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semi-circulaire

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European foreword

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The following is a list of significant technical changes since the previous edition:

- The series title no longer makes the method exclusively for hot mix asphalt;
- [6.10] Tolerance for notch width amended to $(0,40 \pm 0,20)$ mm;
- [7.1.2]; [7.1.3]; [7.1.4] Addition of tolerance for height of specimen: (74 ± 1) mm;
- [7.1.6] Tolerance for notch width amended to $(0,40 \pm 0,20)$ mm in accordance with 6.10;
- [9.4] Formulae (2) to (4) amended. Formula (5) deleted and (6) renumbered to (5).

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1 Scope

This document specifies the Semi-Circular Bending (SCB) test method to determine the tensile strength or fracture toughness of an asphalt mixture for the assessment of the potential for crack propagation. The results of the test can be used to calculate:

- the maximum load that the material containing a notch (crack) can resist before failure;
- when the presence of a notch is critical.

It should be noted that the test only describes a method to determine the resistance to crack propagation of an asphalt mixture. The crack propagation phase describes the second part of failure mechanism during dynamic loading. The first phase, which is the crack initiation phase, is mainly covered by the fatigue test (EN 12697-24).

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12697-27, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods — Part 27: Sampling*

EN 12697-31, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods — Part 31: Specimen preparation by gyratory compactor*

EN 12697-33, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods — Part 33: Specimen prepared by roller compactor*

EN 12697-35, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods — Part 35: Laboratory mixing*

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia. available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

test piece

sample obtained by sawing an asphalt cylinder through a diameter

3.2

strain

relative deformation of the test piece

3.3

stress

force per unit area

3.4

horizontal stress

tensile stress prevailing at the base of the test piece

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