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## European foreword

This document (EN 12390-11:2015) 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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In comparison to CEN/TS 12390-11:2010, the following changes have been made:

- In Clause 2, the normative references have been updated;
- In Clause 8, a minimum value of the coefficient of determination has been added and further guidance on the calculations has been added;
- In Clause 9, a graph and details of points included and excluded plus the coefficient of determination have been added;
- In Clause 10, Table 3 has been added;
- A new Annex E (informative) "Guidance on test procedure" has been added;
- A new Annex F (informative) "Examples for calibration of the calculation procedure for regression analysis" has been added;
- The Bibliography has been reviewed;
- The standard has been revised editorially.

The drafting of this European Standard was delegated to CEN/TC 51(CEN/TC104)/JWG12/TG5.

This test method is one of a series concerned with testing concrete. At the behest of CEN, RILEM reviewed chloride testing methods [1] and this European Standard is based on their recommendations. In addition, this European Standard draws on recommendations from the EU-project "Chloritest" 5<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (GRD1-2002-71808/G6RD-CT-2002-00855) [2] immersion test recommendation as well as the Nordtest Method NT Build 443 Concrete, hardened: Accelerated Chloride penetration [3].

The series EN 12390, *Testing hardened concrete* includes the following parts:

- *Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements of specimens and moulds*
- *Part 2: Making and curing specimens for strength tests*
- *Part 3: Compressive strength testing of specimens*
- *Part 4: Compressive strength - Specification of testing machines*
- *Part 5: Flexural strength of test specimens*

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- *Part 6: Tensile splitting strength of test specimens*
- *Part 7: Density of hardened concrete*
- *Part 8: Depth of penetration of water under pressure*
- *Part 9: Freeze-thaw resistance - Scaling (Technical Specification)*
- *Part 10: Determination of the relative carbonation resistance of concrete (Technical Specification)*
- *Part 11: Determination of the chloride resistance of concrete, unidirectional diffusion*
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## **Introduction**

Steel reinforced concrete structures exposed to the ingress of chloride, either from seawater or other sources, need to be durable for at least the intended working life. The possibility of reinforcement corrosion is significantly increased as the chloride level at the embedded reinforcement increases. For this reason the chloride diffusivity or penetrability of the concrete is an important property to measure and this European Standard sets out a test method that may be applied to specimens cast or core specimens to assess the potential chloride resistance properties of a concrete mix.

Specifications regarding the test procedure with core specimens are given in Annex B.

**NOTE** This test method takes a minimum of 119 d comprising a minimum age of the specimen prior to testing of 28 d, a minimum of one day to prepare and condition the specimen and then 90 d to expose the specimen to the chloride solution.

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### 1 Scope

This European Standard is a method for determining the unidirectional non-steady state chloride diffusion and surface concentration of conditioned specimens of hardened concrete. The test method enables the determination of the chloride penetration at a specified age, e.g. for ranking of concrete quality by comparative testing. Since resistance to chloride penetration depends on the ageing, including the effects of continual hydration, then the ranking may also change with age.

The test procedure does not apply to concrete with surface treatments such as silanes and it may not apply to concrete containing fibres (see E.1).

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

EN 14629, *Products and systems for the protection and repair of concrete structures - Test methods - Determination of chloride content in hardened concrete*

### 3 Term, definitions symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms apply.

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **as-cast surface**

surface of a concrete element exposed in the construction works to a chloride environment

##### 3.1.2

##### **chloride content**

amount of acid-soluble chloride expressed in percent by mass of concrete

##### 3.1.3

##### **chloride penetration**

ingress of chlorides into concrete due to exposure to external chloride sources

##### 3.1.4

##### **diffusion**

movement of molecules or ions under a concentration gradient, that is movement from a zone of high concentration to a zone with a lower concentration

##### 3.1.5

##### **diffusion coefficient**

proportionality between the molecular flux (e.g. rate of flow of chloride ions) and the concentration gradient in the diffusion equation

Note 1 to entry: In this European Standard Fick's Law is adopted.

Note 2 to entry: See Annex A.

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