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European foreword

This document (EN 12390-4:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 104 “Concrete and related products”, the secretariat of which is held by SN.

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This standard is one of a series on testing concrete.

EN 12390, *Testing hardened concrete*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements for specimens and moulds;*
- *Part 2: Making and curing specimens for strength tests;*
- *Part 3: Compressive strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 4: Compressive strength – Specification for testing machines;*
- *Part 5: Flexural strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 6: Tensile splitting strength of test specimens;*
- *Part 7: Density of hardened concrete;*
- *Part 8: Depth of penetration of water under pressure;*
- *Part 10: Determination of the carbonation resistance of concrete at atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide;*
- *Part 11: Determination of the chloride resistance of concrete, unidirectional diffusion;*
- *Part 12: Determination of the potential carbonation resistance of concrete: Accelerated carbonation method (in preparation);*
- *Part 13: Determination of secant modulus of elasticity in compression;*
- *Part 14: Semi-adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*
- *Part 15: Adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*
- *Part 16: Determination of the shrinkage of concrete;*
- *Part 17: Determination of creep of concrete in compression.*

EN 12390-4:2019 contains the following significant changes with respect to EN 12390-4:2000:

- the text is aligned with EN ISO 7500-1 to avoid duplication;
- machines to be Class 1 except those manufactured before 2000 where Class 2 is acceptable;
- increase in verification points and new limits of acceptance over working range;
- description of verification procedure for strain gauge column;
- deletion of Annex B.

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Introduction

The requirements for testing machines set out in this document have been formulated to satisfy the needs of those compressive tests on concrete specimens which are specified in EN 206:2013+A1:2016. Machines conforming to this standard can be suitable for other uses, but this needs to be carefully considered on an individual test basis. Particular care needs to be taken before using machines conforming to this document for compressive tests on small specimens, e.g. those with lateral dimensions significantly less than 100 mm. The main concern is that the ball-seating fitted to the upper platen can be too large to align satisfactorily on the top of such small specimens and special adaptations can be required. Another concern is the ability to accurately determine the failure load of small or low strength specimens.

1 Scope

This document specifies the requirements for the performance of compression testing machines for the measurement of the compressive strength of concrete.

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 ISO 6507-1, *Metallic materials - Vickers hardness test - Part 1: Test method (ISO 6507-1)*

EN ISO 7500-1:2018, *Metallic materials - Calibration and verification of static uniaxial testing machines - Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines - Calibration and verification of the force-measuring system (ISO 7500-1:2018)*

EN ISO 4287, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) - Surface texture: Profile method - Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters (ISO 4287)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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 <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

auxiliary platen

separate platen usually of a size equal to the designated size of the specimen being tested

3.2

contact area

part of the platen that comes into contact with the specimen

3.3

indicated force

force indicated on the machine scale(s) or display

3.4

indication range

total force range, from zero to maximum, displayed on the machine

3.5

machine platens

lower platen and upper platen both centred on the central vertical axis of the machine and where the upper platen is spherically seated

3.6

measuring range

part of an indication range over which the machine conforms with the accuracy values specified in EN ISO 7500-1