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## **Foreword**

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EN 12390 Testing hardened concrete –

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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;

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the density of hardened concrete.

It is applicable to lightweight, normal-weight and heavy-weight concrete.

It differentiates between hardened concrete in the following states:

- 1) as-received;
- 2) water saturated;
- 3) oven-dried.

The mass and volume of the specimen of hardened concrete are determined and the density calculated.

## 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 12390-1, *Testing hardened concrete – Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements for test specimens and moulds*

## 3 Apparatus

**3.1 Callipers and rules**, capable of determining the dimensions of a specimen to within 0,5 %

**3.2 Balance**, equipped with a stirrup for weighing the specimen in both air and water to an accuracy of 0,1 % of the mass

**3.3 Water tank**, fitted with a device to maintain the water at a constant level and of sufficient size to allow the specimen on the stirrup to be fully immersed to a constant depth

NOTE If the reading of the balance is affected to within the accuracy required due to the displacement of water when immersing the specimen, then the tank should be fitted with a device to maintain the water at a constant level. The tank should be of sufficient size to allow the specimen to be fully immersed.

**3.4 Ventilated oven**, in which the temperature is capable of being controlled at  $(105 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$ .

NOTE The apparatus required depends upon the method selected for determining the volume of the specimen.

## 4 Test specimens

The minimum volume of a specimen shall be 0,785 l. If the nominal maximum aggregate size of specimens cast in moulds exceeds 25 mm, the minimum volume shall be not less than  $50D^3$ , where D is the nominal maximum size of the coarse aggregate.

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