Some properties of sustainable concrete containing two environmental wastes

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Abstract. This investigation includes the use of 15% of glass wastes as a partial substitution to cement in combination with plastic wastes as volumetric replacement to natural coarse aggregate to produce sustainable concrete. Different volumetric replacements of plastic waste to natural coarse aggregate (25%, 50%, 75%, and 100%) were used in concrete containing 15% glass powder as a replacement by weight of cement. Generally, the results show that the inclusion of 15% glass powder improves the compressive strength, splitting tensile strength and flexural strength by about 13.3%, 36.3%, and 34.7% respectively at 60 day age in comparison with reference concrete without wastes, also the results show a decrease in water absorption and an increase in dry density. The inclusion of plastic waste aggregate in the presence of 15% glass powder leads to a decrease in the compressive strength, flexural strength, splitting tensile strength, dry density, ultrasonic pulse velocity, and thermal conductivity. The percentage reductions are 59.8%, 46.3%, 43.6%, 20.5%, 28.6%, and 54.4% respectively for concrete specimens that including 100% plastic waste coarse aggregate in comparison with concrete specimens without plastic waste aggregate.

1 Introduction

The concept of sustainability is now very important in the construction industry. It is known as ensuring the complacency of the present requirements without permitting the ability of future generation [1]. Concrete is one of the main materials used in construction activities in the world. Annually the production of concrete all over the world is about twelve billion tons that consume nearly 1.6 billion tons of Portland cement, ten billion tons of rocks and one billion ton of water [2]. The production of one ton of Portland cement creates about 4 tons of CO2 gas that causes environmental pollution. It is clear that the concrete industry significantly affects the environment. It is not reasonable to confine the use of concrete, but there are several manners to reduce its environmental influence [2, 3]. Huge quantities and types of glass waste and plastic are generated all over the world due to the large use of these products. Most of these solid wastes have been buried in landfill sites; this land filling of wastes is unfavorable because these wastes are non-biodegradable, which makes this process environmentally less friendly. So, it is required to start a new solution for sustainable development. One of the best solutions of sustainable solid waste management is the ability to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle of these wastes to the maximum as possible [4]. To produce eco-friendly concrete, some researchers studied the replacement of cement by other materials (supplementary cementitious materials). The chemical composition of these materials mainly contains reactive silica that reacts with Ca(OH)2 (one of the hydration products of cement) to produce additional gel, which improves some properties of concrete [5, 6]. Some types of these materials are by-products from industry. In addition, there are natural materials, namely natural pozzolans such as metakaolin that is produced from kaolin clay after firing this clay to a temperature between 600 °C - 800°C [7, 8].

In Iraq the by-product supplementary cementitious materials such as, silica fume, fly ash, etc. are not available, while metakaolin as a natural Pozzolan can be produced from kaolin clay, which exists in large deposits in Iraq. However, the use of metakaolin as a replacement to cement consumes the kaolinite clay from environment; in addition, it consumes a large amount of energy during the burning process that makes this material less sustainable. Therefore, it is very important to find alternative sustainable material that can be used as a replacement to cement in concrete industry. The use of different waste materials (recyclable Portland cement concrete, plastic, brick and others) as aggregate in concrete industry can consume huge quantities of these materials. In this case, the problems of consume aggregate in construction sites, and environmental pollution problems can be solved. The inclusion of plastic waste as aggregate in concrete can significantly improve some properties of concrete, because plastic has low thermal conductivity, low density, good abrasion resistance and high toughness.

The aim of this study is to investigate the effect of using...
glass waste powder and plastic waste, on some properties of concrete.

2 Research significance

Research significance can be summarized as follows:

- Recycling of glass and plastic wastes (collection, washing, and preparing) and classifying them based on ASTM.
- Investigating the properties of concrete containing the 15% of glass waste powder as a replacement to cement by weight and different percentages of crushed plastic as replacement by volume of natural coarse aggregate.

3 Experimental program

3.1 Materials

- Ordinary Portland cement type (1) was used in this investigation. Test results show that the taken cement has satisfied the Iraqi Standard No. 5/1984.
- Normal weight natural sand with maximum size of 4.75mm was used. The results demonstrate that the gradation of the sand, SO₃ content and physical properties conform to the Iraqi Standard No. 45/1980.
- Natural crushed gravel with maximum size of 14mm was used in this study. The grading and sulphate content of the coarse aggregate conform to the Iraqi Specifications No. 45/1984.
- Potable water from the water supply network was used for mixing and curing of concrete.
- High, range water reducer admixture with a commercial mark of GLENIUM 54.0 was utilized. It is compatible with ASTM C494 type F.
- Glass powder waste and plastic waste aggregate were used after preparation and classification.

3.2 Preparation of glass waste

White glass waste was collected, washed and broken into small pieces as shown in Figure (1-a). The glass was then crushed by using a crusher type Retsch shown in Figure (1-b). The particle size of the glass waste after the crushing process varied from 0-0.5 mm as shown in Figure (1-c). After that it was grinded by a grinder type Retsch shown in Figure (1-d). The grinding was carried out at different time periods (1, 5, 10, and 15 minutes). Glass powder sample after grinding process is shown in Figure (1-e). Finally, the glass powder was screened on sieve No.200 (75 microns), as shown in Figure (1-f).

3.3 Experimental test on glass powder

The following tests were conducted on the prepared glass powder to make sure that this powder had properties which conform to the properties of natural pozzolans according to ASTM C618; all results are illustrated in Table (1):

- Fineness test was carried out on the glass powder after each grinding period (1, 5, 10, and 15 minutes) in accordance with ASTM C204.

3.4 Preparation of plastic waste

Vegetable containers were collected, washed with water, and then crushed to small pieces by a crusher in Bub Al -
Sham region in Baghdad. The crushed plastic waste was sieved on standard sieves then prepared with gradation that agrees with Iraqi Standard No.45/1980 and corresponding to natural aggregate used in this study, as shown Figure (2).

![Plastic Aggregate](image1)
![Natural Crushed Aggregate](image2)

**Fig. 2.** Coarse Aggregate Used in this Investigation.

### 3.5 Experimental test on plastic waste

#### 3.5.1 Fourier Transforms Infrared Spectroscopy Analysis

Fourier transforms infrared spectroscopy (FTIR)\(^1\) analysis is a subset of spectroscopy that deals with the infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum. It can be used to identify compounds or investigate the composition of a material. Figure (3) shows the analysis of plastic waste used in this study. By observing the results of the analysis and comparing them with the results of the standard plastic analysis by FTIR for each of polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, and polyethylene chloride, the test result shows that the plastic is closer to the polyethylene.

![FTIR Analysis](image3)

**Fig. 3.** FTIR Analysis of Plastic Waste

#### 3.5.2 Sieve analysis

The coarse plastic aggregate was prepared to satisfy the requirements of IQS 45/1980 for natural coarse aggregate with max size of 14 mm. The grading of plastic waste aggregate used in this investigation is shown in Table (2). It is the same as that for crushed natural coarse aggregate used in this study.

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<th>Sieve size (mm) according to Iraqi standard</th>
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- Density test was carried out based on ASTM D792\(^1\)11.
- Flexural Strength test was conducted based on ASTM D790\(^1\)12.
- Compressive Strength test based on ASTM D695\(^1\)13 was carried out.
- Tensile Strength test was carried out according to ASTM D 638\(^1\)14.
- Thermal conductivity was carried out using Lee’s Disc Method\(^1\)15.
- Impact Test was carried out based on ISO 179\(^1\)16.

All test results are illustrated in Table (3). According to the properties of plastic waste in Table (3) and the Figure 3 of FTIR analysis, the plastic waste used in this investigation can be classified as polyethylene plastic. Generally polyethylene plastic is classified into three types, low density (0.910-0.925 gm/cm³), medium density (0.926-0.94 gm/cm³), and high density (0.941-0.959 gm/cm³) according to ASTM D3350\(^1\)17, so plastic waste used in this investigation is high density polyethylene (HDPE).

#### Table 2. Grading of Plastic Waste Aggregate

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Property</th>
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<td>Density (gm/cm³)</td>
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<td>Flexural Strength (N/mm²)</td>
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<td>Compressive Strength (N/mm²)</td>
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<td>Tensile Strength (N/mm²)</td>
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#### Table 3. Physical Properties of HDPE Plastic Waste Used in this Investigation
3.6 Selection of mix proportion for the reference concrete

Reference concrete mix was designed according to British Method for concrete mix design [18], to get concrete compressive strength at least of 40 MPa at 28 day age without any additives. The mix of cement: sand: crushed coarse aggregate is in the ratio 1:1.4:1.8 by weight with cement content of 500 kg/m³, slump test value of 100±5.0 mm and w/c ratio of 0.42. Many trial mixtures were conducted to choose the optimum dose of high range water reducer admixture (HRWRA). The w/c ratio was modified to give the constant workability of the reference mixture (slump test value of 10.0±5.0 mm). The major task of utilizing HRWRA is to decrease the amount of water mix, whereas keeping the constant workability of reference mixture. The details of the designed reference concrete mix containing various dosages of superplasticizer (HRWRA) are given in Table (4). The experimental results in this study mentioned that the optimum dose of high range water reducing admixture is 1.5 L / 10.0 kg of cement that gives reduction in water by about 35.71% and maximum compressive, strength of 59.6 MPa at 28 day age.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Mix proportion by weight</th>
<th>Dosage of HRWR (liter/100 kg of cement)</th>
<th>w/c ratio</th>
<th>Slump (mm)</th>
<th>Water reduction (%)</th>
<th>Compressive strength (MPa)</th>
<th>Water reduction (MPa)</th>
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<td>1:1.4:1.8 (cement:sand:gravel) cement content of 500kg/m³, w/c=0.27, HRWRA =1.5 Liter/100 kg</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.36</td>
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<td>102</td>
<td>33.34</td>
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<td>55.2</td>
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3.7 Concrete mixes

After the selection of optimum dosage of HRWRA, several concrete mixes were prepared. Concrete mixes prepared in this investigation are shown in Table (5).

3.8 Mixing, preparation, and curing of concrete specimens

The processes for all concrete mixes were performed in an electrical rotary vessel mixer of 0.1m³ capacity according to ASTM C 192/C192M. After removing the concrete specimens from molds, all the specimens were completely immersed in water storage tank containing water mixed with 3gm/litter of calcium hydroxide according to ASTM C511. Concrete specimens were cured till the time of test.

3.9 Experimental tests

The following experimental tests were carried out to study the influence of two wastes on some properties of concrete:

- Slump test based on American Specification ASTM C143.
- Fresh density test based on American Specification ASTM C 138.
- Oven dry density test based on American Specification ASTM C 642 (using100×100 mm cube specimens).
- Compressive, strength test based on British Standard 1881 (utilizing 10.0 mm cube specimens).
- Water absorption test based on American Specification ASTM C642 (using 100 mm cube specimens).
Splitting tensile strength test, based on American Specification ASTM C496 (using 10.0×200 mm cylindrical specimens).

Flexural tensile strength test based on American Specification ASTM C78 (utilizing 10.0×10.0×400 mm prism specimens).

Ultrasonic pulse velocity test according to ASTM C597 (using 100 mm cube specimens).

Thermal conductivity test (using cube specimens of 100 mm) [19].

4 Results and discussion

4.1 Properties of concrete containing glass powder waste

4.1.1 Fresh concrete properties

1) Workability

The experimental results in Table (6) indicate that there is a slight increase in workability with incorporation of 15% glass powder waste for the same slump compared with reference without wastes, because the glass powder has low water absorption compared with cement. Also it can be seen that there is a slight increase in workability with the increment in plastic waste coarse aggregate in concrete. The improvement in workability of concrete mixes with plastic waste aggregate is attributed to the very low absorbent characteristic of plastic waste in comparison with natural aggregate this correspond with that mentioned by Abduel Majid [20].

2) Fresh density

The results of fresh density for concrete mixtures containing different percentage of HDPE plastic and 15% glass powder waste are shown in Table (6) and Figure (4). It can be observed that the use of 15% glass powder only leads to a decrease in the fresh density of concrete compared with reference (without glass powder) this is due to the low specific gravity of glass powder (2.265) compared with specific gravity of cement (3.15). Also, the increase in plastic waste aggregate content decreases the fresh density. This is attributed to the low density of plastic aggregate (0.949 kg/m³) compared with that of the natural aggregate (1.715 kg/m³) in concrete this is compatible with explanation by Kou et al. [21].

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Symbol of mixes</th>
<th>Content of plastic waste (%)</th>
<th>Reduction in water relative to the reference (G0P0) without any wastes (%)</th>
<th>Fresh density (kg/m³)</th>
<th>Oven dry density (kg/m³)</th>
<th>Water absorption (%)</th>
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<td>2303.4</td>
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<td>G15P0</td>
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<td>G15P50</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>9.3</td>
<td>2273.9</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>2055.5</td>
<td>1862.4</td>
<td>1.07</td>
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Fig. 4. Fresh and oven dry density of all concrete specimens

4.1.2 Hardened concrete properties

1) Oven dry density

The test results at 60 day age presented in Table (6) and Figure (4) show a slight increase in dry density for specimens containing 15% glass powder by about 1.671% relative to reference (G0P0). This increment is due to the change of calcium hydroxide ions that have specific gravity of 2.24 to extra gel with specific gravity of 2.3-2.6 [22], that fills the space between particles in the microstructure of concrete. The inclusion of plastic waste aggregate in concrete leads to a significant decrease in the oven dry density of concrete because of the lower density of plastics relative to the density of natural coarse aggregate. The results indicate that concrete specimens containing 100% HDPE plastic...
waste aggregate and with 15%, glass powder waste has a dry density of 1862.4kg/m³

2) Water absorption

Water absorption of all concrete specimens prepared in this investigation is listed in Table (6). It’s clear that the water absorption is decreased for concrete containing 15% glass powder by 9.8% in comparison with the reference specimens (without any wastes), this is due to the pozzolanic reaction between the silica in glass powder and calcium hydroxide. This reaction produces extra gel [5], which fills the spaces between particles, as well as segment the continuous capillary pores in the microstructure of concrete, that reduces the permeability consequently and decreases the absorption. The incorporation of plastic waste as coarse aggregate in concrete increases the water absorption with the increase in plastic waste content in concrete specimens. This is because of the shape of plastic aggregate (flaky and elongation), that increases the continuous path between pores and increases porosity. Also the low density of plastic waste leads to unsuitable compaction then more pores are formed.

The water absorption of each concrete mixes is very low and less than 10 %. This displays the good quality of all concrete mixes in this investigation [23].

3) Compressive strength

The effect of 15% glass powder waste and HDPE Plastic waste coarse aggregate on the compressive strength of concrete is explained in Table (7) and Figure (5). The test results demonstrate that the concrete specimens without any wastes (G0P0) is high strength concrete according to ACI 363 [24] that has a compressive strength of 64.7 N/mm² at 60 day age. The compressive strength of concrete containing 15% of glass powder at 60 day age is higher than reference because of the pozzolanic reaction that occurs between the reactive silica in glass powder and calcium hydroxide produced from the hydration of cement. This reaction produces extra gel that increases the strength at later ages [5]. The inclusion of plastic waste coarse aggregate significantly decreases the compressive strength of concrete. It’s clear that the percentage reductions in compressive strength for concrete specimens with 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% volumetric replacement of plastic waste coarse aggregate are 25.6%, 37.1%, 53.2%, and 59.8% respectively relative to concrete specimens without coarse plastic waste aggregate (G15P0). The reducing in compressive strength is because of the decrease in the bond strength, between the cement paste and HDPE plastic waste aggregate this corresponds with mentioned by Kinda et al. [25]. In addition, the natural aggregate is stronger than plastic aggregate, and as the most strength of concrete is from the strength of aggregate because approximately three quarters of the volume of concrete an occupied by aggregate [26], therefore the quantity and the strength of aggregate play an important role in the strength of concrete.

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<th>Symbol of mixes</th>
<th>Content of plastic waste as a volumetric replacement to natural coarse aggregate (%)</th>
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<th>Flexural strength at 60 day (MPa)</th>
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4) Splitting tensile strength

The splitting tensile strength values for concrete specimens containing 15% glass powder waste and different percentages of coarse plastic waste aggregate at 60 day age are presented in Table (7) and Figure (6). It can be observed that there is an increase in splitting tensile strength for concrete containing 15%, glass powder (G15P0) of about 36.3%, compared with the specimens without glass powder (G0P0). This is due to the formation of extra gel from the pozzolanic reaction, in addition the glass powder fills the space between particles and increases the bond between the components of concrete [5, 27]. Generally, the splitting tensile strength for all concrete samples containing plastic waste aggregate decreases with the increase in plastic content relative to natural crushed coarse aggregate replacement by volume. The percentage decreases in splitting tensile
strength are 19.0%, 32.9%, 41.1%, and 43.6% for specimen containing 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% volumetric content of plastic waste aggregate relative to the concrete specimens without plastic aggregate (G15P0). This is due to the lower bonding strength between the surfaces of plastic aggregate and cement paste compared with natural aggregate and cement paste, also natural coarse aggregate is stronger than plastic aggregate, that leads to more compatibility between aggregate and cement paste, then improves the interfacial transition zone between aggregate and cement paste.

5) Flexural strength

The test results of flexural strength (modulus of rupture) for all concrete specimens are listed in Table (7), and shown in Figure (6). An increase in flexural strength was recorded for concrete containing 15% glass powder as a partial replacement by weight of cement by about 34.7% compared with the specimens without glass powder (G0P0). This increase is because glass powder improves the transition zone between aggregate and cement paste consequently due to the pozzolanic reaction, as well as its filling ability to the spaces between particles by extra gel produced from this reactions, therefore the porosity that is inversely proportional to strength is decreased. Generally, the use of plastic waste aggregate as a replacement to natural coarse aggregate in concrete composite leads to a significant decrease in flexural strength for the same reasons mentioned in the compressive and splitting tensile strengths. The percentage reductions are 10.7%, 23.7%, 35.7%, and 46.3% for concrete specimens with 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% plastic aggregate respectively relative to concrete specimens without plastic aggregate (G15P0).

6) Thermal conductivity

Thermal conductivity results of all concrete specimens at 60 day age are given in Table (VIII). It can be seen that there is a significant decrease in thermal, conductivity factor with the rise in plastic waste aggregate content. This is because the formulation of a large numbers of pores and holes in the texture of concrete in presence of plastic waste aggregate. Also due to porosity that considered main factor that affect the thermal conductivity factor of concrete and the closed pores with air that has low thermal, conductivity factor [28]. Also, plastic waste aggregate has lower thermal conductivity (0.1175W/m.K) in comparison with natural coarse aggregate (2W/m.K); this is compatible with Semiha et al. [29].

7) Ultrasonic pulse velocity

The results of UPV for concrete specimens with and without HDPE plastic are given in Table (8). This non-destructive test is very useful to investigate the homogeneity of concrete containing polymer and plastic waste, i.e. more homogeneity mean increase transmission of velocity through the concrete. The reason of decrease in ultrasonic pulse velocity with the increment in plastic waste is because more non-homogeneity of concrete with plastic as coarse aggregate as a result of different shapes, low modulus of elasticity, also the plastic is considered very poor for transition wave compared with natural aggregate.

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5 Conclusions

From the experiential results and materials used offered in this investigation, the following conclusions can be drawn:

1. The workability of fresh concrete is improved with the use of glass powder or plastic or both; this is important to reduce the water demand of the mixture by increasing workability with the same water cement ratio.

2. There is a decrease in fresh density with the use of 15%glass powder waste or with the increase in plastic waste aggregate content.

3. There is a significant decrease in oven dry density with the increase in plastic waste aggregate, while there
is a slight increase when 15% glass powder waste is only used.

4. The incorporation of 15% glass powder leads to a decrease in water absorption of concrete. On the other hand the increase in plastic waste content as coarse aggregate in concrete leads to increase in water absorption.

5. The inclusion of 15% glass powder in concrete improves strength of concrete. While, the inclusion of plastic waste coarse aggregate significantly decreases the compressive strength of concrete. The percentages reduction in compressive strength for concrete samples with 100% plastic waste coarse aggregate is 59.8% relative to concrete specimens without any plastic waste coarse aggregate.

6. The inclusion of plastic waste aggregate in side concrete leads to significant decrease in splitting and flexural strengths. The maximum reduction in splitting and flexural strengths is 43.6% and 46.3% for concrete specimens with 100% plastic aggregate respectively.

7. There is a significant reduction in thermal conductivity and ultrasonic pulse velocity with the increase in plastic waste aggregate content.

8. It’s possible to produce structural lightweight concrete with good thermal insulation property using 100% HDPE plastic waste replacement to natural coarse aggregate by volume, e.g. the compressive strength, oven dry density, and thermal conductivity are 29.5 MPa, 1862.4 kg/m3, and 1.0663 W/m.K respectively.

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