

**INVESTIGATION ON THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES
OF CLAY AND ENGINEERING BRICKS.**

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SYNOPSIS.

In developing country like Malaysia , the usage of bricks is very significant and wide range as construction material , commercial , recreational industrial . Bricks are local material which varies in properties from country to country . Bricks that are properly designed and constructed are one of our most durable materials that have never been in doubt .

The objectives of carrying out this study are to determine the compressive strength , flexural strength , the absorptability and permeability of bricks . The investigation on the strength behaviour of various types of locally produced bricks will be conducted . From the strength of bricks units , we can predict the strength of structural brickwork for use as load bearing wall.

1.0 General.

Bricks is one of the oldest building material . For hundreds of years , the word ' bricks ' was exclusively associated with building units made of burnt clay . However in the modern usage , the words tends to be descriptive because bricks are now made from a variety of materials .

In the early day , bricks were made from mud , dried in the sun , then man discovered the strength and durability of bricks fired in a kiln . Through the nineteenth century , bricks were widely used in every kind of building and for wide range of engineering structure .

From the turn of the century to the present day , and despite the challenge from the other materials , brickwork has maintained its position as the leading structural medium . Although bricks is one of the oldest building materials , it is only in the past few decades that scientific principles have been successfully applied in the study on the physical properties of bricks , leading to the new concept of the brickwork design and construction .

This study is only concerned with the two most important types of brick which Clay Bricks and Engineering Bricks .The study is more on the properties .