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Foreword

This document (EN 12350-7:2009) 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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The results of a laboratory inter-comparison, in part funded by the EC under Measurement and Testing Programme, Contract MAT1-CT-94-0043 which investigated these two methods of measuring air content, did not find significant difference between them. However, it was found in this programme 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.

The determination of the aggregate correction value for the two methods has been included in normative Annexes A and B.

The method of calibrating the two types of apparatus has been included in normative Annexes C and D.

This standard is one of a series concerned with testing fresh concrete.

This series EN 12350 includes the following parts.

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Part 1: Sampling;

Part 2: Slump-test;

Part 3: Vebe test;

Part 4: Degree of compactability;

Part 5: Flow table test;

Part 6: Density;

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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).

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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

The following amendments have been made to the 2000-04 edition of this standard:

- editorial revision
- detailing and clarification of filling and compacting procedures of concrete in the container

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1 Scope

This European Standard describes two methods for determination of air content of compacted fresh concrete, made with normal weight or relatively dense aggregate of maximum size up to 63 mm.

NOTE Neither method is applicable to concretes made with lightweight aggregates, air cooled blast-furnace slag, or aggregates with high porosity, because of the magnitude of the aggregate correction factor, compared with the entrained air content of the concrete.

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*

EN 12350-6, *Testing fresh concrete – Part 6: Density*

3 Principles

3.1 General

There are two test methods, both of which use apparatus which employ the principle of Boyle-Mariotte's law. For the purpose of reference, the two methods are referred to as the water column method and the pressure gauge method and the apparatus as a water column meter and a pressure gauge meter.

3.2 Water column method

Water is introduced to a predetermined height above a sample of compacted concrete of known volume in a sealed container and a predetermined air pressure is applied over the water. The reduction in volume of the air in the concrete sample is measured by observing the amount by which the water level is lowered, the water column being calibrated in terms of percentage of air in the concrete sample.

3.3 Pressure gauge method

A known volume of air at a known pressure is merged in a sealed container with the unknown volume of air in the concrete sample. The dial on the pressure gauge is calibrated in terms of percentage of air for the resulting pressure.

4 Water column method

4.1 Apparatus

4.1.1 Water column meter, (see Figure 1), consisting of:

- a) **Container**, a cylindrical vessel of steel or other hard metal, not readily attacked by cement paste, having a nominal capacity of at least 5 l and a ratio of diameter to height of not less than 0,75 nor more than 1,25. The outer rim and upper surface of the flange and the interior surfaces of the vessel shall be machined to a smooth finish. The container shall be watertight and in addition it, and the cover assembly,

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