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# EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON THE BEHAVIOR AND STRENGTH OF REINFORCED CONCRETE CORBELS CAST WITH SELF-COMPACTING CONCRETE INCORPORATING RECYCLED CONCRETE AS COARSE AGGREGATE

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# **Abstract**

This paper deals with the effect of using recycled concrete aggregate as a partial replacement of coarse aggregate in self-compacting concrete, on the structural behavior of reinforced concrete corbels. From the previous researches, there is no studies deals with the effect of using this type of aggregate on the structural behavior of corbels, and also the use of RCA has an economical and environmental benefits Three replacement ratios were considered 25%, 50% and 75%. All mixes (with and without RCA) have almost same compressive strength at age of 28days which is equal to (35MPa) with a tolerance of ( $\pm$ 3MPa). For this purpose, an eleven reinforced concrete corbels were cast and divided in to three groups (A, Band C). Each group deals with specific problem. Different parameters which effect the behavior of corbels were studied and include replacement ratios of natural coarse aggregate by recycled concrete aggregate (RCA), amount of horizontal reinforcement (Ah) and amount of main tension reinforcement (As<sub>main</sub>).

In order to get same compressive strength of concrete mixes made with natural and with recycled concrete aggregates, the quantity of cement was increased by (1.25%, 3.75% and 10%) for mixes containing (25%, 50% and 75%) recycled concrete aggregate respectively compared with SCC made with natural coarse aggregate.

The experimental results of corbels show that the ultimate load capacity of corbels in group Atested with a/d of 0.34 and made from SCC with (25%, 50 and 75%) RCA was decreased by (2.22%, 7.4%, and 12.34%) respectively compared with corbel made from SCC without RCA. While in group **B**, all corbels casted with 50%RCA and have the same main tension reinforcement, a/d=0.34, corbel dimensions and concrete compressive strength and the only difference was in the amount of horizontal reinforcement. The results showed that when the amount of horizontal reinforcement (stirrups) was increased from zero to 206mm, the ultimate load increased by (15.55%). While when the horizontal reinforcement was increased from 206mm to 306mm the ultimate load increased by 50%. Also the ultimate load was increased by 76.22% when the amount of horizontal reinforcement increased from zero to 406mm.

In group C, all corbels were casted with 50% RCA and tested under a/d=0.6. All corbels having the same geometry, horizontal reinforcement and a/d ratio and the only difference was in the main tension reinforcement. From the results it was noted that the increase in main tension reinforcement from 2000 10mm to 300 12mm causes an increase in ultimate load by about 19.04%. When the main tension reinforcement was increased from 200 10mm to 200 16mm, the ultimate load was increased by 22.61%.

There for it can be concluded that the recycled concrete aggregate can be used as a partial replacement of natural coarse aggregate to produce self-compacting concrete mixes and the behavior of corbels cast with SCC containing RCA is acceptable.

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Recycled concrete aggregate, ultimate strength, corbel

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