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## European foreword

This document (EN 12390-2:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 104 “Concrete and related products”, the secretariat of which is held by SN.

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The compaction of specimens in the moulds using hand tamping, vibrating table, or internal (poker) vibrator are accepted as equivalent. However, it was found that the use of an internal vibrator to compact specimens of air entrained fresh concrete should only be done with caution, if loss of entrained air is to be avoided.

Curing specimens in a closely regulated humidity chamber is recognized as being equivalent to curing in water.

This standard is one of a series on testing concrete.

EN 12390, *Testing hardened concrete*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements of specimens and moulds;*
- *Part 2: Making and curing specimens for strength tests;*
- *Part 3: Compressive strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 4: Compressive strength – Specification for testing machines;*
- *Part 5: Flexural strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 6: Tensile splitting strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 7: Density of hardened concrete;*
- *Part 8: Depth of penetration of water under pressure;*
- *Part 11: Determination of the chloride resistance of concrete, unidirectional diffusion;*
- *Part 12: Determination of the potential carbonation resistance of concrete: Accelerated carbonation method (in preparation);*
- *Part 13: Determination of secant modulus of elasticity in compression;*
- *Part 14: Semi-adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*

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- *Part 15: Adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*
- *Part 16: Determination of the shrinkage of concrete (in preparation);*
- *Part 17: Determination of creep of concrete in compression (in preparation);*
- *Part 18: Determination of the chloride migration coefficient (in preparation).*

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- a) editorial revision;
- b) reference to common apparatus and specification given in EN 12350-1.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies methods for making and curing test specimens for strength tests. It covers the preparation and filling of moulds, compaction of the concrete, levelling the surface, curing of test specimens and transporting test specimens.

NOTE This document can be used for the making and curing of specimens for other test methods.

## 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 12350-1, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 1: Sampling*

EN 12390-1, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements for specimens and moulds*

EN 206, *Concrete — Specification, performance, production and conformity*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

## 4 Apparatus

### 4.1 Common apparatus

The apparatus listed below for the execution of this test method shall be in accordance with the specification given EN 12350-1 and EN 12390-1 as specified below;

**4.1.1 Moulds**, conforming to EN 12390-1.

**4.1.2 Filling frame** (optional).

Filling of the moulds may be simplified by using a filling frame fitted tightly to the mould.

**4.1.3 Means of compacting the concrete** (one of the following):

- a) internal (poker) vibrator;
- b) vibrating table;
- c) compacting rod;
- d) compacting bar.

**4.1.4 Scoop**.

**4.1.5 Trowel** or float.

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