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## European foreword

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

- the title no longer makes the method exclusively for hot mix asphalt;
- [ge] editorial update according to current standard template;
- [Clause 2] references deleted to EN 13108-1, -2, -3, -4, -5 and -7 since they are not referred to, ISO 48, Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness (hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD) replaced by: ISO 48-2, Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness — Part 2: Hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD;
- [Clause 3] new clause: 3 Terms and definitions introduced according to ISO/IEC Directives – Part 2. Following clauses renumbered accordingly;
- for the following changes the new clause number is given within [ ] and the corresponding clause number in previous version is given within ( );
- [4.1.8] (3.1.8) Silicone oil added as an example of release agent;
- [4.1.9] (3.1.9) Figure 1: correction of tolerances of metal mould to ( $\pm 0,5$ ) in accordance with [4.1.1] (3.1.1);
- [4.2.1.1] (3.2.1.1) accuracy of  $\pm 0,1$  mm for dial gauge introduced;
- [4.2.5] ISO 48 replaced by: ISO 48-2;
- [5.3] (4.3) two NOTES deleted;
- [6.3.1] (5.3.1) tolerance for edge and height of specimen unified to ( $70,7 \pm 0,5$ ) mm in accordance with [4.1.1] (3.1.1);
- [6.3.2.2] (5.3.2.2) Reference to “the temperature indicated by the producer” deleted since it is covered by EN 12697-35;
- [6.3.2.3] (5.3.2.3) Sentence regarding temperature limit of 240 °C deleted. Subclause [6.3.2.3] (5.3.2.2) is referring to EN 12697-35. Corresponding NOTE deleted;
- [6.3.3] (5.3.3) Temperature restriction to 240 °C deleted. Subclause is referring to EN 12697-35;

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- [Clause 7] (Clause 6) Instruction for the repetition of a test introduced; EN 12697-35;
- [Clause 8] (Clause 7) Paragraph with permissible difference deleted.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for determining the depth of indentation of mastic asphalt and other asphalt, when force is applied to them via a cylindrical indenter pin with a circular flat-ended base. This document applies to aggregates of maximum nominal size less than or equal to 16 mm.

## 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 12697-30, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods — Part 30: Specimen preparation by impact compactor*

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

EN 12970, *Mastic asphalt for waterproofing — Definitions, requirements and test methods*

EN 13108-6, *Bituminous mixtures — Material specifications — Part 6: Mastic Asphalt*

ISO 48-2, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of hardness — Part 2: Hardness between 10 IRHD and 100 IRHD*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

## 4 Apparatus

### 4.1 Moulding of test cubes of mastic asphalt

**4.1.1** Cubic mould: composite metal mould with inside edges  $(70,7 \pm 0,5)$  mm to mould the test cube (see Figure 1).

**4.1.2** Oven capable of maintaining temperature of  $(250 \pm 10)$  °C.

**4.1.3** Hardwood tamper with a quadratic cross section, edge length about 30 mm.

**4.1.4** Spatula about 30 mm wide.

**4.1.5** Mixing bowl with spoon.

**4.1.6** Thermometer capable to measure 300 °C accurate to 2 °C.

**4.1.7** Thermometer capable to measure 40 °C accurate to 1 °C.

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