntable.
3. Mixing pan and trowel or spoon.

C. PREPARING LABORATORY PROCESSED MATERIALS

1. Aggregate samples submitted for cement treatment tests are divided into three categories:
   a. Processed. Materials which will not be subjected to any further processing prior to mixing with cement, such as bin samples, windrow samples and some stockpile samples.
   b. Unprocessed. Materials which will require additional processing to attain a satisfactory grading such as pit samples, quarry samples and some stockpile samples which require scalping, crushing, blending, etc.
   c. In-place. Materials which are part of an existing road which will be scarified, pulverized and mixed with cement.
   2. Initial preparation of all samples is to be done in accordance with California Test 201, except that in-place materials containing lumps of bituminous mix should have the lumps reduced in size to pass a one-inch sieve and no sieve analysis is required.
   3. Determine the moisture content of representative samples of coarse and fine aggregates according to the procedures described in California Test 226.
   4. Determine the desired grading for the sample.
      a. The grading as determined on a sample prior to any adjustment such as scalping, wasting or crushing, is known as the "as received" grading. Before a material can be tested, it is often necessary to adjust the grading either to meet specifications or to eliminate material too large to test. This adjusted grading is referred to as the "as used" grading. See California Test 105 for methods of adjusting grading. In cases where 100 percent of the material as received passes the 1 inch sieve and no adjustments are necessary, the "as received" and the "as used" gradings will be the same.
      b. Using the sieve analysis of the sample or samples to be tested, design the mix to conform to the specified grading limits by blending or adjusting as necessary. Designing to a smooth grading curve approximately in the middle of a specified range is desirable but not always essential. General practice is to produce the best possible grading within the specification limits with the material on hand, but any adjustment should be such that it can be duplicated under actual field conditions.
      c. In cases where an aggregate size larger than 1 inch maximum is specified, waste (scalp) the aggregate retained on the 1 inch sieve.
   5. Estimate the required amount of material necessary to fabricate a 4 inch diameter x 4 inch high test specimen.
      a. Most well graded aggregates have dry densities within the range of 130 to 145 pounds per cubic foot. Density of the aggregate can be estimated fairly close with some experience.
      b. To convert the estimated density to total
weight, in grams, of aggregate and cement required for a 4 inch x 4 inch test specimen, the following formula may be used: 

\[ W_g = 13.2 \times \frac{W_f}{100 + C} \]  

Where: 

- \( W_g \) = Dry weight of aggregate.  
- \( W_f \) = Dry density in pounds per cubic foot of compacted test specimen.  
- \( C \) = Percent of cement in the mix.  

Using a total dry weight of 1716 g. and a cement content of 5 percent, substitute in above formula.

\[ W'_g = \left( \frac{1716}{(100 + 5)} \right) \times 100 \]  

Subtracting the aggregate weight from the total dry weight gives the weight of cement.

\[ 1716 - 1634 = 82 \text{ g. of cement.} \]

c. In order to simplify the procedure for calculating the amount of aggregate and cement to be used in fabricating one 4 inch x 4 inch test specimen, Table 1 is provided. This table gives dry weights of materials in grams required to produce one 4 inch x 4 inch test specimen with cement contents varying from 2 percent to 8 percent by weight, and densities varying from 107 to 150 pounds per cubic foot. If quantities of material are needed to make specimens with a density lower than 107 or higher than 150 pounds per cubic foot the above formula must be used. All the specimens shall have a measured height after compaction of 4.000 ± 0.200 inches.

To obtain weight of aggregate, subtract weight of cement from total weight of cement and aggregate.

**Example:**

Assume a density of 130 lb. per cu. ft. and a cement content of 5 percent. From Table 1,

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Weight of aggregate = 1.716 - 82 = 1,634 g.

6. Convert the desired grading of the material to percent of the sample in each increment size.

7. Calculate the required dry weights of each increment size on the basis of the total weight estimated in Section C-5.

8. Adjust the batch weights to compensate for the moisture in the material and record the cumulative weights.

9. Separate the passing No. 4 material into representative portions of the approximate quantity needed for each specimen. Weigh out the exact amount of passing No. 4 material according to the batch weights calculated in Section C-8.

10. Recombine the coarse and fine aggregates according to the batch weights calculated in Section C-8.
11. Mix the individual test specimens in the following manner:
   a. Mix together the proper proportion of aggregates and cement prior to adding water. After the dry ingredients are thoroughly mixed, add the required amount of water and continue mixing until all of the aggregates are coated. The required amount of water to be added to the aggregates and cement is determined by the procedures outlined in Part IV.
   b. Any mechanical mixer which will produce a homogeneous mix may be used, or the materials may be mixed with a trowel or spoon in a mixing pan.
   c. After mixing, place the aggregate-cement-water mixture in a can and cover with a tight fitting lid for a period of one hour $\pm$ 15 minutes before compacting the individual test specimens.

12. Figure 1 shows a sample form for calculating batch weights and for recording fabrication data.

## PART II. FIELD SAMPLING AND PREPARATION PROCEDURES

### A. SCOPE

The methods for sampling and preparing cement treated base mixtures for fabrication of test specimens are described in this part.

### B. APPARATUS

1. Shovel.
2. Closed container.
4. Scales, 5000 gram capacity, accurate to 1 gram.

### C. SAMPLING AND PREPARATION OF CEMENT TREATED BASE MIXTURE

1. Obtain a representative sample of the cement treated base mixture from the street immediately before the first pass of the roller. Obtain at least enough material to fabricate two compressive strength specimens and a moisture sample. Record the location of the sample site and the time the water, cement and aggregate were mixed.
2. Place the material in a closed container for transportation to the point of fabrication. The test specimens must be fabricated one hour $\pm 15$ minutes after water is mixed with the cement and aggregate. When initial rolling is started more than one hour after mixing, sample the cement treated base mixture immediately before the first pass of the roller and fabricate the test specimens as soon as possible.
3. When the aggregate contains particles larger than one inch, screen the sample through a one inch sieve and discard all aggregate retained on the one inch sieve. Only the minus one inch material is used for making test specimens.
4. Obtain representative portions of material needed for a moisture determination and for fabricating two test specimens. See Part I for a description of how to estimate the weight of material needed for test specimens.
5. Carefully adjust the amount of material to obtain the weight required for each test specimen.
6. Determine the moisture content of the material according to the procedures described in California Test 226.
7. If the moisture content of the sample is not within the proper range, it should be adjusted according to the procedures described in Part IV.
8. Fabricate two test specimens according to the procedures described in Part III.
California Test 312
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Dry Density = \(30.3 \times \text{Adjusted Wet Wt.} \times \left(\frac{100 + \% \text{Moisture}}{\text{Height}}\right)\)

Compressive Strength, psi = \(\frac{\text{Total Compressive Load}}{12.57}\)

or

\(\text{Total Compressive Load} \times 0.08\)

FIGURE 1
# Report of Tests on Cement Treated Base Control Samples

**District:** 05  
**County:** Mono  
**Route:** 101  
**Contract Number:** 025234  
**Date:** 10-7-68  
**Material Type:** CI B CTB

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| Time Mixed    | 0830          | Gross Wt. before Comp. (h+i) | 1912  
| Station       | 19+50         | Gross Wt. after Comp. | 1905  
| Location      | 35°14'  
| Specified % Cement | 3  
| a. Wet Weight | 1375  
| b. Dry Weight | 1250  
| c. Tare | 350  
| d. Net Dry Wt. (b-c) | 940  
| e. Water (a-b) | 95  
| f. % Moisture | 9.0  
| g. Wet Weight | 1834  
| h. Adjusted Wet Wt. | 1831  
| i. Liner | 81  
| j. Gross Wt. before Comp. (h+i) | 1912  
| k. Gross Wt. after Comp. | 1905  
| l. Exuded Water (i-k) | 7  
| m. Gage Reading | .501  
| n. Height (m+3.5) | 4.061  
| p. Density, PCF, dry (wet) | 127.2  

Density (dry) = \( \frac{30.3 \times \text{Adjusted Wet Wt.}}{(100 + \% \text{ Moisture}) \times \text{Height}} \)

Density (wet) = \( \frac{0.303 \times \text{Adjusted Wet Wt.}}{\text{Height}} \)

\% Moisture = \( \frac{\text{Wet Wt.} - \text{Dry Wt.}}{\text{Net Dry Wt.}} \times 100 \)

**FIGURE 2**
PART III. FABRICATING AND CURING TEST SPECIMENS

A. SCOPE
The procedures for fabricating and curing test specimens are described in this part. The procedures and equipment for use in a field construction laboratory and in a central laboratory are included.

B. APPARATUS
1. Compaction mold.
   a. Split compaction mold and accessories shown in Figure 3.
   or
   b. Solid wall compaction mold and accessories shown in Figure 4.
2. Compression testing machine.
   a. Frame and hydraulic jack shown in Figure 5 for field testing.
   or
   b. Any suitable testing machine for laboratory use.
3. Sample extractor shown in Figure 6 for use with solid wall mold.
4. Measuring gage and accessories shown in Figure 7.
5. Bullet nosed rod, ½ inch diameter.

6. Hand tamper, one inch diameter weighing 6 ± 0.05 pounds.
7. Scales, 5000 gram capacity, accurate to 1 gram.
8. Four inch x four inch tin liners and caps.
9. Masking or adhesive tape.
10. Shipping cartons.

C. ASSEMBLY OF THE COMPACTION MOLD
1. Split Compaction Mold.
   a. Position a tin liner inside the split compaction mold as shown in Figure 3 and firmly tighten the lock bolts.
   b. Insert the bottom plunger and fasten in place with the pin. The bottom plunger must be positioned so that the rim of the mold does not come in contact with the plunger before compaction is completed. Several holes are provided in the bottom plunger so that its position can be adjusted according to the type of material being tested. Use the lowest hole when testing granular material which does not compress appreciably. Use one of the upper holes when testing fine grained materials which will compress.
   c. Place the extension sleeve on top of the assembled mold. The split mold is now ready for fabricating the testing specimen.
2. Solid Wall Compaction Mold.
   a. Position a tin liner inside, and at the lower end, of the long expansion liner as shown in Figure 4.
   b. Insert the long expansion liner into the top of the compaction mold so that the ends of the expansion liner and the mold are flush and the tin liner is positioned toward the center of the mold.
   c. Insert the short expansion liner from the opposite end of the mold until butted against the tin liner and long expansion liner.
   d. Insert the bottom plunger into the short expansion liner.
   e. Insert a U-shaped spacer between the bottom of the mold and the bottom plunger. A set of these spacers should be available with thicknesses of ¼ inch, ½ inch and ¾ inch, so that the proper spacing can be used to prevent the rim of the mold from coming in contact with the bottom plunger before compaction is completed. Use the thin spacer when compacting granular materials which do not compress appreciably and the thicker spacers when compacting fine grained materials which will compress.
   f. Place the extension sleeve on top of the assembled mold. The solid wall mold is now ready for fabricating the test specimen.
D. FABRICATING TEST SPECIMENS

1. Prepare the material for fabricating test specimens according to the instructions in Part I for laboratory prepared samples and according to the instructions in Part II for construction control samples.

2. At the end of the one hour ± 15 minute loose curing period, place the prepared samples in the compaction mold in accordance with the following instructions. Care must be taken to avoid losing material during fabrication of the test specimen.
   a. Pour approximately one-half of the material into the mold.
   b. Rod the material 30 times with the ¼ inch bullet nosed rod to prevent the formation of rock pockets at the bottom or sides of the specimen.
   c. Tamp the first layer of material with 50 blows of the six pound tamper. Tamping is accomplished by allowing the tamper to drop free from a height of six inches above the surface of the material being tamped. Guide the tamper over the entire surface of the specimen to obtain uniform density.
   d. Pour the remaining portion of the sample into the mold.
   e. Rod the material 30 times with the ¼ inch bullet nosed rod. When rodding the second layer, the rod should penetrate slightly into the underlying layer with each stroke. This will prevent the formation of a compaction plane between the two layers.
   f. Tamp the second layer with 100 blows of the tamper falling free from a height of six inches.
   g. Smooth off and level the top of specimen by additional light tamping with the hand tamper. The intent is to make a smooth surface on an even plane at right angles to the axis of the mold.

3. Remove the extension sleeve from the mold.

4. Calculate the adjusted wet weight of the specimen which is used for calculating the density of the specimen. Even under laboratory conditions there is some unavoidable loss of material during fabrication.
   a. When using the solid wall mold, weigh the mold, liner and specimen after tamping, then subtract the weight of the mold and liner. This is the adjusted wet weight of the specimen.
   b. When using the split mold, estimate the adjusted weight. The split mold is usually too heavy to weigh on available scales. The weight loss is considered to be a constant value for an experienced operator and should not exceed two or three grams. Subtract the estimated weight loss from the batch wet weight to obtain the adjusted wet weight.

5. Seat the upper plunger on top of the specimen and place the mold assembly in the testing machine.

6. Remove the pin or spacer from the mold so the bottom plunger is free to move. This provides a double plunger action and results in a more uniformly compacted specimen.

7. Uniformly apply a 15,000 pound load in one minute. Hold the 15,000 pound load for one minute and gradually release it.

8. Remove the specimen in its tin liner from the mold. When the solid wall mold is used the sample extractor shown in Figure 6 can be used.

9. Weigh the specimen and tin liner to the nearest gram.

10. Measure the height of the specimen to the nearest 0.001 inch. The specimen must be 4.000 ± 0.200 inches high. If it is not, discard the specimen and make a new one.

SOLID WALL COMPACTATION MOLD

FIGURE 4
11. Place caps on each end of the specimen and seal with tape.
12. Mark each specimen for identification purposes.
13. Cure the specimens for seven days at room temperature. Perform compressive strength tests on the seventh day according to the procedures described in Part V.
14. Cure specimens fabricated in the field for construction control purposes in the field laboratory for two days before shipping to the District Laboratory for testing. They must arrive in the District Laboratory by the sixth day after fabrication. Cardboard shipping cartons that hold four test specimens are available.

a. Using the gage shown in Figure 7 take three or more readings (more than three readings should be taken when the surface of the specimen is rough) between the center and edge of the specimen. The height is reported as the average of these readings.

b. The average height of the specimen may be determined by using the tripedal block. Set the block on top of the specimen and one reading will determine the average height.

c. The accuracy of the measuring gage should be frequently checked with the calibration bar furnished with the gage. Using the calibration bar, set the gage to read 0.500 inches. When measuring a specimen, the gage reading is added to 3.500 inches to determine the actual height of the specimen.
PART IV. DETERMINING OPTIMUM MOISTURE, CEMENT CONTENT AND TEST MAXIMUM DENSITY

A. SCOPE

The procedures for determining optimum moisture content and recommended cement content for preliminary design samples and for determining optimum moisture content and test maximum density for construction control samples are described in this part.

B. PRELIMINARY DESIGN SAMPLES

1. Optimum moisture content.
   a. Optimum moisture is the moisture content required to attain the best compaction results in the field. This moisture content can be estimated in the laboratory by the amount of water exuded from the material during fabrication of the test specimen. A sample from which one to six grams of water are exuded is considered to be at optimum moisture.
   b. Prepare material for one or more test specimens in accordance with Part I. Use the same aggregate grading and cement content for each specimen.

   c. Add water to the first specimen in small increments until visual inspection and hand squeezing of the mixture indicate sufficient water has been added to provide a cohesive mixture.
   d. Compact the specimen in accordance with Part III.
   e. Determine the grams of water exuded by subtracting the gross weight of the compacted specimen from the adjusted gross weight before compaction.
   f. Determine the height of the specimen as described in Part III.
   g. Calculate any adjustments in sample weight and/or moisture content necessary to obtain the required 4.000 ± 0.200 inch high specimen and one to six grams of exuded water.
   h. Continue to fabricate new specimens until one is obtained that has both the proper height and moisture content. With experience, no more than two or three trials should be necessary.
   i. Cure the final specimen and test for compressive strength. The compressive strength of this specimen can be used in selecting the recommended cement content.
   j. The amount of water added to the CTB mixture in the field is sometimes higher than the laboratory determined optimum moisture content. This allows for the evaporation that inevitably takes place during construction operations.

2. Recommended cement content.
   a. The recommended cement content is the amount of cement required to insure that field fabricated control specimens will attain desired compressive strengths. Because of variables inherent in the construction process, the ultimate in-situ strength of CTB generally averages approximately 70% of the 7-day laboratory strength. Compensation for this difference is provided in the following procedure.
   b. Fabricate three test specimens containing 5% cement and the optimum moisture determined in Section B-1 above.
   c. Test each of the three test specimens for unconfined compressive strength, according to Part V of this test and average the results.
   d. If the average strength meets the minimum requirement for the aggregate, calculate the recommended cement content (%) using the formula:

\[ C = (1100/Sa) \times 5 \]

where:

\[ C = \text{Recommended cement content (％) } \]
\[ Sa = \text{Averager strength (psi) with 5％ cement} \]

e. If an in-situ strength other than 750 psi is specified, use a factor equal to the specified in-situ strength × 1.5 in place of 1100 in the above formula.
C. FIELD CONTROL SAMPLES

1. Test Maximum Density.
   a. The test maximum density is the average density, in pounds per cubic foot, of two test specimens fabricated from material which has been sampled and tested in accordance with Parts II and III and the instructions below.
   b. The material used for test maximum density must have a moisture content which will result in the exudation of between one and 25 grams of water from each specimen during the fabrication process.

   1. If no water is exuded from a specimen it must be discarded and sufficient water added to the remainder of the sample so that one to 25 grams of water will be exuded from each of the two specimens. When water is added to the material, a new moisture sample must be taken and this moisture content used in calculating the dry density.

   2. If more than 25 grams of water is exuded from a specimen the sample is spread in a thin layer in an open pan and allowed to air dry, with occasional stirring, to the proper moisture content. No artificial heat should be used to dry the sample. The test specimens must still be fabricated within the one hour ±15 minute time limit. If it is not possible to adequately air dry the sample, the entire sample must be discarded and a new one obtained from drier material.
   c. Determine the grams of water exuded by subtracting the gross weight of the compacted specimen from the adjusted gross weight before compaction.

d. All specimens used for determining test maximum density must be fabricated within one hour ±15 minutes after water is mixed with the cement and aggregate as previously specified in this test method. When initial rolling is started more than one hour after mixing, samples the cement treated base mixture before the first pass of the roller (as described in Part II) and fabricate the test specimens as soon as possible.

   e. Specimens used for determining test maximum density are cured and tested for compressive strength to meet the frequency of sampling required in the construction manual.

D. CALCULATING DENSITIES OF TEST SPECIMENS

1. Dry density is always used for preliminary design samples. Wet density may be used for calculating relative compaction of field control samples only when the moisture content of the in-place density sample does not vary more than one percentage point from the moisture content of the test maximum density sample. Dry density must be used in case of dispute.

2. Use the following formulas to calculate densities:

\[ D_d = \frac{(30.3 \times W_w)}{(((100 + M)H)} \]
\[ D_w = \frac{(0.303 \times W_w)}{H} \]

Where

\[ D_d = \text{Dry density of the test specimen in pounds per cubic foot.} \]
\[ D_w = \text{Wet density of the test specimen in pounds per cubic foot.} \]
\[ W_w = \text{Adjusted wet weight, in grams, of the test specimen before compaction.} \]
\[ M = \text{Percent moisture in the sample before compaction.} \]
\[ H = \text{Height of the compacted test specimen to the nearest 0.001 inch.} \]

PART V. DETERMINING COMPRESSION STRENGTH

A. SCOPE

The procedure for capping and breaking test specimens and for determining their compressive strength are described in this part.

B. APPARATUS

1. Compression testing machine with spherically seated head.
2. Two 6 inch x 6 inch glass plates for each specimen.
3. Mixing bowl and spoon.
4. Plaster of paris.
5. Water tank for immersing test specimens.

C. PREPARATION OF SPECIMENS

1. On the morning of the seventh day of the curing period, remove the lids and tin liner from each specimen. Transfer the identifying marks to the side of each specimen with a felt tip pen, grease pencil or other suitable marking device.
2. Immerse the specimens in water for six ± one hours to complete the seven day curing period.
3. Remove the specimens from the water bath and cap both ends of each specimen with plaster of paris as follows:
   a. Lay out two glass plates for each specimen. Lubricate one surface of each glass plate with kerosene or lubricating oil to prevent the plaster of paris from sticking to the glass plate.
   b. Mix enough plaster of paris with water to form a thick paste for capping both ends of each specimen.
   c. Place a spoonful of paste on top of each specimen and immediately force one of the plates down on the paste to form a thin cap on top of each specimen.
   d. Place a spoonful of paste on each of the other glass plates and force each specimen down on
the paste to form a full cap on the bottom of
each specimen.

e. Adjust the specimens while the plaster is still
soft so that the top and bottom plates are para-
rel and as nearly as possible at right angles to the
vertical axis of the test specimen. A small level
may be used to facilitate this operation.
f. Allow the plaster caps to harden for 30 to 40
minutes and then remove the glass plates by
tapping the edges lightly with a piece of soft
wood. If the glass plates are difficult to remove,
apply warm water to the plates and continue
tapping lightly.

D. TESTING OF SPECIMENS

1. The specimen may be tested for compressive
strength as soon as the glass plates are removed.
Center the specimen directly in line with the spherically
seated head of the testing machine. Apply the load at
the rate of 12,000 ± 2,000 pounds per minute. Apply
the load continuously and without shock.
2. Increase the load until the specimen fails. Initial
fracturing may begin to occur at approximately 90
percent of the maximum load, but loading should
continue until the maximum load is attained.

E. REPORTING OF RESULTS

1. Report the test results on Form T.L.-342.
2. Report the test results as compressive strength
in pounds per square inch, which equals the total
compression load divided by the end area of the test
specimen.

For the standard four inch diameter test specimen,
the end area is 12.57 square inches.

An optional method for calculating compressive
strength is to multiply the total compression load by
0.080.

PART VI. CALCULATING PERCENT RELATIVE
COMPACATION

A. SCOPE

The procedures for calculating percent relative
compaction are described in this part.

B. TEST RECORD FORM

1. When in-place densities are determined with
the sand volume apparatus (California Test 216), use
Form T.L.-297 for recording test data and for report-
ing percent relative compaction.
2. When in-place densities are determined by the
use of nuclear gages (California Test 231), use Form
T.L.-2124 for recording test data and for reporting
percent relative compaction.

C. CALCULATING PERCENT RELATIVE COMPACTION

1. Use the following formula for calculating per-
cent relative compaction:

Percent relative compaction = \frac{\text{In-place density}}{\text{Test maximum density}} \times 100

2. Percent relative compaction may be calculated
using in-place dry density and test maximum dry
density or in-place wet density and test maximum
wet density. Wet densities may be used only when
the moisture content of the in-place density sample
does not vary more than one percentage point from
the moisture content of the test maximum density
sample. In case of dispute, use dry densities for cal-
culating percent relative compaction.

3. Test maximum density is determined by the
procedures outlined in Part IV of this test method.

4. In-place density may be determined by the use
of nuclear gages as described in California Test 231
or with the sand volume apparatus described in Cali-
ifornia Test 216.

5. When using the sand volume apparatus, per-
form the in-place density test within 5 feet of the test
maximum density sample site. Instructions for taking
the test maximum density sample are given in Part
II of this test method. When using nuclear gages to
determine in-place density the test maximum den-
sity sample site should be in the approximate center
of the test area.

6. There may be times when it is necessary to per-
form additional in-place density tests at locations
where test maximum density samples were not tak-
en. In these cases use the average of the three near-
est test maximum densities that are representative
of the material under consideration to calculate per-
cent relative compaction.

REFERENCES

California Tests 201, 216, 226, 231 and 105
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