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Foreword

This document (EN 12350-5:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 104 “Concrete and related products”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This series EN 12350 includes the following parts.

Part 1: Sampling;

Part 2: Slump-test;

Part 3: Vebe test;

Part 4: Degree of compactability;

Part 5: Flow table test;

Part 6: Density;

Part 7: Air content - Pressure methods;

Part 8: Self-compacting concrete - Slump-flow test (in preparation);

Part 9: Self-compacting concrete - V-funnel test (in preparation);

Part 10: Self-compacting concrete - L-box test (in preparation);

Part 11: Self-compacting concrete - Sieve segregation test (in preparation);

Part 12: Self-compacting concrete - J-ring test (in preparation).

CAUTION — When cement is mixed with water, alkali is released. Take precautions to avoid dry cement entering the eyes, mouth and nose whilst mixing concrete. Prevent skin contact with wet cement or concrete by wearing suitable protective clothing. If cement or concrete enters the eye, immediately wash it out thoroughly with clean water and seek medical treatment without delay. Wash wet concrete off the skin immediately.

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The following amendments have been made to the 1999-10 edition of this standard:

- editorial revision
- indication that the test is not applicable for self-compacting concrete
- clarification of carrying out the test and the time for each cycle of lifting and dropping the mould to be between 1 s and 3 s (was not less than 2 s nor more than 5 s).

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1 Scope

This European standard specifies a method for determining the flow of fresh concrete. It is not applicable to self-compacting concrete, foamed concrete or no-fines concrete, nor to concrete with maximum aggregate size exceeding 63 mm.

NOTE The flow test is sensitive to changes in the consistency of concrete, which correspond to flow values between 340 mm and 600 mm. Beyond these extremes the flow table test may be unsuitable and other methods of determining the consistence should be considered.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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*

3 Principle

This test determines the consistency of fresh concrete by measuring the spread of concrete on a flat plate which is subjected to jolting.

4 Apparatus

4.1 Flow table (see Figure 1) consisting of: a moving table made from a flat plate with a plane area of $(700 \pm 2) \text{ mm} \times (700 \pm 2) \text{ mm}$, on which concrete can be placed, hinged to a rigid base onto which it can fall from a fixed height.

The flow table top shall have a flat metal surface with a minimum thickness of 2 mm. The metal surface shall not be readily attacked by cement paste or be liable to rusting. The flow table top shall have a mass of $(16 \pm 0,5) \text{ kg}$ and may be detachable using a pin-hinge to allow weighing. The construction of the plate shall be such as to prevent distortion of the upper surface. The table top shall be hinged to the base in such a way that no aggregate can become trapped between the hinged surfaces.

The centre of the table shall be scribed with a cross, the lines of which run parallel to the edges of the plate and with a central circle $(210 \pm 1) \text{ mm}$ in diameter.

At the front corners of the plate two hard and rigid blocks shall be firmly attached to the underside. They should not deform when wet and be non-absorbent. These stops shall transfer the load of the table top to the base without distorting the table. The base frame shall be constructed so that this load is transferred directly to the surface on which the apparatus is placed. This minimizes the tendency for the table top to bounce when allowed to fall freely.

Foot rests shall be provided to assist in stabilizing the table in use.

The fall height of the table top measured at the centre line of the front edge of the top plate shall be limited to $(40 \pm 1) \text{ mm}$ by means of one or more stops.

For lifting the table top, a handle or lifting mechanism shall be provided to ensure that the top is lifted without jerking and allowed to fall freely over the entire lifting height.

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