

Use of Plastic Waste and Ceramic Waste in Paver Blocks

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I. INTRODUCTION

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II. OBJECTIVES

- To utilize plastic waste in paver block manufacturing.
- To use ceramic waste as aggregate replacement.
- To study compressive strength and durability of the blocks.
- To promote eco-friendly and cost-effective construction materials.
- To reduce environmental pollution caused by plastic and ceramic waste disposal.

III. NEED OF PROJECT

Plastic takes many years to decompose, and broken ceramic is often dumped as waste. Reusing them in paver blocks helps in waste management and reduces pressure on landfills.

The need for this project is to manage increasing plastic and ceramic waste in an effective way. These wastes create pollution and occupy landfill space. Using them in paver blocks helps reduce waste disposal problems, saves natural resources like stone aggregates, and produces eco-friendly, economical construction materials for pavements and walkways.

IV. METHODOLOGY

Waste plastic is collected and shredded. Ceramic waste is crushed into small pieces. These materials are mixed with cement, sand, aggregate, and water. The mix is poured into moulds to form paver blocks. After curing, the blocks are tested.

Plastic waste is collected, cleaned, and shredded, while ceramic waste is collected and crushed into small pieces. These materials are mixed with cement, sand, aggregates, and water in required proportions. The mixture is poured into paver block moulds, compacted, and allowed to cure. After curing, the paver blocks are tested for strength, water absorption, and durability.



Fig. Plastic Waste



Fig. Ceramic Waste





Fig. Effects of Plastic on Ecosystem

Materials Used:

- Cement: acts as binding material.
- Sand: fills voids and improves finish.
- Aggregate: provides strength.
- Plastic waste: used as partial replacement material.
- Ceramic waste: crushed and used instead of some aggregate.
- Water: for mixing and curing.

Testing:

- Compressive Strength Test: checks load-carrying capacity.
- Water Absorption Test: checks how much water block absorbs.
- Durability Test: checks performance over time.

Advantages:

- Reduces plastic and ceramic waste.
- Eco-friendly and sustainable.
- Saves natural resources.
- Cost-effective construction material.
- Good for footpaths and pavements.

Expected Outcome:

- Sustainable disposal of plastic and ceramic waste.
- Economical and eco-friendly paver block production.
- Reduction in landfill burden.
- Suitable paver blocks for footpaths, landscaping, and low-load pavement works.

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