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#### **Foreword**

This document (EN 12504-1:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 104 "Concrete and related products", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by August 2009, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2009.

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It is recognized good practice to include measurement of density prior to the determination of compressive strength, as a check on compaction of the concrete.

In drafting the standard consideration has been given to the results of the research programme, part funded by the EC under the Measurement and Testing Programme, contract MAT1-CT94-0043.

The standard includes simple guidance on the process of taking cores, but does not consider a sampling plan. It also provides procedures for visual examination and compressive strength testing, but not the interpretation of the results.

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

This series EN 12504 includes the following parts:

EN 12504 Testing concrete in structures

- Part 1: Cored specimens Taking, examining and testing in compression;
- Part 2: Non-destructive testing Determination of rebound number;
- Part 3: Determination of pull-out force;
- Part 4: Determination of ultrasonic pulse velocity.

The following amendments have been made to the 2000-03 edition of this standard:

- editorial revision
- compressive strength to be expressed to the nearest 0,1 MPa (N/mm²) instead of 0,5 MPa (N/mm²)
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#### EN 12504-1:2009 (E)

#### 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for taking cores from hardened concrete, their examination, preparation for testing and determination of compressive strength.

- NOTE 1 This European Standard does not give guidance on the decision to drill cores or on the locations for drilling.
- NOTE 2 This European Standard does not provide procedures for interpreting the core strength results.
- NOTE 3 For the assessment of in-situ compressive strength in structures and precast concrete components EN 13791 may be used.

#### 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

EN 12390-3:2009, Testing hardened concrete - Part 3: Compressive strength of test specimens

EN 12390-4:2000, Testing hardened concrete - Part 4: Compressive strength - Specification for testing machines

EN 12390-7, Testing hardened concrete - Part 7: Density of hardened concrete

#### 3 Principle

Cores extracted using a core drill are carefully examined, prepared by grinding or capping and tested in compression using standard procedures.

#### 4 Apparatus

- **4.1 Core drill**, equipment capable of extracting cores from the hardened concrete to the dimensions set out in 5.4 to the tolerances set out in 7.3
- **4.2 Compression testing machine**, conforming to EN 12390-4 and related to the size of specimens and their expected failure load

NOTE Concrete compression testing machines conforming to EN 12390-4 may need to be adapted to test cores. (see the Foreword of EN 12390-4:2000).



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