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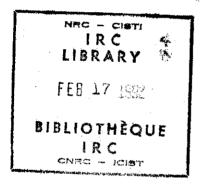
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#### ABSTRACT

The results of a fire resistance test conducted at NRC on a reinforced concrete column, made by the Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT), are described. The test was carried out as a part of a study on concrete-filled steel columns to determine the influence of the steel encasing on the fire resistance of the column. This influence can be assessed by comparing the results with those obtained for a similar column with steel encasing. The dimensions of the tested column were 300 mm  $\times$  300 mm  $\times$  3810 mm and it was constructed of Finish siliceous aggregate concrete.

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

For a number of years, the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and the Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT) have independently been engaged in studies to predict the fire resistance of concrete filled steel columns. The mutual interest in these studies led to an agreement between NRC and VTT to conduct joint studies on the fire resistance of concrete-filled steel columns. These studies include theoretical as well as experimental studies.

As a part of these studies, a reinforced concrete column without steel encasing was tested to obtain information on the influence of the steel encasing on the fire resistance of the column. This influence can be assessed by comparing the fire resistance of the bare reinforced concrete column with the fire resistance of similar reinforced concrete columns with steel encasing, tested earlier for VTT at the University of Braunschweig in Germany [1].

In this report, the results of a test, conducted at NRC, on the reinforced concrete column without steel encasing are described. The column was designed by the Fire Technology Laboratory and fabricated by the Building Materials Laboratory of VTT in Finland. It was tested at the National Fire Laboratory of the Institute for Research in Construction, NRC.

#### 2. TEST SPECIMEN

One reinforced concrete column ( $300 \text{ mm} \times 300 \text{ mm} \times 3810 \text{ mm}$ ) was constructed and tested under a concentric load. Details of the test specimens are given in Table 1 and illustrated in Fig. 1. Further details of the test specimen and its fabrication are given below.

#### 2.1 Dimensions

The column was 3810 mm long from end plate to end plate. The cross section of the column was  $300 \times 300 \text{ mm}$ . The column had 24 mm cover to the 6 mm dia. tie bars and 20 mm cover to the 10 mm dia. tie bars. The cover to the vertical main bars was 30 mm.

#### 2.2 Materials

#### Steel:

The column end plates consisted of steel meeting the requirements of Finnish Standard SFS 200 grade Fe 52 C [2].

Weldable ribbed bars meeting the requirements of Standard SFS 1215 grade A 500 HW [3] were used for the main and tie bars. The diameter of the longitudinal steel bars in the column was 16 mm. The diameters of the ties were 6 and 10 mm. A tensile test was performed for each bar size to determine yield and ultimate strength. The test results are listed in Table 2.

#### Cement:

The concrete mix was poured in the Building Materials Laboratory of the Technical Research Centre of Finland. In the pour, a general purpose portland cement for construction of concrete structures was used. The cement was manufactured by Oy Partek Ab.

#### Aggregate:

The aggregate used was Finnish siliceous sand and gravel, both from Lohja Oy Rudus. A sieve analysis was conducted. The results of the sieve analysis are given in Table 3.

#### Concrete Mix:

Batch quantities for the mix are given in Table 3. The mix contained a super plasticizer called SP 62. The average 28-day concrete cube strength was 37.5 MPa.

#### 2.3 Fabrication

The column was cast in vertical forms made of smooth plywood.

#### Steel Plates and Reinforcing Bars:

The column length was 3810 mm measured from end plate to end plate. The longitudinal 16 mm reinforcement bars were cut to 3790 mm.

The dimensions of the end plates were  $508 \times 610 \times 40$  mm. Holes with a diameter 4 mm larger than the diameter of the longitudinal reinforcing bars were drilled through the plates.

The main bars and ties were joined together to complete the steel cage. The steel cage was then placed vertically into the form on a levelled end plate in such a way that the ends of the bars were positioned in the holes.

The bottom steel end plate and the bars were then welded. Centering and perpendicularity of the end plates were given special attention. A fillet weld was made around the bars on the outer face of the bottom plate. The type of welding rod used was OK Autrod 12.51, which has a tensile strength of 400 MPa. The rough surfaces of the welds on the outer face of the plate were ground to a smooth finish.

The welding of the top steel plate was performed after the casting of the column. Before positioning the top plate, a 20 mm layer of mortar was spread over the top of the column to ensure good contact between the steel plate and concrete. The mortar, called Rapid Set Grout, was non-shrinkable high strength mortar, which had a compressive strength of 84.4 MPa at 28 days. Using the same procedure as for the bottom plate, the top plate was welded on the outer side of the bars and smoothed.

#### Concrete Placement:

The concrete was mixed in a paddle mixer, called Zyklos. A concrete placement bucket and a long plastic tube were used to deposit the mix in the steel column. When necessary, an internal vibrator was carefully applied to consolidate the concrete. To avoid possible moisture leaks, the column was sealed at the top end with a plastic sheet and tape before and after the welding of the top plate.

#### Curing:

After 20 days, the forms were stripped and the column conditioned in an atmosphere controlled at about 20°C and 30% relative humidity.

#### Thermocouples:

Type K chromel-alumel thermocouples, with a thickness of 0.5 mm, were used for measuring concrete and reinforcement temperatures at several locations in different cross sections of the columns. At each level, some of the thermocouples in the concrete were tied to steel rods that were firmly secured to the main reinforcing bars. The temperatures were measured at approximately one-quarter height, mid-height and three-quarters height. At mid-height, the temperatures were measured along the whole length of an axis and a diagonal of the section; at the other two levels, the temperatures were measured only in the middle of the section and at the surface of the section. The steel temperatures were also measured at various locations. The locations of the thermocouple levels in the column are shown in Fig. 2. The location of the thermocouples at various levels is shown in Fig. 3.

#### **3. MATERIAL PROPERTIES TESTS**

#### 3.1 Cube Compressive Strength

From the concrete mix, ten 150 mm cubes were made using steel forms. Compression strength tests were conducted for three specimens at 7 and 28 days and on the test date. The tests were conducted according to Finnish Standard SFS 4474 [4] (ISO 4012).

#### **3.2** Thermal Properties

From the concrete mix, ten  $100 \times 200 \times 50$  mm prisms were made, using wooden forms. Details concerning the thermal properties measurements are given in the Appendix. Values of the measured properties as a function of temperature are given in Figs. A1-A4 and Tables A1-A4 in the Appendix.

#### 3.3 Cylinder Compressive Strength and Moisture Content

From the concrete mix, a short column was constructed. The size of the column was  $300 \times 300 \times 600$  mm. On the test date, two cylinders with a diameter and height of 100 mm were cut from the concrete, using a core drill. The cylinders were used for the measurement of the strength of the concrete.

#### 4. TEST APPARATUS

The test was carried out by exposing the column to heat in a furnace specially built for testing loaded columns and walls. The test furnace produces conditions to which a member might be exposed during a fire, i.e., temperatures, structural loads and heat transfer. It consists of a steel framework supported by four steel columns, with the furnace chamber inside the framework (Fig. 4). The characteristics and instrumentation of the furnace are described in detail in Ref. [5]. Only a brief description of the furnace and the main components is given here.

#### 4.1 Loading Device

A hydraulic jack with a capacity of 9778 kN produces a load  $(N_1)$  along the axis of the test column (Fig. 5). The jack is located at the bottom of the furnace chamber. Eccentric loads can be applied by means of hydraulic jacks  $(N_2)$ , one at the top and one at the bottom of the column, located at a distance of 508 mm from the axis of the column. The capacity of the top jack is 587 kN and that of the bottom jack 489 kN.

#### 4.2 Furnace Chamber

The furnace chamber has a floor area of  $2642 \times 2642$  mm and is 3048 mm high. The interior faces of the chamber are lined with insulating materials that efficiently transfer heat to the specimen. There are 32 propane gas burners in the furnace chamber, arranged in eight columns containing four burners each. The total capacity of the burners is 4700 kW. Each burner can be adjusted individually, which allows for a high degree of temperature uniformity in the furnace chamber. The pressure in the furnace chamber is also adjustable and was set somewhat lower than atmospheric pressure.

#### 4.3 Instrumentation

The furnace temperatures were measured with the aid of eight chromel-alumel thermocouples. The thermocouple junctions were located 305 mm from the test specimen at various heights. Two thermocouples were placed opposite each other at intervals of 610 mm along the height of the furnace chamber. The locations of their junctions and their numbering are shown in Fig. 6. Thermocouples 4 and 6 were located at a height of 610 mm and Thermocouples 1 and 7 at 2440 mm. The temperatures measured by the thermocouples were averaged automatically and the average temperature used as the criterion for controlling the furnace temperature.

The loads were controlled by servocontrollers and measured with pressure transducers. The accuracy of controlling and measuring loads is about 4 kN at lower load levels and relatively better at higher loads.

The lateral deflection of the column at mid-height was measured using a theodolite. The axial deformation of the test column was determined by measuring the displacement of the jack that supports the column. The rotation of the end plates of the column was determined by measuring the displacement of the plates at a distance of 711 mm from the centre of the hinge at the top and at a distance of 1295 mm from the centre of the hinge at the bottom. The displacements were measured using transducers with an accuracy of 0.002 mm.

#### 5. TEST CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE

The column was tested with both ends hinged. The column was installed in the furnace by securing the end plates to the plates of the bearings (Fig. 5). The bearings were bolted to a loading head at the top and to the plate of the main hydraulic jack at the bottom.

Before the test, the moisture condition in the centre of a column section was measured by inserting a Vaisala moisture sensor in a hole drilled in the concrete at a height of 380 mm above the bottom of the column. The readings are given in Section 6.

#### 5.1 Loading

The column was subjected to a concentric load of 1400 kN. The load was applied approximately 45 minutes before the start of the test. At that stage, a condition was reached at which no further increase of the axial deformation of the column could be measured. This condition was selected as the initial condition of the column deformations.

#### 5.2 Fire Exposure

 $T_{f}$ 

During the test, the column was exposed to heating controlled in such a way that the average temperature in the furnace followed, as closely as possible, the ISO 834 [6] standard temperature-time curve. This curve can be given by the following equation:

$$T_f - T_o = 345 \log_{10} (8t + 1)$$

where:

= time in minutes = temperature of furnace in °C

 $T_0$  = initial furnace temperature in °C

During the test, temperatures in the furnace and in the column were measured at the locations described earlier.

#### 5.3 Recording of Results

Temperature readings were taken at each thermocouple location at intervals of two minutes. The axial deformation of the column, the lateral deflection of the column at midheight and the rotation of the end plates of the column were measured with varying frequencies, depending on the rate of change of the measured quantities.

The column was considered to have failed, and the test was terminated, when the axial hydraulic jack, which has a maximum speed of 76 mm/min, could no longer maintain the load.

#### 6. TEST RESULTS

This section contains results and observations for the test. The basic characteristics, already given in Table 1, are reiterated.

Date tested: Loading: June 12,1991 1400 kN, Concentric

Specimen Characteristics:

Cross section: Length: Reinforcement Casting day: 300 × 300 mm 3810 mm 4 φ 16 mm, A500 HW, ribbed bars January 25, 1991

Elevation, cross section and finishing detail: Fig. 1 Layout of thermocouples: Figs. 2 and 3

Measured Properties:

Concrete Strength

150 mm cube strengths:

29.6 MPa at 7 days 37.5 MPa at 28 days 37.8 MPa at test date 40.3 MPa on October 18, 1991

99 % R.H. at test date

100 mm drilled cylinder strength:

Steel Strength

Yield and ultimate strength of the reinforcing bars: see Table 2.

Moisture Condition

Relative humidity in long test column measured with Vaisala moisture sensor:

#### Results:

Test duration: Type of failure: Temperatures: Axial deformation: Horizontal deformation at midspan: 60 min Compression Tables 4-6 Table 7 Not obtained due to early spalling of the concrete, causing the measurement markings to come off.

#### **Observations**:

At 10 Min:

- The concrete spalled at several locations, mainly at the North and West side at about 1/3 of the column height (the door of the furnace is at the East side) and at at the south side at about 3/4 height.

- Ties were visible at the locations of the spalling. In the lower section a

reinforcing bar was visible at the North-West corner. - Moisture was visible at the West side surface.

Because the measurement markings for lateral midheight deflection on the

column came off with the spalled concrete, these measurements were no longer possible.

at 50 min:

- Cracks were visible at the North-West corner at approximately midheight, at the North-East corner at approximately 1/3 height and at the South-East corner at approximately 2/3 height. All cracks were close to the locations where the concrete spalled.

at 60 min:

- The column failed due to crushing of the concrete and buckling of the reinforcing steel at the locations where the concrete spalled (Figs. 7-10).

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#### TABLE 1

#### Concrete column details

Cross Section:

Length:

Reinforcement:

Casting Date:

Test Date:

Moisture Condition of

Specimen:

Concrete Strength:

150 mm Cube:

300 × 300 mm 3810 mm 4 φ 16 mm, A500 HW, ribbed bars January 25, 1991 June 12, 1991

99 % R.H. at test date

29.6 MPa at 7 days37.5 MPa at 28 days37.8 MPa at test date

100 mm Drilled Cylinder Strength:

40.3 MPa on October 18, 1991

### TABLE 2

Average tensile strength of reinforcing bars (three tests for each bar size, steel grade A 500 HW)

| Bar Size | Yield strength | Ultimate strength |
|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| (mm)     | (MPa)          | (MPa)             |
| 6.0      | 510.0          | 696.3             |
| 12.0     | 543.7          | 679.7             |
| 16.0     | 582.3          | 657.3             |

| TABLE 3 |
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|---------|

## Batch quantities and properties of concrete

| Component          | Quantity             |  |  |  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
|                    | (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |  |  |  |
| Cement             | 371.9                |  |  |  |
| Fine aggregate:    |                      |  |  |  |
| 0 - 0.6 mm         | 400.0                |  |  |  |
| 0.5 - 1.2 mm       | 217.2                |  |  |  |
| 1 - 2 mm           | 331.3                |  |  |  |
| Coarse aggregate:  |                      |  |  |  |
| 2 - 3 mm           | 170.3                |  |  |  |
| 3 - 5 mm           | 118.8                |  |  |  |
| 5 - 10 mm          | 559.4                |  |  |  |
| Water              | 200.0                |  |  |  |
| Super plasticizer: |                      |  |  |  |
| SP 62              | 1.86                 |  |  |  |
| Water cement ratio | 0.54                 |  |  |  |

| Average 1 | 50 | mm | cube | strength | in | MPa: |
|-----------|----|----|------|----------|----|------|
|-----------|----|----|------|----------|----|------|

| at 7 days  | 29.7 |
|------------|------|
| at 28 days | 37.5 |

| Time  | Furnace    |     |     |           |     | Temper | ature (°C | ) measu | red at lo       | cation of | thermo | couple N | lo. |             |      |    |      |
|-------|------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|--------|-----------|---------|-----------------|-----------|--------|----------|-----|-------------|------|----|------|
| (min) | temp. (°C) | 1   | 2   | 3 -       | 4   | 5      | 6         | 7       | 8               | 9         | 10     | 11       | 12  | 13          | 15   | 16 | 17   |
|       |            |     |     |           |     |        |           |         |                 |           |        |          |     |             |      |    |      |
| 0     | 69         | 29  | 31  | 29        | 30  | 31     | 32        | 24      | 24              | 24        | 24     | 25       | 25  | 24 _        | 24   | 24 | 24   |
| 2     | 408        | 58  | 89  | <b>79</b> | 78  | 84     | 102       | 25      | 25              | 25        | 26     | 28       | 30  | 24          | 24   | 24 | 24   |
| 4     | 638        | 117 | 166 | 140       | 153 | 175    | 194       | 31      | 30              | 31        | 33     | 48       | 60  | 24          | 24   | 24 | 24   |
| 6     | 648        | 157 | 214 | 187       | 202 | 169    | 247       | 53      | 44              | 49        | 56     | 78       | 104 | 24          | 24   | 24 | 24   |
| 8     | 672        | 188 | 251 | 225 ·     | 242 | 100    | 275       | 86      | 71              | 75        | 85     | 103      | 118 | 24          | 24   | 24 | 24   |
| 10    | 704        | 224 | 289 | 267       | 287 | 100    | 299       | 99      | -98             | 103       | 114    | 114      | 122 | 25          | 26   | 24 | 24   |
| 12    | 725        | 258 | 323 | 308       | 329 | 103    | 327       | 108     | 137             | 129       | 134    | 121      | 135 | 28          | 27   | 27 | . 27 |
| 14    | 736        | 291 | 349 | 341       | 363 | 205    | 369       | 109     | 132             | 129       | 130    | 139      | 155 | 31          | 29   | 28 | 29   |
| 16    | 764        | 322 | 376 | 372       | 395 | 282    | 418       | 110     | 125             | 125       | 127    | 157      | 178 | 39          | 33   | 28 | 24   |
| - 18  | 798        | 359 | 418 | 410       | 438 | 343    | 474       | 117     | 120             | 129       | 140    | 176      | 199 | 50          | 38   | 30 | 24   |
| 20    | 809        | 393 | 455 | 442       | 471 | 388    | 514       | 142     | 129             | 145       | 158    | 197      | 216 | 59          | 43   | 32 | 25   |
| 22    | 826        | 425 | 490 | 471       | 500 | 428    | 549       | 163     | 143             | 163       | 176    | 217      | 232 | 71          | 47   | 34 | 26   |
| 24    | 837        | 453 | 521 | 495       | 524 | 457    | 578       | 184     | 157             | 181       | 198    | 239      | 249 | 78          | 51   | 37 | 27   |
| 26    | 571        | 478 | 548 | 517       | 546 | 487    | 605       | 204     | 172             | 199       | 221    | 259      | 265 | 81          | 55   | 40 | 28   |
| 28    | 860        | 500 | 571 | 535       | 564 | 511    | 627       | 224     | 188             | 218       | 243    | 279      | 281 | 83          | 58   | 42 | 30   |
| 30    | 874        | 521 | 593 | 554       | 584 | 535    | 650       | 243     | 204             | 237       | 264    | 297      | 296 | 85          | 62   | 45 | 31   |
| 32    | 879        | 539 | 611 | 570       | 601 | 555    | 668       | 262     | 221             | 257       | 282    | 314      | 311 | 88          | 65   | 48 | 34   |
| 34    | 891        | 557 | 630 | 587       | 619 | 577    | 688       | 280     | 237             | 278       | 298    | 329      | 323 | 89          | 67   | 51 | 36   |
| 36    | 604        | 571 | 645 | 600       | 634 | 595    | 703       | 298     | 253             | 297       | 313    | 344      | 336 | 89          | 70   | 54 | 38   |
| 38    | 908        | 587 | 661 | 615       | 649 | 614    | 721       | 315     | 269             | 317       | 326    | 358      | 345 | <b>90</b> · | 75   | 57 | 41   |
| 40    | 911        | 600 | 675 | 628       | 661 | 631    | 736       | 331     | 284             | 335       | 339    | 371      | 356 | .91         | 79   | 60 | 43   |
| 42    | 924        | 613 | 689 | 641       | 674 | 649    | 752       | 348     | 298             | 353       | 352    | 383      | 365 | 93          | 84   | 63 | 46   |
| 44    | 931        | 626 | 702 | 653       | 686 | 666    | 766       | 363     | 311             | 371       | 366    | 395      | 374 | 97          | . 88 | 66 | 49   |
| 46    | 933        | 637 | 712 | 663       | 695 | 681    | 777       | 378     | 324             | 389       | 381    | 406      | 384 | 98          | 92   | 69 | 51   |
| 48    | 942        | 648 | 724 | 674       | 707 | 696    | 791       | 393     | 337             | 407       | 396    | 417      | 393 | 101         | 98   | 73 | 54   |
| 50    | 940        | 658 | 735 | 685       | 718 | 710    | 802       | 407     | 34 <del>9</del> | 425       | 410    | 427      | 400 | 103         | 103  | 76 | 56   |
| 52    | 950        | 669 | 747 | 696       | 729 | 726    | 816       | 420     | 361             | 440       | 425    | 437      | 409 | 105         | 109  | 80 | 59   |
| 54    | 956        | 680 | 758 | 707       | 739 | 742    | 826       | 434     | 372             | 456       | 440    | 446      | 416 | 108         | 112  | 83 | 62   |
| 56    | 963        | 690 | 769 | 717       | 748 | 758    | 836       | 447     | 384             | 469       | 454    | 455      | 424 | 109         | 115  | 87 | 65   |
| 58    | 973        | 700 | 780 | 727       | 758 | 773    | 845       | 460     | 395             | 482       | 468    | 465      | 431 | 111         | 121  | 90 | 67   |

TABLE 4. Cross-section temperatures measured at level I

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| Time  | Furnace    | Temperat        | ure (°C) me  | easured at | location of | thermocou | ple No. |
|-------|------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| (min) | temp. (°C) | 18              | 19           | 20         | 21          | 22        | 23      |
|       |            |                 |              |            |             |           |         |
| 0     | 69         | - 27            | 29           | 24         | 24          | 25        | 26.     |
| 2     | 408        | 46              | 70           | 25         | 25          | 28        | 36      |
| 4     | 638        | 109             | 139          | 31         | 30          | 47        | 80      |
| 6     | 648        | 141             | 187          | 56         | 48          | 79        | 121     |
| 8     | 672        | 176             | 224          | 91         | 77          | 107       | 132     |
| 10    | 704        | 206             | <b>257</b> · | 108        | 111         | 126       | 158     |
| 12    | 725        | 238             | 293          | 112        | 133         | 130       | 182     |
| 14    | 736        | 266             | 304          | 111        | 137         | 131       | 212     |
| 16    | 764        | 297             | 166          | 115        | 136         | 135       | 169     |
| 18    | 798        | 331             | 292          | 128        | 140         | 140       | 169     |
| 20    | 809        | 359             | 366          | 147        | 157         | 157       | 233     |
| 22    | 826        | 38 <del>9</del> | 418          | 169        | 175         | 197       | 277     |
| 24    | . 837      | 417             | 457          | 192        | 193         | 227       | 312     |
| 26    | 571        | 443             | 490          | 214        | 211         | 252       | 341     |
| 28    | 860        | 466             | 515          | 235        | 229         | 275       | 367     |
| 30    | 874        | 487             | 538          | 255        | 247         | 295       | 389     |
| 32    | 879        | 506             | 557          | 274        | 265         | 313       | 408     |
| 34    | 891        | 524             | 576          | 293        | 283         | 331       | 425     |
| 36    | 604        | 539             | 593          | 311        | 299         | 347       | 440     |
| 38    | 908        | 554             | 609          | 329        | 315         | 361       | 454     |
| 40    | 911        | 569             | 621          | 346        | 330         | 375       | 467     |
| 42    | 924        | 582             | 632          | 362        | 345         | 388       | 479     |
| 44    | 931        | 595             | 645          | 377        | 361         | 400       | 491     |
| 46    | 933        | 607             | 655          | 392        | 376         | 413       | 502     |
| 48    | 942        | 619             | 668          | 407        | 391         | 424       | 513-    |
| 50    | 940        | 630             | 680          | 421        | 406         | 435       | 525     |
| 52    | 950        | 641             | 693          | 434        | 421         | 446       | 536     |
| -54   | 956        | -               | 715          | 447        | 436         | 456       | 547     |
| 56    | 963        | -               | 716          | 460        | 449         | 466       | 557     |
| 58    | 973        | -               | 727          | 471        | 459         | 477       | 567     |
|       |            |                 |              |            |             |           | · .     |

TABLE 5. Cross-section temperatures measured at level II

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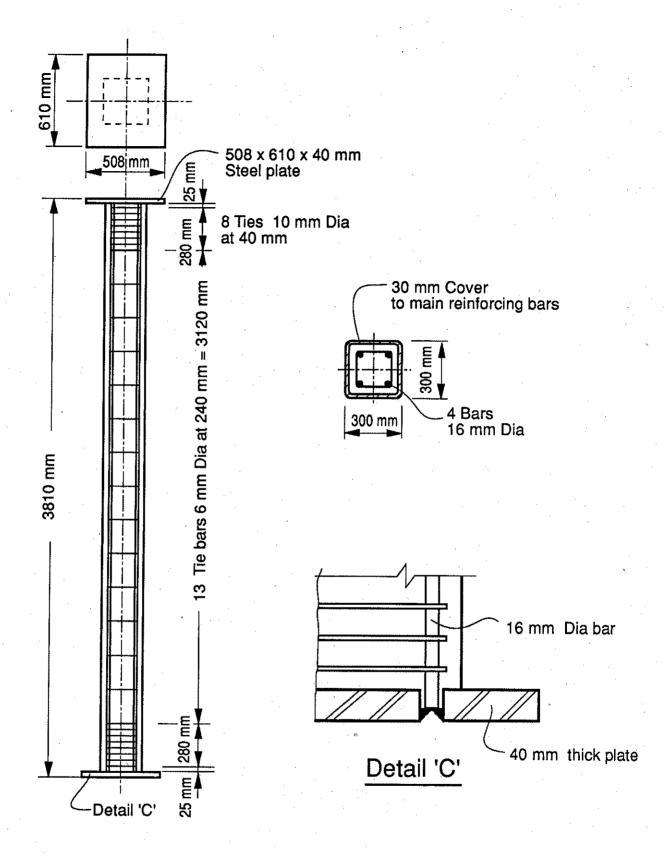
| Time  | Furnace    |     | Te  | mperature | (°C) measu | red at loca | tion of the | mocouple | No. |    |
|-------|------------|-----|-----|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----|----|
| (min) | temp. (*C) | 24  | 25  | 26        | 27         | 28          | 29          | 30       | 31  | 32 |
|       | · ·        |     |     |           |            | •           |             |          |     |    |
| 0     | 69         | 32  | 30  | 25        | 25         | 25          | 25          | 28       | 28  | 24 |
| 2     | 408        | 74  | 62  | 27        | 26         | 26          | 26          | 37       | 38  | 24 |
| 4     | 638        | 137 | 116 | 35        | 32         | 33          | 33          | 76       | 79  | 24 |
| 6     | 648        | 179 | 154 | 56        | 49         | 51          | 52          | 111      | 109 | 24 |
| 8     | 672        | 215 | 189 | 83        | 75         | 82          | 79          | 127      | 124 | 24 |
| 10    | 704        | 255 | 223 | 114       | 103        | 113         | 105         | 152      | 151 | 24 |
| 12    | 725        | 290 | 251 | 145       | 108        | 122         | 130         | 173      | 170 | 23 |
| 14    | 736        | 328 | 281 | 149       | 123        | 174         | 151         | 202      | 196 | 22 |
| 16    | 764        | 363 | 304 | 151       | 136        | 241         | 145         | 225      | 209 | 24 |
| 18    | 798        | 398 | 327 | 166       | 200        | 269         | 150         | 237      | 228 | 24 |
| 20    | 809        | 421 | 350 | 189       | 254        | 332         | 175         | 262      | 250 | 25 |
| 22    | 826        | 453 | 374 | 215       | 303        | 379         | 198         | 297      | 271 | 26 |
| 24    | 837        | 483 | 406 | 241       | 346        | 408         | 220         | 327      | 302 | 27 |
| 26    | 571        | 512 | 438 | 266       | 384        | 436         | 241         | 353      | 331 | 28 |
| 28    | 860        | 536 | 465 | 290       | 413        | 465         | <b>261</b>  | 377      | 358 | 30 |
| 30    | 874        | 558 | 491 | 313       | 431        | 499         | 280         | 398      | 382 | 32 |
| 32    | 879        | 578 | 513 | 334       | 441        | 534         | 299         | 418      | 404 | 34 |
| 34    | 891        | 598 | 534 | 354       | 453        | 565         | 317         | 437      | 425 | 36 |
| 36    | 604        | 614 | 552 | 372       | 466        | 591         | 333         | 454      | 443 | 38 |
| 38    | 908        | 631 | 570 | 390       | 483        | 615         | 349         | 470      | 460 | 41 |
| 40    | 911        | 646 | 586 | 407       | 499        | 636         | 365         | 486      | 477 | 43 |
| 42    | 924        | 660 | 601 | 423       | 517        | 653         | 380         | 500      | 491 | 46 |
| 44    | 931        | 673 | 615 | 438       | 532        | -           | 394         | 514      | 505 | 49 |
| 46    | 933        | 684 | 627 | 452       | 541        | -           | 409         | 527      | 518 | 52 |
| 48    | 942        | 696 | 640 | 466       | 550        |             | 424         | 539      | 530 | 55 |
| 50    | 940        | 706 | 651 | 479       | 561        |             | 438         | 550      | 542 | 58 |
| 52    | 950        | 717 | 662 | 492       | 568        |             | 452         | 561      | 553 | 61 |
| 54    | 956        | 728 | 674 | 504       | 577        |             | 466         | 572      | 564 | 64 |
| 56    | 963        | 739 | 684 | 515       | 586        | • •         | 480         | 584      | 574 | 67 |
| 58    | 973        | 750 | 694 | 527       | 595        | -           | 493         | 596      | 584 | 70 |

 TABLE 6. Cross-section temperatures measured at level III

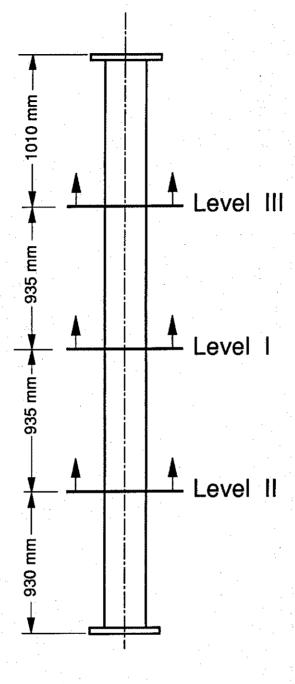
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#### TABLE 7. Axial deformation of column

| Time  | Axial            |
|-------|------------------|
| (min) | deformation (mm) |
|       |                  |
| 0     | 0.00             |
| 2     | 0.00             |
| 4     | 0.00             |
| .6    | 0.00             |
| 8     | 0.03             |
| 10    | 0.10             |
| 12    | 0.18             |
| 14    | 0.18             |
| 16    | 0.18             |
| 18    | 0.18             |
| 20    | 0.18             |
| 22    | 0.19             |
| 24    | 0.19             |
| 26    | 0.19             |
| 28    | 0.13             |
| 30    | 0.01             |
| 32    | -0.14            |
| 34    | -0.31            |
| 36    | -0.51            |
| 38    | -0.71            |
| 40    | -0.93            |
| 42    | -1.17            |
| 44    | -1.43            |
| 46    | -1.72            |
| -48   | -2.04            |
| 50    | -2.38            |
| 52    | -2.77            |
| 54    | -3.21            |
| 56    | -3.72            |
| 58    | -4.32            |
|       |                  |



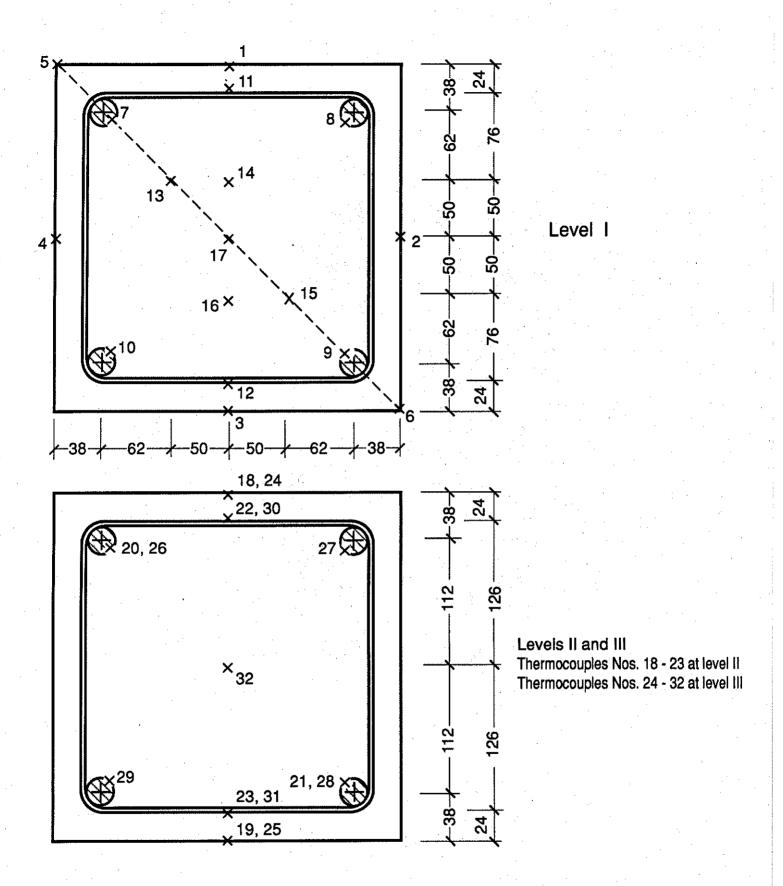
Elevation, cross section and finishing detail of the reinforced concrete column



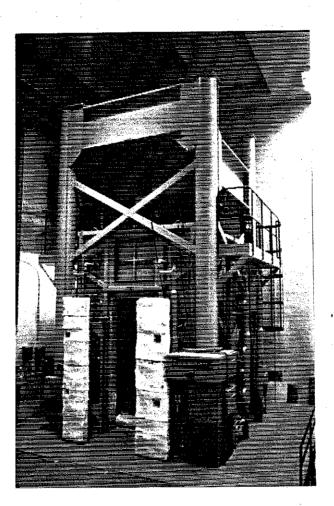


Levels at which thermocouples in the concrete column were installed

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Location of thermocouples at various levels in column



# Test Furnace

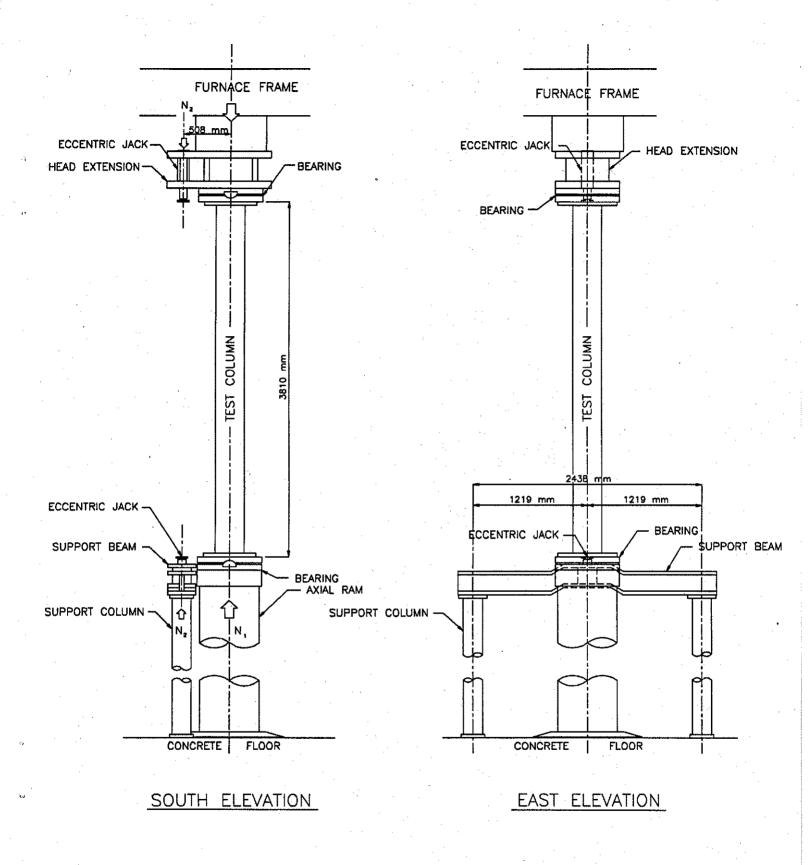
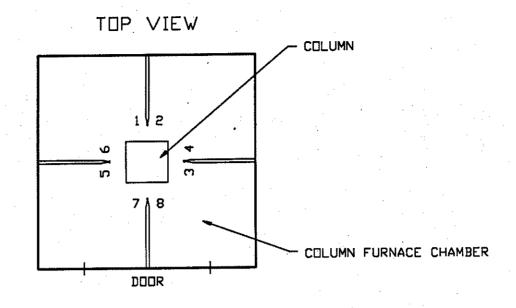
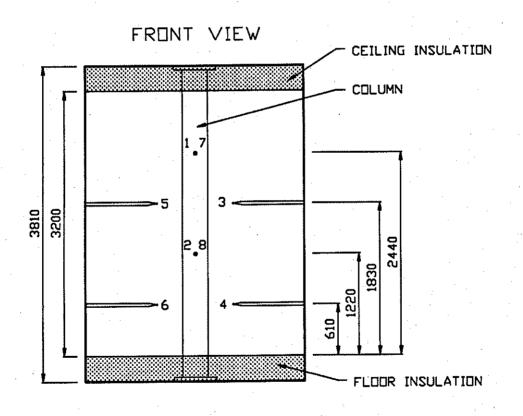


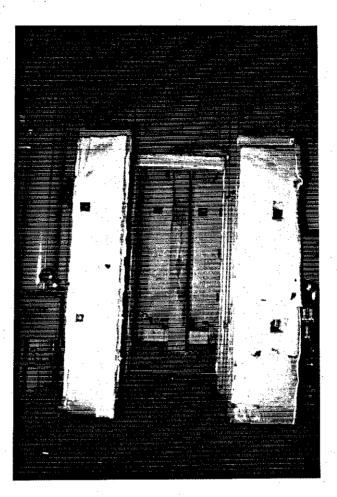
Figure 5 Loading device of column test facility

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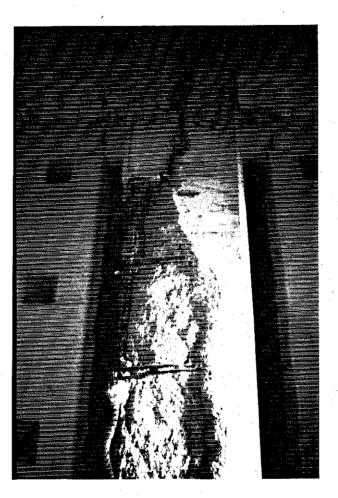




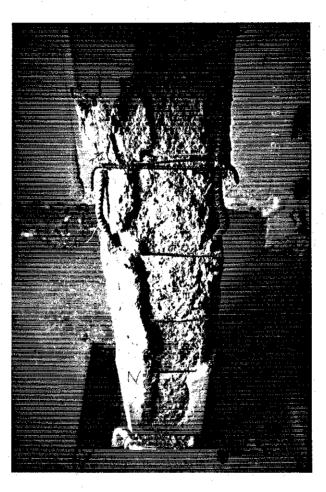
Location and numbers of thermocouples in column furnace chamber



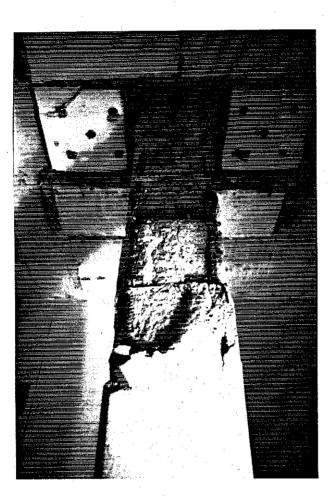
East side of column after test



West side of column after test



North side of column after test



South side of column after test

#### APPENDIX

#### Methods and Instruments

The following methods and instruments were used to measure the thermal properties of the concrete of the VTT column:

#### Mass Loss

The mass loss curve was produced by a DuPont 951 Thermogravimetric Analyzer. The specimens that were tested weighed between 30 and 40 mg. Scanning rates of 10°C/min in a nitrogen atmosphere and of 20°C/min in air static were used.

#### **Thermal Expansion**

The thermal expansion curve was produced by a Theta Dilatronic apparatus. The specimens were 40 mm long and 12.5 mm square in cross-section. The rate of heating was 10°C/min in air static from room temperature to 1200°C.

#### **Specific Heat**

The specific heat of the concrete was measured with two instruments: A DuPont 2910 Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC) and a DuPont 1600°C High Temperature Differential Thermal Analyzer (DTA).

The specimens tested in the DSC weighed between 30 and 40 mg. The DSC analyzed the samples from room temperature to 725°C in a nitrogen atmosphere. A scanning rate of 10°C/min was used. The error in reproducibility of the specific heat, determined with Aluminum, was 1.5%.

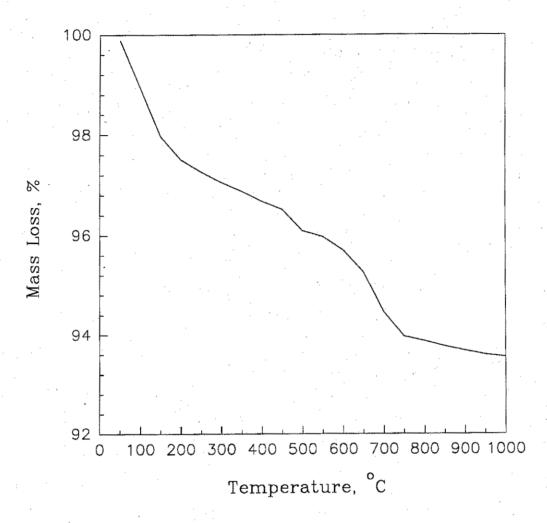
The DTA was used to determine the specific heat of the concrete from 725°C to 1000°C. Scanning rates of 10°C/min and 20°C/min were used on 50 mg samples in both a nitrogen atmosphere and in air static. The DTA error in reproducibility was for silver wire 3%.

#### Thermal Conductivity

A TC-31 Thermal Conductivity Meter made by Kyoto Electronics was used to determine the thermal conductivity curve.

# TABLE A1. MASS LOSS OF CONCRETE OF<br/>VTT COLUMN AS A FUNCTION OF<br/>TEMPERATURE

| Temperature       | Mass Loss     |
|-------------------|---------------|
| (°C)              | (%)           |
| 50                | 99.88         |
| 100               | 98.93         |
| 150               | 97.97         |
| 200               | 97.51         |
| 250               | 97.27         |
| 300               | 97.06         |
| 350               | 96.88         |
| 400               | 96.68         |
| 450               | 96.52         |
| 500               | 96.09         |
| 550<br>550<br>600 | 95.97<br>95.7 |
| 650               | 95.26         |
| 700               | 94.46         |
| 750               | 93.97         |
| 800               | 93.88         |
| 850               | 93.77         |
| 900               | 93.68         |
| 950               | 93.6          |
| 1000              | 93.55         |



## Figure A1

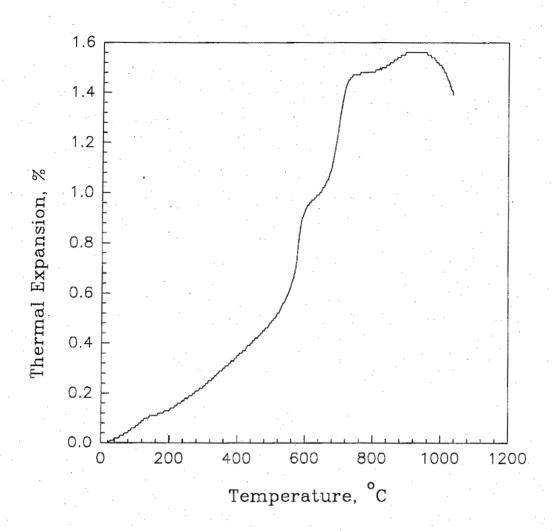
Mass Loss of Concrete of VTT Column as a Function of Temperature

| Temperature<br>(°C) | Expansion                             | Temperature<br>(° C) | Expansion | Temperature<br>(° C) | Expansion | Temperature<br>(° C) | Expansion |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 19.2                | 0.0%                                  | 297.0                | 0.22%     | 55( 0                | 0.000     | 005.5                |           |
| 30.0                | 0.0%                                  | 308.2                | 0.24%     | 556.8<br>566.0       | 0.62%     | 825.6                | 1.50%     |
|                     | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 1                    |           |                      | 0.66%     | 834.0                | 1.50%     |
| 44.2                | 0.02%                                 | 322.9                | 0.25%     | 578.8                | 0.78%     | 844.8                | 1.51%     |
| 52.3                | 0.02%                                 | 333.6                | 0.27%     | 588.4                | 0.88%     | 855.6                | 1.52%     |
| 64.6                | 0.03%                                 | 340.8                | 0.28%     | 597.6                | 0.92%     | 866.0                | 1.53%     |
| 77.4                | 0.04%                                 | 354.8                | 0.29%     | 610.0                | 0.95%     | 877.2                | 1.54%     |
| 85.9                | 0.05%                                 | 365.6                | 0.31%     | 619.2                | 0.97%     | 885.2                | 1.55%     |
| 98.6                | 0.06%                                 | 375.6                | 0.32%     | 631.6                | 0.98%     | 890.4                | 1.55%     |
| 107.2               | 0.07%                                 | 389.2                | 0.33%     | 640.4                | 0.99%     | 906.4                | 1.56%     |
| 119.3               | 0.09%                                 | 399.6                | 0.35%     | 649.6                | 1.01%     | 922.8                | 1.56%     |
| 131.0               | 0.10%                                 | 413.2                | 0.36%     | 662.0                | 1.04%     | 938.8                | 1.56%     |
| 138.8               | 0.10%                                 | 422.8                | 0.37%     | 671.2                | 1.07%     | 957.6                | 1.56%     |
| 150.9               | 0.11%                                 | 430.0                | 0.39%     | 680.0                | 1.11%     | 968.4                | 1.55%     |
| 163.9               | 0.11%                                 | 440.4                | 0.40%     | 692.0                | 1.20%     | 976.4                | 1.54%     |
| 172.8               | 0.12%                                 | 450.0                | 0.41%     | 701.2                | 1.28%     | 986.8                | 1.52%     |
| 182.0               | 0.12%                                 | 459.6                | 0.42%     | 710.0                | 1.36%     | 999.6                | 1.51%     |
| 190.8               | 0.13%                                 | 469.6                | 0.44%     | 722.0                | 1.43%     | 1010.0               | 1.48%     |
| 204.0               | 0.14%                                 | 479.6                | 0.45%     | 730.4                | 1.45%     | 1020.4               | 1.45%     |
| 221.2               | 0.15%                                 | 489.6                | 0.46%     | 736.8                | 1.46%     | 1030.8               | 1.41%     |
| 233.9               | 0.16%                                 | 499.6                | 0.48%     | 748.0                | 1.47%     | 1035.2               | 1.39%     |
| 242.2               | 0.17%                                 | 509.2                | 0.50%     | 759.6                | 1.47%     |                      |           |
| 254.3               | 0.18%                                 | 518.8                | 0.52%     | 776.8                | 1.48%     |                      |           |
| 266.2               | 0.19%                                 | 528.8                | 0.54%     | 790.4                | 1.48%     |                      |           |
| 277.8               | 0.21%                                 | 538.0                | 0.56%     | 803.6                | 1.48%     |                      |           |
| 289.2               | 0.22%                                 | 547.6                | 0.59%     | 812.0                | 1.49%     |                      |           |

#### TABLE A2. THERMAL EXPANSION OF CONCRETE OF VTT COLUMN AS A FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE

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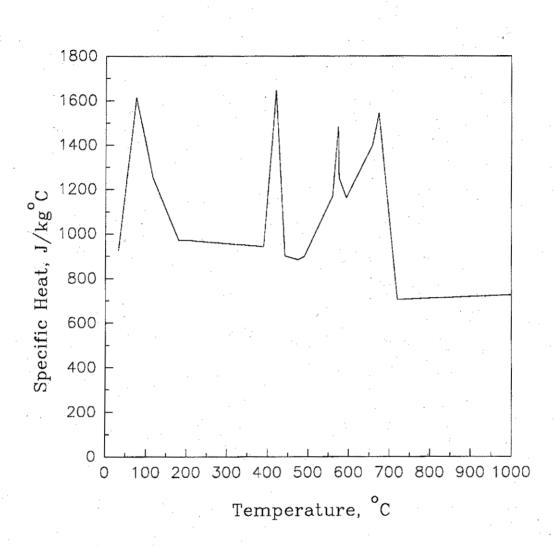


## Figure A2

Thermal Expansion of Concrete of VTT Column as a Function of Temperature

# TABLE A3. SPECIFIC HEAT OF CONCRETE OF<br/>VTT COLUMN AS A FUNCTION OF<br/>TEMPERATURE

| Temperature<br>(°C) | Specific Heat<br>(J/kg°C) |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 32                  | 927                       |  |  |  |  |
| . 74                | 1612                      |  |  |  |  |
| 116                 | 1252                      |  |  |  |  |
| 180                 | 971                       |  |  |  |  |
| 200                 | 971                       |  |  |  |  |
| 390                 | 942                       |  |  |  |  |
| 420                 | 1646                      |  |  |  |  |
| 442                 | 900                       |  |  |  |  |
| 474                 | 883                       |  |  |  |  |
| 490                 | 897                       |  |  |  |  |
| 560                 | 1169                      |  |  |  |  |
| 574                 | 1482                      |  |  |  |  |
| 576                 | 1250                      |  |  |  |  |
| 594                 | 1161                      |  |  |  |  |
| 658                 | 1398                      |  |  |  |  |
| 674                 | 1543                      |  |  |  |  |
| 720                 | 705                       |  |  |  |  |
| 1000                | 725                       |  |  |  |  |

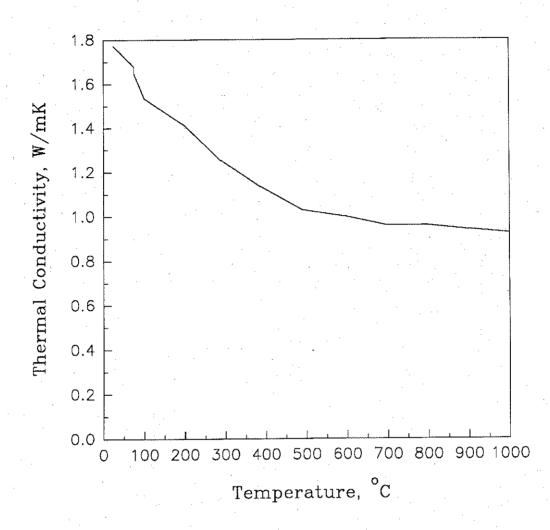


## Figure A3

Specific Heat of Concrete of VTT Column as a Function of Temperature

# TABLE A4. THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF<br/>CONCRETE OF VTT COLUMN AS A<br/>FUNCTION OF TEMPERATURE

| Temperature<br>(°C) | Thermal Conductivity<br>(W/mK) |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 24                  | 1.773                          |
| 24<br>75            | 1.678                          |
| 75                  | 1.647                          |
| 100                 | 1.536                          |
| 100                 | 1.535                          |
| 194                 | 1.418                          |
| 194                 | 1.421                          |
| 289                 | 1.252                          |
| 289                 | 1.255                          |
| 387                 | 1.133                          |
| 387                 | 1.135                          |
| 490                 | 1.029                          |
| 490                 | 1.029                          |
| 594                 | 0.998                          |
| 594                 | 0.999                          |
| 698                 | 0.958                          |
| 698                 | 0.958                          |
| 800                 | 0.959                          |
| 800                 | 0.958                          |
| 900                 | 0.939                          |
| 900                 | 0.940                          |
| 1000                | 0.923                          |
| 1000                | 0.923                          |



## Figure A4

Thermal Conductivity of Concrete of VTT Column as a Function of Temperature