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## European foreword

This document (EN 12504-1:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 104 “Concrete and related products”, the secretariat of which is held by SN.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by December 2019, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by December 2019.

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This document supersedes EN 12504-1:2009.

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 on testing concrete.

EN 12504, *Testing concrete in structures*, consists of the following parts:

- *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.*

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 12504-1:2009:

- a) editorial revisions;
- b) measurement of core dimensions;
- c) core samples to be tested in an *in situ* or wet conditions;
- d) procedures for preparation of specimens prior to testing.

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## 1 Scope

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

This document does not give guidance on the decision to drill cores or on the locations for drilling.

This document does not provide procedures for interpreting the core strength results.

For the assessment of in situ compressive strength in structures and precast concrete components, EN 13791 may be used.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 specimens and moulds*

EN 12390-3:2019, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 3: Compressive strength of test specimens*

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

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Principle

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

## 5 Apparatus

**5.1 Core drill**, equipment capable of extracting cores from the hardened concrete to the dimensions set out in 6.4 to the tolerances set out in 8.3.

**5.2 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).

**5.3 Balance or scale**, capable of determining the mass of the core, as tested, to a maximum permissible error of 0,1 % of the mass.

**5.4 Callipers and/or rules**, capable of measuring the dimensions of the core and the steel reinforcement to a maximum permissible error of 1 %.