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**Metode preskušanja cementa - 6. del: Določanje finosti (prevzet standard EN 196-6:1989 z metodo platnice)**

Methods of testing cement - Part 6: Determination of fineness

Méthodes d'essais des ciments - Partie 6: Détermination de la finesse

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## PREDHODNI IZDAJI

- JUS B.C8.024:1963 (sh) Određivanje specifične površine portland-cementa
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**Foreword**

The standard EN 196 on methods of testing cement consists of the following Parts:

Part 1: Determination of strength

Part 2: Chemical analysis of cement

Part 3: Determination of setting time and soundness

Part 4: Quantitative determination of constituents

Part 5: Pozzolanicity test for pozzolanic cements

Part 6: Determination of fineness

Part 7: Methods of taking and preparing samples of cement

Part 21: Determination of the chloride, carbon dioxide and alkali content of cement

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## 1 Object and field of application

This European Standard describes two methods of determining the fineness of cement.

The sieving method serves only to demonstrate the presence of coarse cement particles. This method is primarily suited to checking and controlling the production process.

With the air permeability method (Blaine) the specific surface (mass related surface) is measured by comparison with a reference cement sample. The determination of the specific surface serves primarily to check the consistency of the grinding process of one and the same plant. This method only allows a limited assessment to be made of the properties of the cement in use.<sup>1)</sup>

The methods are applicable to all the cements defined in ENV197 2).

## 2 References

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| ENV 197          | Cement : Composition, specifications and conformity criteria 2)  |
| ISO 383-1976     | Laboratory glassware - Interchangeable conical ground joints   |
| ISO 565-1983     | Test sieves - Woven metal wire cloth, perforated plate and electroformed sheet - Nominal sizes of openings |
| ISO 3310/1- 1982 | Test sieves - Technical requirements and testing Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth                   |
| ISO 4803-1978    | Laboratory glassware - Borosilicate glass tubing   |

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1) The air permeability method may not give significant results for cements containing ultrafine materials.

2) At present at the draft stage.



### 3 Sieving method

#### 3.1 Principle

The fineness of cement is measured by sieving it on standard sieves. The proportion of cement of which the grain sizes are larger than the specified mesh size is thus determined.

A reference sample having a known proportion of material coarser than the specified mesh size is used for checking the specified sieve.

#### 3.2 Apparatus

3.2.1 *Test sieve*, comprising a firm, durable, non-corrodible, cylindrical frame of 150 mm to 200 mm nominal diameter and 40 mm to 100 mm depth, fitted with 90  $\mu$ m mesh sieve cloth of woven stainless steel, or other abrasion-resisting and non-corrodible metal wire.

The sieve cloth shall comply with the requirements of table 1 of ISO 565-1983 and ISO 3310/1 and shall be free of visible irregularities in mesh size when inspected optically by the methods of ISO 3310/1. A tray fitting beneath the sieve frame and a lid fitting above it shall be provided to avoid loss of material during sieving.

3.2.2 *Balance*, capable of weighing up to 10 g to the nearest 10 mg.

#### 3.3 Material for checking the sieve

A reference material of known sieve residue shall be provided for checking the sieve.

The material shall be stored in sealed, airtight containers to avoid changes in its characteristics due to absorption or deposition from the atmosphere. The containers shall be marked with the sieve residue of the reference material.

#### 3.4 Procedure

##### 3.4.1 Determination of the cement residue

Agitate the sample of cement to be tested by shaking for 2 min in a stoppered jar to disperse agglomerates. Wait 2 min. Stir the resulting powder gently using a clean dry rod in order to distribute the fines throughout the cement.

Fit the tray under the sieve. Weigh approximately 10 g of cement to the nearest 0,01 g and place it in the sieve, being careful to avoid loss. Disperse any agglomerates. Fit the lid over the sieve. Agitate the sieve by swirling, planetary and linear movements until no more fine material passes through it. Remove and weigh the residue. Express its mass as a percentage,  $R_1$ , of the quantity first placed in the sieve to the nearest 0,1 %. Gently brush all the fine material off the base of the sieve into the tray.

Repeat the whole procedure using a fresh 10 g sample to obtain  $R_2$ . Then calculate the residue of the cement  $R$  as the mean of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  as a percentage, expressed to the nearest 0,1 %.

When the results differ by more than 1 % absolute, carry out a third sieving and calculate the mean of the three values.

The sieving process is carried out manually by a skilled and experienced operator.

NOTE - Alternatively a sieving machine may be used provided that it can be shown to give the same results as the manual operation.

### 3.4.2 Checking the sieve

Agitate the sample of cement to be tested by shaking for 2 min in a stoppered jar to disperse agglomerates. Wait 2 min. Stir the resulting powder gently using a clean dry rod in order to distribute the fines throughout the cement.

Fit the tray under the sieve. Weigh approximately 10 g of the reference material (3.3) to the nearest 0,01 g and place it in the sieve, being careful to avoid loss. Carry out the sieving procedure as in 3.4.1 including the repeat determination of residue to yield two values  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  expressed to the nearest 0,1 %.

The two values of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  for a satisfactory sieve should differ by not more than 0,3 %. Their mean  $P$  characterizes the state of the sieve.

Given the known residue on the 90  $\mu\text{m}$  mesh of the reference material,  $R_0$ , calculate  $R_0/P$  as the sieve factor,  $F$ , expressed to the nearest 0,01. The residue,  $R$ , determined as in 3.4.1 shall be corrected by multiplying by  $F$ , which may have a value of  $1,00 \pm 0,20$ .

Check the sieve after every 100 sievings.

NOTE - Any other checking procedure, such as the optical methods described in ISO 3310/1 may be used. All sieves will wear slowly and consequently their sieve factor,  $F$ , will slowly change.

### 3.5 Expression of results

Report the value of  $R$ , to the nearest 0,1 %, as the residue on the 90  $\mu\text{m}$  (ISO 565) sieve for the cement tested.

The standard deviation of the repeatability is about 0,2 % and of the reproducibility is about 0,3 %.

NOTE - Where there is local difficulty in obtaining ISO sieves, the same procedure can be followed with the nearest available Standard sieve but the report is to state on which Standard sieve mesh the cement residue has been determined.

#### 4 Air permeability method (Blaine method)

##### 4.1 Principle

The fineness of cement is measured as specific surface by observing the time taken for a fixed quantity of air to flow through a compacted cement bed of specified dimensions and porosity. Under standardized conditions the specific surface of cement is proportional to  $\sqrt{t}$  where  $t$  is the time for a given quantity of air to flow through the compacted cement bed. The number and size range of individual pores in the specified bed are determined by the cement particle size distribution which also determines the time for the specified air flow.

The method is comparative rather than absolute and therefore a reference sample of known specific surface is required for calibration of the apparatus.

##### 4.2 Apparatus

**4.2.1 Permeability cell.** The cell shall be a rigid right cylinder of the dimensions and tolerances shown in figure 1 a). It shall be of austenitic stainless steel or other abrasion-resisting, non-corrodible material. The top and bottom faces shall be flat and normal to the axis of the cylinder, as shall the upper surface of the ledge at the bottom of the cell. The outer surface of the cylinder shall be tapered to form an airtight fit with the conical socket of the manometer (ISO 383, Joint 19/34).

**4.2.2 Perforated disc.** The disc shall be of non-corrodible metal, perforated with 30 to 40 holes of 1 mm diameter, and shall have the dimensions and tolerances shown in figure 1 b). When in position on the ledge in the cell, its plane surfaces shall be normal to the axis of the cell.

**4.2.3 Plunger.** The plunger is a piston, capable of sliding freely in the measuring cell by means of a clearance to be applied in such a way that, when the cap of the plunger comes to rest on the upper face of the cell cylinder, a distance of  $15 \pm 1$  mm will be maintained between the upper face of the perforated disc and the lower face of the piston.

This piston shall be provided with a flat connected to an annulus around the head to enable air to escape.