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Foreword

This document (EN 16515:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 346 “Conservation of Cultural Heritage”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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Introduction

The characterization of a stone is an essential step for a conservation plan, in order to decide on appropriate remedial interventions, to achieve better working practices, and technologies for conservation interventions including stone replacements. Therefore, it is important that it is achieved through a consistent and uniform methodology.

This document provides cultural heritage professionals with a guidance for a common methodology for the characterization of stones used in cultural heritage. This information is used to define nature (petrography or mineralogy and texture) and properties (chemical, physical and mechanical) of stone.

The characterization of stones used in cultural heritage should be carried out and interpreted by professionals experienced in the field of materials science and/or conservation/restoration.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a methodology for the characterization of sound or deteriorated stones by using the most appropriate analytical techniques on samples taken from the object.

This European Standard contains guidelines for the selection of methods to determine mineralogical, textural, physical, chemical and mechanical properties of natural stone used in cultural heritage monuments and objects. This information is used to define rock typology and to evaluate the stone's condition with respect to its conservation as well as for understanding of deterioration processes of natural stone. Where possible existing standards are referred to and guidance provided where different specimens are required and additional methods used. The methods described are generally destructive, however, non-destructive (NDT) methods are always preferable to methods with a minimum of destruction and those are always preferable to destructive methods.

Methods used for stone analysis can vary depending upon the objectives of the work. All investigation and analysis need be proportional to the significance of the building or artefact being investigated, its condition and the likely level of intervention. This European Standard will be used to determine the kind, extent, and objectives of the examination to be made.

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 1926, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of uniaxial compressive strength*

EN 1936, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of real density and apparent density, and of total and open porosity*

EN 12372, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of flexural strength under concentrated load*

EN 13755, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of water absorption at atmospheric pressure*

EN 14146, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the dynamic modulus of elasticity (by measuring the fundamental resonance frequency)*

EN 14579, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of sound speed propagation*

EN 14580, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of static elastic modulus*

EN 15801, *Conservation of cultural property — Test methods — Determination of water absorption by capillarity*

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