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Despite its many advantages, geopolymer concrete has drawbacks. One of them is

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The study uses type C fly ash because it has CaO > 10%, while class F has CaO < 10%.

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Borax

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BG3B	9	291	144.918	41.9
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Ket. = Info

Boraks = Borax

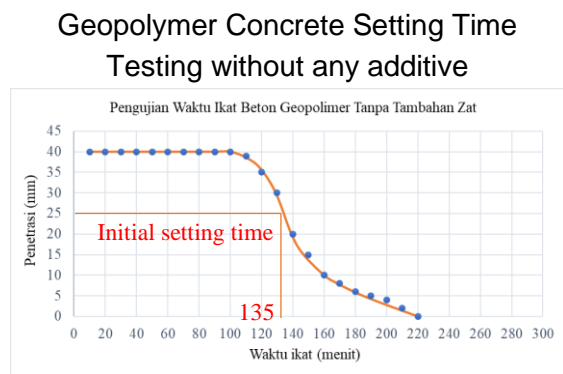
Information:

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- BG1B = Geopolymer concrete with the addition of 1% borax
- BG3B = Geopolymer concrete with the addition of 3% borax

- BG5B = Geopolymer concrete with the addition of 5% borax
- BG10B = Geopolymer concrete with the addition of 10% borax

Vicat BG0B Testing

Vicat testing was performed on geopolymer paste without additives using the Vicat tool. The initial setting time (decreased to 25 mm) of geopolymer paste without additives was at minute 135, and the final setting time was at minute 220.

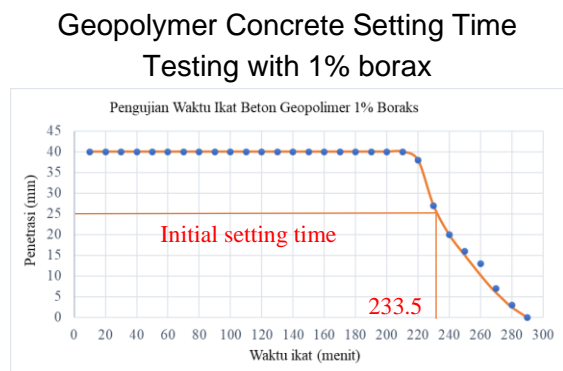


Penetration (mm)
Setting time (minute)

Figure 1. BG0B Setting time graphic

Vicat BG1B Testing

The Vicat test was performed on geopolymer paste with 1% borax using the Vicat tool. The initial setting time (decreased to 25 mm) of geopolymer paste with 1% borax was at minute 233.5, and the final setting time was at minute 290.



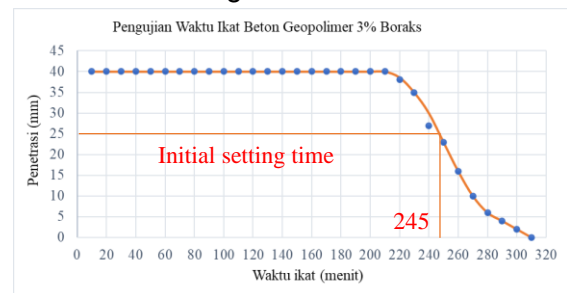
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Figure 2. BG1B Setting time graphic

Vicat BG3B Testing

The Vicat test was performed on geopolymer paste with 3% borax using the Vicat tool. The initial setting time (decreased to 25 mm) of geopolymer paste with 3% borax was at minute 245, and the final setting time was at minute 310.

Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time Testing with 3% borax



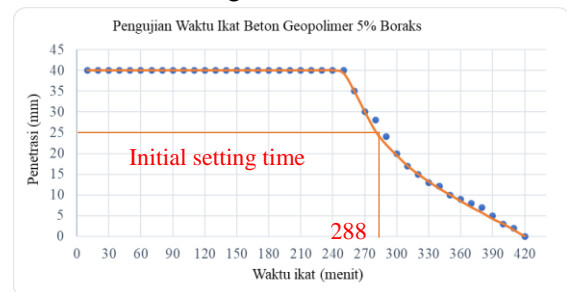
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Vicat BG5B Testing

The Vicat test was performed on geopolymer paste with 5% borax using the Vicat tool. The initial setting time (decreased to 25 mm) of geopolymer paste with 5% borax was at minute 288, and the final setting time was at minute 420.

Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time Testing with 5% borax



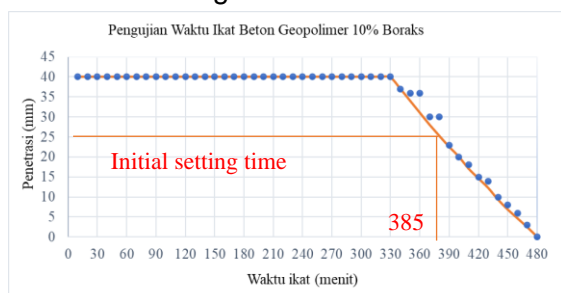
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Figure 4. BG5B Setting time graphic

Vicat BG10B Testing

The Vicat test was performed on geopolymer paste with 10% borax using the Vicat tool. The initial setting time (decreased to 25 mm) of geopolymer paste with 10% borax was at minute 385, and the final setting time was at minute 480.

Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time Testing with 10% borax



Penetration (mm)
Setting time (minute)

Figure 5. BG10B Setting time graphic

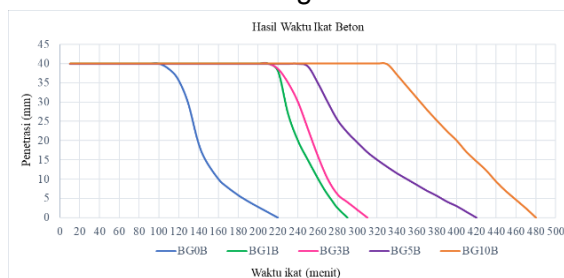
Vicat Testing Result

The results of the setting time of geopolymer concrete based on type C fly ash are as follows:

Table 2: Concrete Vicat testing result

Info.	Setting Time (minute)
BGOB	220
BG1B	290
BG3B	310
BG5B	420
BG10B	480

Concrete Setting Time Result



Penetration (mm)
Setting time (minute)

Figure 6. Concrete's setting time graphic

Figure 1 shows that borax addition to geopolymer concrete will slow down the hardening time of the concrete. The more the use of borax, the longer the hardening time of the concrete.

In this study, the longest setting time was the BG10B variation or the addition of 10% borax by weight of fly ash, which was 480 minutes. According to previous research, borax addition can prolong the setting time. The more borax was added, the longer the setting time was needed (Antoni et al., 2016)

CONCLUSION

1. Geopolymer concrete without additives has the fastest setting time among the other variations, which is 220 minutes.
2. The more borax was added, the longer the concrete setting time was needed.
3. The addition of borax to geopolymer concrete can slow down the setting time of concrete. The longest setting time is with 10% borax, which is 480 minutes.

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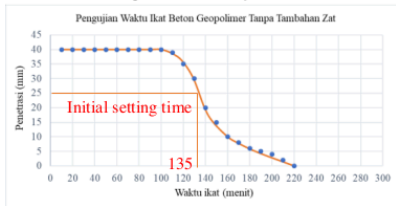
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Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time Testing without any additive

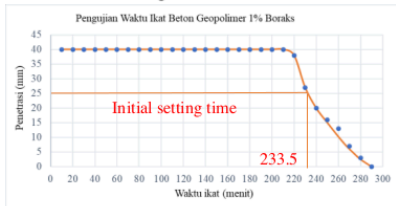


Penetration (mm)
 Setting time (minute)
 Figure 1. BG0B Setting time graphic

Vicat BG1B Testing

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Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time Testing with 1% borax



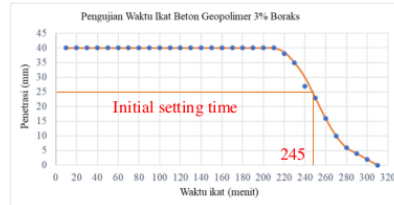
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Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time Testing with 3% borax

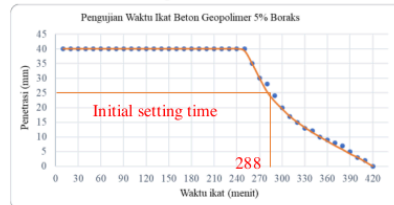


Penetration (mm)
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Vicat BG5B Testing

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Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time Testing with 5% borax



Penetration (mm)
 Setting time (minute)
 Figure 4. BG5B Setting time graphic

Vicat BG10B Testing

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Geopolymer Concrete Setting Time
Testing with 10% borax

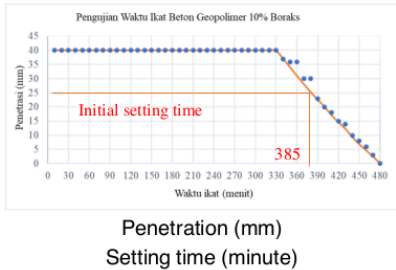


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Concrete Setting Time Result

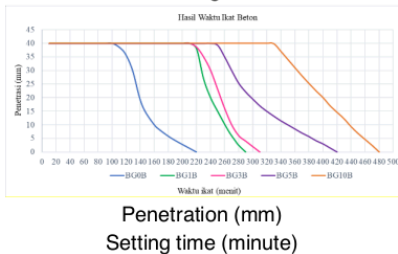


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2. The more borax was added, the longer the concrete setting time was needed.
3. The addition of borax to geopolymer concrete can slow down the setting time of concrete. The longest setting time is with 10% borax, which is 480 minutes.

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