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Foreword

This document (EN 1426:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 336 "Bituminous binders", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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The major changes to the standard at this revision have been:

- the normative reference to mercury thermometers has been deleted (see 5.7 and Annex A) and
- Table 1 and the description of 6.4 have been clarified and improved.

Apart from this various smaller adjustments have been made.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the consistency of bitumen and bituminous binders. Normal procedure is described for penetrations up to $(330 \times 0,1)$ mm, but for penetrations above this value, up to $(500 \times 0,1)$ mm, different operating parameters are necessary.

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EN 58, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Sampling bituminous binders*

EN 1425, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Characterization of perceptible properties*

EN 1427, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of the softening point - Ring and Ball method*

EN 10088-3, *Stainless steels - Part 3: Technical delivery conditions for semi-finished products, bars, rods, wire, sections and bright products of corrosion resisting steels for general purposes*

EN 12594, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Preparation of test samples*

EN 12597, *Bitumen and bituminous binders - Terminology*

EN ISO 6508-1, *Metallic materials - Rockwell hardness test - Part 1: Test method (ISO 6508-1)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12597 and the following applies.

3.1 penetration
consistency, expressed as the distance in tenths of a millimetre that a standard needle will penetrate vertically into a sample of the material under specified conditions of temperature, load and loading duration

4 Principle

The penetration of a standard needle into a conditioned test sample shall be measured. For penetrations up to approximately $(330 \times 0,1)$ mm the operating parameters shall be a test temperature of 25 °C, an applied load of 100 g, and a loading duration of 5 s. For penetrations expected above approximately $(330 \times 0,1)$ mm, the test temperature shall be reduced to 15 °C but the operating parameters of the applied load and the loading duration remain unchanged. Other conditions can be applied; also to reflect different purposes – e.g. 200 g, 60 s and 5 °C may be used as indicative for low temperature performance.

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