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Foreword

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It is generally recognised that it is difficult to generate cracks of a controlled width in concrete and difficult to make objective measurements of the ease with which such cracks may be injected with various materials. This test, developed at the LCPC ¹⁾ and by RILEM ²⁾, circumvents these difficulties by measuring the rate of flow of the injection agent through a column of graded sand. The sand grading specified is carefully chosen to have interconnecting voids providing a tortuous path for a flow of the injection agent. These having a similar resistance to flow to that provided by a 0,2 mm crack in concrete (other gradings of sand could be chosen to simulate the flow in wider cracks, if desired).

The detailed method of injection uses a fixed quantity of mixed reactive injection agent in a vessel maintained at a closely controlled pressure, to provide the injection force. Thus, any limitations on the practical usage of the grout imposed by thickening/gelation of the mixed product in the injection vessel will be recorded. The method could be modified to permit the assessment of grouts dispensed and injected by twin-pump metering and mixing machines, provided the same fine degree of pressure control can be exercised.

As a supplement to the injectability test, the column of grouted sand, when fully cured, is sawn into cylinders which are then subjected to indirect tensile strength measurement (Brazilian splitting test). This can provide a useful comparison between materials, giving some indication of the strength of bond achievable.

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¹⁾ Laboratoire Central des Ponts et Chaussées.

²⁾ Réunion Internationale de Laboratoires d'Essais et de recherches sur les Matériaux.

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the injectability of a product in a capillary network and its adhesion to concrete by measurement of the splitting strength of cylindrical mortar samples resulting from a sand column injection.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 196-1, Methods of testing cement - Part 1: Determination of strength.

EN 196-3, Methods of testing cement - Part 3: Determination of setting time and soundness.

EN ISO 9514, Paints and varnishes - Determination of the pot-life of liquid systems - Preparation and conditioning of samples and guidelines for testing (ISO 9514:1992).

ISO 565, Test sieves – Metal wire cloth, perforated metal plate and electroformed sheet – Nominal sizes of openings.

3 Test principle

The principle of the test consists on injecting, under a constant pressure, the product in a transparent plastic (polymethylmethacrylate) tube filled with graded sand and kept in a vertical position.

The column is injected from its lower end; one measures the time taken by the product to attain the different reference marks drawn along the tube.

4 General requirements for testing

4.1 Apparatus

The apparatus used is illustrated in Figure 1.

The total length of the rising tube, the joining flexible tube and the connecting branches is (900 ± 5) mm; the inner diameter is (6 ± 0.1) mm.

The difference in level between the bottom of the column and the bottom of the injection pot is (400 ± 5) mm in length.

The distance between the end of the rising tube and the bottom of the metal container is (20 ± 1) mm. The tube end is cut square. The injection column is fitted with rubber plugs perforated in their centre. The lower plug has passing through it a copper tube, 6 mm internal diameter - 8 mm external diameter, and (50 ± 10) mm in length to which the flexible pipe is fitted.

4.2 Other equipment

In addition to the above mentioned device, the following equipment is necessary to carry out the test:

- transparent tubes not affected by the products involved (e.g. polymethylmethacrylate) (22,2 ± 0,3) mm in inner diameter and 390 mm in length;
- a scale 400 mm long graduated in millimetres;