SALVATION ARMY TERRITORIAL HQ





Visual Concrete Example Project Sheet









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2023
Headquarters
NBS
Special**
Cast in-situ

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Summary Project Introduction:	Sitting adjacent to The Salvation Army's Grade-II listed training college in Denmark Hill, this new territorial headquarters has been designed to a 120 year design life and features a cast in situ visual concrete frame throughout. The project prioritised quality, longevity and cost efficiency. The building comprises six floors of mainly open plan office accommodation, wrapped around a central atrium. The concrete frame utilises materially efficient ribbed slabs to achieve 9m spans. GGBS was used in the concrete mix, lowering the embodied carbon of the concrete and achieving a light grey finish.
Visual concrete overview:	This is a newbuild cast in situ concrete frame. The visual concrete elements include:
	Ribbed slabs
	Flat slabs
	Square columns
	Core wallsStairs
	• Stairs
Additional project specific features / notes:	The design specification was for a Plain surface finish, but the as-built surface finish is equivalent to Special due to evolved requirements on site including mock ups and post finishing.
Further reading:	Concrete Quarterly Issue 285 Winter 2023, RIBA Journal May 2024
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Visitor Access:	Café and headquarters reception publicly accessible with visual concrete visible. Atrium and upper floors private and not open to the public.

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Further detailed information on specific finishes:

Finish 01

Location: Reception soffit & bridge, Atrium slab edges & feature staircase

NSCS 5 surface finish classification:	Special**
Construction method:	Cast in-situ
Placement method:	Pumped

Concrete Mix and Materials:	
Cement content	400kg / mظ
Water / Cement Ratio	0.43
Cement type / addition %	CIIIA+SR 50% GGBS
Strength	C35/45
Admixtures	Water reducing admixture
Other Additions	None
Release agent	Unknown
Sealant	Unknown

Visual criteria	
Colour	Light grey
Blemishes	Unknown
Extent of blowholes	Unknown
Formwork	Unknown
Layout & joints	Unknown
Tie bolts	N/A
Flatness / Surface regularity	Unknown
Surface texture	Smooth
Surface reflectance	Unknown
Post finishing	Minimal post finishing carried out, samples provided by
	contractor for colour matching prior to post finishing.
	Fosroc Renderroc used in some locations.

Additional information	
None	

Finish 02 Location: Reception lift core and Atrium columns

NSCS 5 surface finish classification:	Special**
Construction method:	Cast in-situ
Placement method:	Not pumped

Concrete Mix and Materials:	
Cement content	420kg / mظ
Water / Cement Ratio	0.39

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Cement type / addition %	CIIIA+SR 50% GGBS
Strength	C40/50
Admixtures	Superplasticiser
Other Additions	None
Release agent	Unknown
Sealant	Unknown

Visual criteria	
Colour	Light grey
Blemishes	Unknown
Extent of blowholes	Unknown
Formwork	Unknown
Layout & joints	Unknown
Tie bolts	Filled
Flatness / Surface regularity	Unknown
Surface texture	Smooth
Surface reflectance	Unknown
Post finishing	Minimal post finishing carried out, samples provided by
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Additional information	
None	

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