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Foreword

This document (EN 480-15:2013) 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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- *Part 1: Reference concrete and reference mortar for testing*
- *Part 2: Determination of setting time*
- *Part 4: Determination of bleeding of concrete*
- *Part 5: Determination of capillary absorption*
- *Part 6: Infrared analysis*
- *Part 8: Determination of the conventional dry material content*
- *Part 10: Determination of water soluble chloride content*
- *Part 11: Determination of air void characteristics in hardened concrete*
- *Part 12: Determination of the alkali content of admixtures*
- *Part 13: Reference masonry mortar for testing mortar admixtures*
- *Part 14: Determination of the effect on corrosion susceptibility of reinforcing steel by potentiostatic electro-chemical test*
- *Part 15: Reference concrete and method for testing viscosity modifying admixtures (the present document)*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the constituent materials, the composition and the mix procedure to produce a reference concrete with a prescribed consistency and segregated portion for testing viscosity modifying admixtures as defined in EN 934-2. It also describes how to determine the requirements for the test mix in comparison with the control mix.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 196-2, *Methods of testing cement — Part 2: Chemical analysis of cement*

EN 196-6, *Methods of testing cement — Part 6: Determination of fineness*

EN 197-1, *Cement — Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

EN 934-2, *Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout — Part 2: Concrete admixtures — Definitions, requirements, conformity, marking and labelling*

EN 1008, *Mixing water for concrete — Specification for sampling, testing and assessing the suitability of water, including water recovered from processes in the concrete industry, as mixing water for concrete*

EN 12350-7, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 7: Air content — Pressure methods*

EN 12350-8, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 8: Self-compacting concrete — Slump-flow test*

EN 12350-11, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 11: Self-compacting concrete — Sieve segregation test*

EN 12390-1, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements for specimens and moulds*

EN 12390-2, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 2: Making and curing specimens for strength tests*

EN 12620, *Aggregates for concrete*

3 Constituent materials

3.1 Cement

The reference concrete shall be made with a CEM I cement of strength class 42,5 or 52,5 conforming to EN 197-1.

The cement used shall have a C₃A content of 7 % to 11 % by mass calculated from chemical analysis according to EN 196-2 and a specific surface of 3 200 cm²/g to 4 600 cm²/g determined according to EN 196-6.

3.2 Aggregate

A natural normal weight aggregate conforming to EN 12620 with low water absorption (≤ 2 % by mass) shall be used. The grading shall conform to Table 1.

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