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# European foreword

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# 1 Scope

This document specifies a method to assess the sensitivity of natural stones when exposed to accidental staining. It defines a procedure for the application of the stains as well as the cleaning and the assessment of the surface appearance after cleaning. It also covers the possibility to assess the efficiency of a chemical treatment.

Note that the method does not intend to present any de-staining technique.

# 2 Normative references

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EN ISO 11664-2, *Colorimetry — Part 2: CIE standard illuminants (ISO 11664-2)*

EN ISO 11998, *Paints and varnishes — Determination of wet-scrub resistance and cleanability of coatings (ISO 11998)*

ISO 1065, *Non-ionic surface-active agents obtained from ethylene oxide and mixed non-ionic surface-active agents — Determination of cloud point*

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
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**3.1**
**surface finishing**
final surface texture applied to a stone during processing

**3.2**
**matt finished surface**
surface treatment to produce a very flat, uniform, but not polished finish

Note 1 to entry: Matt finished surface can be obtained by means of a silicium carbide bonded polishing disk with grain size F 400 mesh.

**3.3**
**chemical treatment**
application of chemical materials to the exposed face of a slab

**3.3.1**
**surface coating**
chemical treatment whereby coating remains on the surface

**3.3.2**
**impregnation**
protection of the surface of a stone by a pore-sealing product