

# Partial Substitution of Cement Using Fly Ash and Carbide Waste in Normal Concrete Making

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## ABSTRACT

Concrete is a mixture consisting of crushed stone or coral, sand, cement, water, and additives if needed. While the concrete to be designed is concrete made from a mixture of cement plus (fly ash + carbide waste), crushed stone, sand, and water. Therefore, it is necessary to make a mixture between cement with fly ash and carbide waste, the percentage of fly ash use is 75% and carbide waste is 25%. In this study, we will use a variation (fly ash + carbide waste) and cement is 0% FA + LK: 100% PC; 20% FA + LK: 80% PC; 40% FA + LK: 60% PC; 60% FA + LK: 40% PC; 80% FA + LK: 20% PC. The testing results for concrete compressive strength without fly ash and carbide waste obtained at the age of 3, 7, 14 and 28 days, the value of concrete compressive strength are 132.88 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, 243.56 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, 259.93 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, 285, 19 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, and fulfills the concrete compressive strength 275 kg / cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days. The concrete compressive strength with 20% (FA + LK) and 80% PC material at the ages of 3, 7, 14 and 28 days, the compressive strength at 3 days is 127.29 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, 7 days old is 190, 37 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>, 14 days old was 246.22 kg / cm<sup>2</sup> and 28 days old was 279.26 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>. The testing results of concrete compressive strength above have met the planned concrete compressive strength, which is 275 kg / cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days. Meanwhile 40% FA + LK: 60% PC; 60% FA + LK: 40% PC; 80% FA + LK: 20% PC, does not meet the quality requirements of K-275 concrete. Concrete mixture using 20% (FA + LK) and 80% PC is the best concrete mixture, and the compressive strength of concrete is 279.26 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>. The more the percentage use of fly ash and carbide waste into the concrete mixture, the compressive strength of the concrete will decrease.

**Keywords:** *Fly Ash, Carbide Waste, Concrete Age, Concrete Compressive Strength*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Concrete is a mixture of crushed stone, sand, cement, water, and additives (if needed). Ordinary concrete has a low tensile strength compared to its compressive strength so that for structural implementation it is necessary to install steel reinforcement to withstand tensile forces, such concrete is called reinforced concrete. Another type of concrete is called pre-compressed concrete, it is first given a compressive force to the concrete to compensate for the working tensile force. The concrete to be designed is concrete made from a mixture of cement plus (fly ash + carbide waste), crushed stone, sand, and water. Fly ash (fly ash) is a useful additive to improve the properties of concrete. Fly ash can be classified as a pozzolanic material, the name pozzolan is derived from the name of a city in Italy (Pozzuoli) which produces a natural adhesive (Alfian H. U., et al., 2014).

While this carbide waste has physical properties that resemble calcium hydroxide in that the largest chemical compound is Ca (OH)<sub>2</sub>, its binding capacity to water is quite high, has a grainy texture, has a distinctive odor, and the grain diameter is relatively larger. compared to clay grains. The addition of carbide waste is an effort to increase the calcium element required in the occurrence of a pozzolanic reaction when mixed with SiO<sub>2</sub> in the carbide waste. (Utomo, 2010).

With this cement material the longer it will be getting thinner. For this reason, it is necessary to make concrete with a mixture of cement with fly ash and carbide waste, the percentage of use of fly ash is 75% and carbide waste is 25%. Problems: In this study, to determine the effect of using fly ash and carbide waste in the manufacture of concrete, the composition of the concrete mixture was made by varying the volume ratio between waste and cement: 0% FA + LK: 100% PC; 20% FA + LK: 80% PC; 40% FA + LK: 60% PC; 80%

FA + LK: 20% PC. The goal is to calculate the strength of the concrete produced with a ratio of 0% FA + LK: 100% PC; 20% FA + LK: 80% PC; 40% FA + LK: 60% PC; 80% FA + LK: 20% PC. Calculating the ratio between (fly ash + waste carbide) and cement in the manufacture of concrete. Obtaining the strength of concrete reviewed at the age of 3, 7, 14 and 28 days. Expected benefits: can determine alternative materials for waste materials in normal concrete production, can determine the age of concrete that produces the expected compressive strength, can reduce the use of cement in concrete production..

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 . Concrete properties

#### 1. Properties of fresh concrete

"Concrete can be defined as a mixture of water, aggregate and cement". There are several things that can be affected by the nature of fresh concrete, namely:

- Environmental conditions

Environmental factors that can worsen the working properties of concrete are temperature, humidity, and wind speed. Temperature influences the amount of water used, because rising temperatures speed up the amount of water used for heat hydration and losses due to evaporation. Meanwhile, humidity and wind speed affect the speed of water evaporation.

- Time

Deteriorating working properties related to time are a direct result of loss of free water through curing, aggregate absorption, and initial hydration of cement.

- Stability

Besides having to be easy to work with, the composition of the fresh concrete mixture must be stable evenly distributed during stirring until completion of compaction before the concrete binds. The difference in grain size and density of the concrete mix ingredients will result in a tendency for these materials to separate or be difficult to mix.

#### 2. The properties of hardened concrete

The fresh properties are important only a few hours after the mixing is complete, while the properties of the hardened concrete are important during its use. These important characteristics, namely:

##### a. Concrete compression test

The strength of this concrete is expressed by the maximum load it can carry because the increasing strength of the concrete increases its other properties.

##### b. Tensile test

There are two kinds of concrete tensile test, including the Nazile tensile test and the direct tensile test, where the Nazile tensile test is to determine the split tensile strength value in the concrete, while the direct tensile test is to determine the value of the concrete tensile strength directly. Durability

Apart from the strength of the concrete, another thing that needs to be considered is the ability of concrete to last during the construction life. In order to produce durable concrete, efforts must be made to select suitable mix materials with good ratios in order to produce a homogeneous and easily compacted concrete.

##### b. Age and compressive strength of concrete

The compressive strength of concrete is determined when the concrete reaches 28 days of age. "The strength of concrete will increase rapidly (linearly) until the age of 28 days, but after that the increase is not too significant" (Prawito, 2010). To estimate the compressive strength of each specimen against concrete that is 28 days old, it can be seen in table 1 below:

**Table 1** Conversion Factors for 28 Days Concrete Compressive Strength

Age of concrete (days)	3	7	14	21	28	90	365
Ordinary Portland cement	0.40	0.65	0.88	0.95	1.00	1.20	1.35
Portland cement with high initial strength	0.55	0.75	0.90	0.95	1,00	1.15	1.20

- Fly Ash

The use of coal as an energy source to replace BBM, on the one hand is very profitable, but on the other hand it can cause problems. The main problem with using coal is coal ash which is a byproduct of burning coal. The amount of use of coal will produce about 2-10% coal ash. At present, the management of coal ash waste is limited to landfilling in the factory area (ash disposal). Coal ash is part of coal combustion residue in the form of fine amorphous particles. The ash is an inorganic material that is formed from changes in mineral matter due to the combustion process. The process of burning coal in a steam generator unit (boiler) will form two types of ash, namely fly ash, and bottom ash. The composition of coal ash consists of 10-20% base ash and 80-90% in the form of fly ash. Fly ash is captured by the electric precipitator before being discharged into the air through the chimney. Many studies have been conducted to examine the effect of added materials on improving the quality of concrete. (Damayanti and Rochman, 2006).

• Carbide Waste

Carbide waste is B3 waste originating from the acetylene gas production process. The carbide waste comes from the reaction between water and carbide in an acetylene gas-making reactor. Based on the Attachment to Government Regulation Number 101 of 2014 concerning Management of Hazardous and Toxic Waste, carbide waste is included in the list of B3 waste from a specific source with the waste code B356-1 with the chronic hazard category. Carbide waste has a chemical composition of 60% Calcium (CaO), 1.48% SiO<sub>2</sub>, 0.09% Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 9.07% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, in the same study it is known that the main constituent of cement is calcium derived from limestone. The high calcium content makes this carbide waste have physical properties similar to calcium hydroxide in that the largest chemical compound is Ca (OH)<sub>2</sub>, the binding capacity to water is quite high, has a grainy texture, has a distinctive odor, and grain diameter. -grains relatively larger than clay grains. The addition of carbide waste is an effort to increase the calcium element required in the occurrence of a pozzolanic reaction when mixed with SiO<sub>2</sub> in the carbide waste. The pozzolanic reaction is a reaction between calcium, silica, or aluminate with water to form a hard and stiff mass which is almost the same as the hydration process in Portland Cement (Rajiman, 2015).

**3. RESEARCH METHODS**

The scope of research

This research was conducted in the city of Palembang, with the source material for cement baturaja, coarse aggregate from the Lahat area, fine aggregate from the Tanjung Raja area, carbide waste from the residue from welding carbide in the Cinde Palembang market, and fly ash is the residue of coal combustion.

**4. RESEARCH METHODS**

Material Quality Testing

Bulk and SSD specific gravity testing and fine aggregate absorption

The fine aggregate to be used will be mixed with other materials, so it is necessary to know the specific gravity value, this is important because it will be used when calculating the concrete mix design.

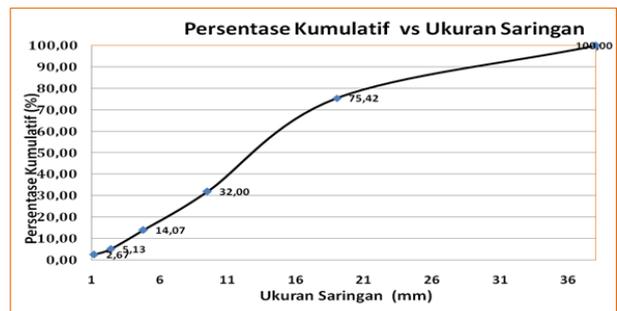
• Coarse Aggregate Sieve Analysis Test Results

The test results are as shown in Table 2 and Figure 1.

**Table 2** Test Results of Coarse Aggregate Sieve Analysis.

Sieve Size (mm)	Retained Aggregate Weight		Cumulative Percent	
	Gram	%	Retained	Pass
38	0	0	0	100,00
19	295	24,583	24,583	75,42
9,5	521	43,417	68,000	32,00
4,80	215,2	17,933	85,933	14,07
2,4	107,3	8,942	94,875	5,13
1,2	29,5	2,458	97,333	2,67
0,6	30,1	2,508	99,842	0,16
0,3	0,3	0,025	99,867	0,13
0,15	0,3	0,025	99,892	0,11
0,075	0,2	0,017	99,908	0,09
PAN	1,1	0,092		
Total	1200	100	770,233	

Grain Fineness Modulus = % Cumulative Retained / 100 = Modulus of fineness = 770.23 / 100 = 7,702.



**Figure 1** Coarse Aggregate Gradation

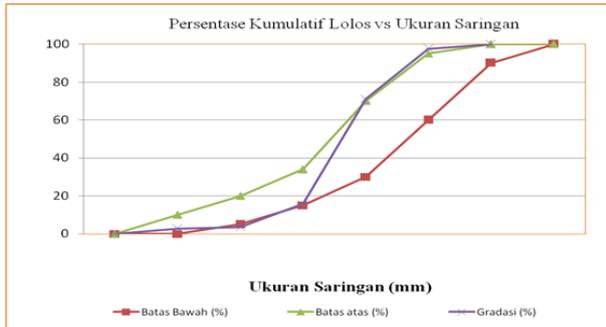
• Fine Aggregate Sieve Analysis Test Results

The results of the sieve analysis for fine aggregate are as shown in Table 3 and illustrated in Figure 2.

**Table 3** Test Results for Fine Aggregate Sieve Analysis

Sieve Size (mm)	Retained Aggregate Weight		Cumulative Percent	
	Gram	%	Retained	Pass
9,5	0	0	0	100
4,80	7,5	0,75	0,75	99,25
2,40	17,5	1,75	2,5	97,5
1,20	264,5	26,45	28,95	71,05
0,60	552,2	55,22	84,17	15,83
0,30	122,7	12,27	96,44	3,56
0,15	8,2	0,82	97,26	2,74
0,075	27,4	2,74		
PAN	1000	100		

Grain Fineness Modulus = % Cumulative Retained / 100 = 309.32 / 100 = 3.09



**Figure 2** Gradation of Fine Aggregate

The results of the fine aggregate sieve analysis show that the gradation of fine aggregate enters zone 1, which means that the sand used is a bit coarse compared to ideal grains.

- Bulk and SSD specific gravity and fine aggregate absorption testing

The fine aggregate to be used will be mixed with other materials, so it is necessary to know the specific gravity value, this is important because it will be used when calculating the design of the mixture so that it can be seen how much fine aggregate is needed for other concrete constituents.

The results of the specific gravity and absorption of fine aggregates are shown in Table 4.

**Table 4** Results of Density Testing and Fine Aggregate Absorption

Code	Description	Weight (grams)
A	The weight of the saturated dry specimen	500
B	Weight of oven dry specimen	475
C	Pycnometer weight + water	1267
D	Pycnometer + water + specimen weight	1552,4
Bj Bulk = B / (C+A-D)		2,210
Bj SSD = A / (C + A - D)		2,329
Absorption = (A-B) / B * 100%		5,260 %

- Testing of Bulk and SSD specific gravity and coarse aggregate absorption

Coarse aggregate density ranges from 2.0-2.6, the greater the density of the aggregate, the better the resulting concrete. The results of specific gravity and coarse aggregate absorption are shown in Table 5

**Table 5** Density Testing Results and Coarse Aggregate Absorption

Code	Description	Weight (grams)
A	The weight of the saturated dry specimen	500,00
B	Weight of oven dry specimen	485,00
C	Pycnometer weight + water	1302,40
D	Pycnometer + water + specimen weight	1594,8
Bj Bulk = B / (C+A-D)		2,336
Bj SSD = A / (C + A - D)		2,408
Absorption = (A-B) / B * 100%		3,092 %

- Aggregate Hardness Testing

This examination is intended to determine the value of coarse aggregate hardness against loading. The results of the Aggregate Hardness test are shown in Table 6.

**Table 6** Test of Aggregate Strength Against Pressure

Item Testing	Weight 1 (gr)	Weight 2 (gr)
Container weight + dry weight of the sample passed # 12,5 mm dan # 10 mm (gr)	(W1)	(W2)
	3115,4	3390
Container Weight (gr)	217,4	408
Dry Weight of Sample (gr)	2898	2982
Weight After Impact and Pass # 2,36 mm (gr)	(W4)	(W4)
	31,2	36,38
Aggregates Crushing Value (%)	(Wb)	(Wb)
	1,08	1,22
Average (%)	1,150	

Specification (%): 30

- Aggregate Wear Testing

The aggregate wear test aims to determine the resistance of coarse aggregates to wear using a Los Angeles machine. The wear is expressed by the ratio

between the weight of the wear material through sieve no.12 to the original weight, as shown in Table 7.

**Table 7.** Aggregate Wear Tests with Los Angeles Machines(SNI 03-2417-1991)

Filter Size		B (19 - 12,5 mm)	
Passed (mm)	Restrained (mm)	Weight 1 (gr)	Weight 2 (gr)
19	12,5	2500	2500
12,5	9,5	2500	2500
9,5	6,35		
6,35	4,75		
4,75	2,36		
Sample weight (W1)		5000	5000
The sample weight passes 4,75 mm (no. 12) and Restrained 1.7 mm (no. 12) (W2)		4160,1	4171,4
Wa = (W1 - W2)		839,9	828,6
Abrasion / wear (%)		Wb = (Wa / W1) x 100	
		16,80	16,58
Average (%)		16,69	

Specifications (%): 40

• Portland Cement Density Testing

The results of the cement density test are as shown in Table 8.

**Table 8** Cement Density Test (SNI 15-2531-1991)

Testing Item	Weight 1 (gr)
Sample weight	64,00
First reading on the bottle scale (V1)	0,92
Second reading on the bottle scale (V2)	21,52
Transfer of Liquid Contents (V2-V1)	20,10
Water content weight temperature 4 °C (d)	1,00
Specific Gravity = $W1 / (V2-V1) * d$	3,18

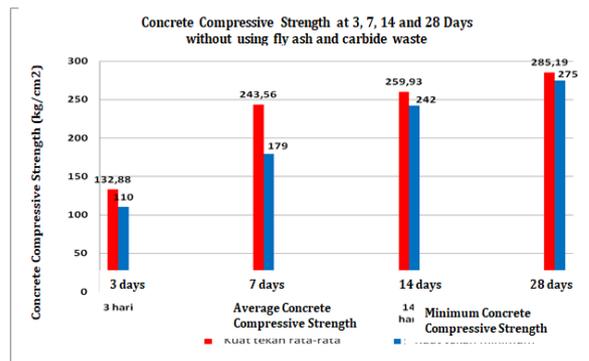
Specifications: 3.0 - 3.20

**Table 9** Fly Ash Density Test

Testing Item	Weight 1 (gr)
Sample weight	50,00
First reading on the bottle scale (V1)	0,70
Second reading on the bottle scale (V2)	21,40
Transfer of Liquid Contents (V2-V1)	20,70

(d)	1,00
Specific Gravity = $W1 / (V2-V1) * d$	2,42
Testing Item	Weight 1 (gr)
Sample weight	50,00
First reading on the bottle scale (V1)	0,70
Second reading on the bottle scale (V2)	21,40
Transfer of Liquid Contents (V2-V1)	20,70
(d)	1,00
Specific Gravity = $W1 / (V2-V1) * d$	2,42
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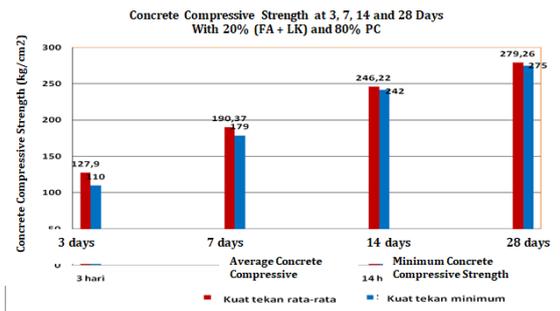
• Comparison of concrete compressive strength without using fly ash and carbide waste to the compressive strength of normal concrete, as shown in Figure 3



**Figure 3.** Concrete Compressive Strength without using fly ash and carbide waste

From the results of concrete compressive strength test, at the age of 3, 7, 14 and 28 days are 132.88 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 243.56 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 259.93 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 285.19 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These results of the concrete compressive strength test above have met the planned compressive strength of the concrete, which is 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days.

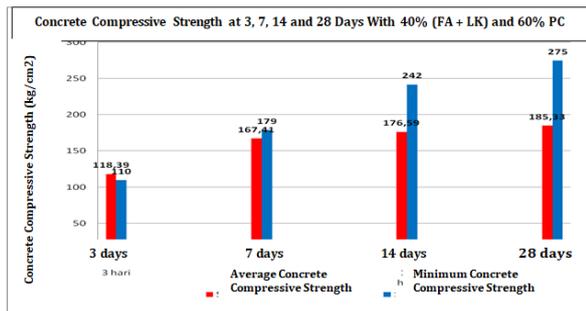
• Comparison of Concrete Compressive Strength using fly ash and carbide waste 20% 20% (FA + LK) vs 80% PC, as shown in Figure 4



**Figure 4.** Concrete Compressive Strength With 20% (FA + LK) and 80% PC

Based on the results of concrete compressive strength test, the compressive strength for the material 20% (FA + LK) and 80% PC at the age of 3 days is 127.29 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 7 days of age is 190.37 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, age 14 day of 246.22 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 28 days of age of 279.26 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These results of the concrete compressive strength test have met the planned concrete compressive strength which is 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days.

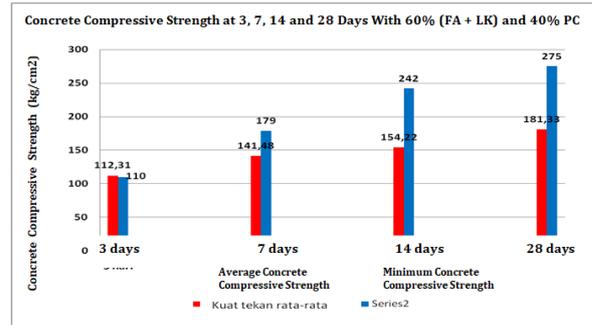
- Comparison of Concrete Compressive Strength using fly ash and carbide waste 40% (FA + LK) vs 60% PC, as shown in Figure 5.



**Figure 5.** Concrete Compressive Strength With 40% (FA + LK) and 60% PC

Based on the results of concrete compressive strength test, the compressive strength for the material 40% (FA + LK) and 60% PC at the age of 3 days is 118.39 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, at the age of 7 days is 167.41 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 14 days 176.69 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and at the age of 28 days 185.33 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These results have met the planned concrete compressive strength which is 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days.

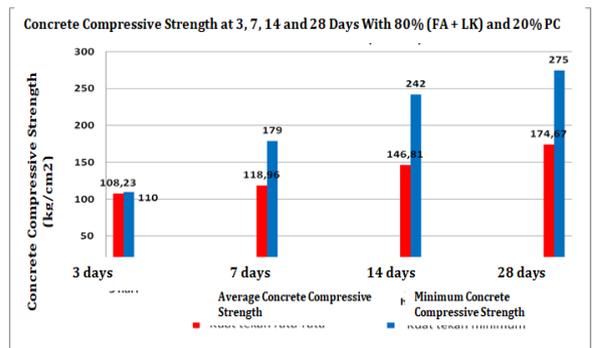
- Comparison of Concrete Compressive Strength using fly ash and carbide waste 60% (FA + LK) vs 40% PC, as shown in Figure 6.



**Figure 6.** Concrete Compressive Strength With 60% (FA + LK) and 40% PC

From the results of concrete compressive strength test, the compressive strength for the material is 60% (FA + LK) and 40% PC, at the age of 3 days is 112.41 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 7 days is 141.48 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, age 14 days is 154.22 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 28 days old is 181.33 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These results of the concrete compressive strength test above did not meet the planned concrete compressive strength, which is 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days.

- Comparison of Concrete Compressive Strength using fly ash and carbide waste 80% (FA + LK) vs 20% PC, as shown in Figure 7



**Figure 7.** Comparison of the compressive strength With 80% (FA + LK) and 20% PC

From the results of concrete compressive strength test, the compressive strength for the material is 80% (FA + LK) and 20% PC, at the age of 3 days is 108.23 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, age 7 days is 118.96 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, age 14 days is 146.81 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 28 days is 174.67 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. The results of the concrete compressive strength test above did not meet the planned concrete compressive strength, which is 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days

## 5. CONCLUSION

The conclusions that can be drawn from the results of this study are as follows:

1. Comparison of the percentage of fly ash and carbide waste with a cement percentage of 0.00 / 100; 20/80; 40/60; 60/40; and 80/20%.

2. The results of concrete compressive strength test without fly ash and carbide waste, respectively, obtained the compressive strength of concrete at the ages of 3, 7, 14 and 28 days, namely 132.88 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 243.56 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 259.93 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 285.19 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. These results of the concrete compressive strength test above have met the planned compressive strength of the concrete, which is 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days.

3. Comparison of the compressive strength of concrete with 20% (FA + LK) and 80% PC at the ages 3, 7, 14 and 28 days, the compressive strength at 3 days is 127.29 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, age 7 days amounted to 190.37 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, 14 days of age 246.22 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 28 days of age 279.26 kg / cm<sup>2</sup>. These results of the concrete compressive strength test above have met the planned compressive strength of the concrete, which is 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days.

4. Comparison of the compressive strength of concrete with 40% (FA + LK) and 60% PC; 60% (FA + LK) and 40% PC; 80% (FA + LK) and 20% PC at the ages of 3, 7, 14 and 28 days did not meet the planned compressive strength of the concrete, namely 275 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> at the age of 28 days.

5. Concrete mixture using 20% (FA + LK) and 80% PC is the best concrete mixture, and the compressive strength of concrete is 279.26 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

6. The more percentage of fly ash and carbide waste used into the concrete mixture, the more concrete compressive strength will decrease..

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