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*This guide addresses methods for selecting proportions for hydraulic-cement concrete placed by pumping. Specific numerical guidelines are given as applicable to mixture component proportions that lead to the most efficient concrete pumping results. Comments are also included in this guide on how pumping affects the supplied concrete and how the proportions affect the concrete's pumpability. This guide complements **ACI 304.2R** and is also intended as a supplement to **ACI 211.1** and **ACI 211.2**.*

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