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Grouts for tiles - Part 5: Determination of water absorption

Klebstoffe und Fugenmörtel für Fliesen und Platten - Teil 5: Bestimmung der Wasseraufnahme

Mortiers de joints pour carrelages - Partie 5: Détermination de l'absorption d'eau

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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN /TC 67 "Ceramic tiles", the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2002, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2002.

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EN 12808-5:2001 (E)**1 Scope**

This European Standard applies to all ceramic tile grouts for internal and external tile installations on walls and floors.

This standard specifies the test method to be used to determine the water absorption coefficient due to capillary action when the grout surface contacts the water without any additional pressure. The coefficient is measured by means of prisms.

This European Standard does not contain performance requirements or recommendations for the design and installation of ceramic tiles.

NOTE Ceramic tile grouts can also be used for other types of tiles (natural and agglomerated stones, etc.), where these do not adversely affect the stones.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references subsequent amendments to- or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 1066, *Adhesives – Sampling*.

EN 1067, *Adhesives - Examination and preparation of samples for testing*.

EN 196-1:1994, *Method of testing cement - Determination of strength*.

3 Sampling

Take a sample of at least 2 kg of the product to be tested in accordance with EN 1066 and EN 1067.

4 Test conditions

Standard conditions shall be (23 ± 2) °C and (50 ± 5) % R.H. and a circulation of air in the working area less than 0,2 m/s.

5 Test materials

Condition all test materials for at least 24 hours under standard conditions.

6 Apparatus

6.1 Three gang mould with ground surfaces, made of steel, used for the preparation of 40 mm x 40 mm x 160 mm prisms, in accordance with 4.5 of EN 196-1:1994.

6.2 Jolting apparatus or jolting table used for the compaction of 40 mm x 40 mm x 160 mm grout specimen, in accordance with 4.6 of EN 196-1:1994.

6.3 Tray with a flat base, large enough to contain three test specimens.

7 Mixing of grouts

The amount of water and/or liquid admix required for preparing the cementitious grout shall be as stated by the manufacturer in parts by weight, i.e. liquid to dry powder.

Prepare at least 2 kg of the grout in a mixer of the type described in 4.4 of EN 196-1:1994, using the slow speed settings, (140 ± 5) rpm rotation and (62 ± 5) rpm planetary movement.

Carry out the following procedure:

- pour the liquid into the pan
- scatter the dry powder over the liquid
- mix for 30 s
- take out the mixing paddle
- scrape down the paddle and pan within 1 min
- replace the paddle and mix for 1 min

Let the grout mature if and as specified in the manufacturer's instructions, and then mix for a further 15 s.

In the case of reaction resin grouts follow the manufacturer's instructions.

8 Preparation of test specimens

Insert a 1 mm thick, rigid, plastic (e.g. PTFE) or metal divider into each compartment of the mould, approximately in the middle, parallel to the ends.

Mould the specimens immediately after the preparation of the grout, with the mould firmly clamped to the jolting table.

Introduce, using a suitable scoop, the first of two layers of grout into each of the compartments, directly from the mixing bowl. Spread the layer uniformly, then compact using 60 jolts.

Introduce the second layer of grout, level and compact with a further 60 jolts.

Lift the mould gently from the jolting table, strike off excess of material and smooth the surface with a flat trowel. Wipe off the grout left on the perimeter of the mould. Cover the mould with a glass plate according to EN 196-1:1994.

Place the mould, suitably identified, on a horizontal base in standard conditions, $(23 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ and $(50 \pm 5)\%$ R.H.

After 24 hours carefully remove the specimen from the mould.

Keep the demoulded prisms for 27 days in standard conditions leaving a clearance of at least 25 mm on all sides.

Prepare six specimens for each grout.

9 Conditioning

The test units are conditioned for 27 days in standard conditions, $(23 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ and $(50 \pm 5)\%$ R.H.

10 Test procedure

After 21 days seal the side faces by means of a neutral curing silicone sealant so as to be water impermeable.

After 28 days from manufacture, weigh, with 0,1 g precision, each test sample and then place them upright in the tray, with the upper surface down, immersed in water, 5 mm to 10 mm deep, taking care to prevent the prism faces from coming in contact with each other.

Maintain the water level constant by adding water when necessary.

After 30 min remove the test samples from water, quickly dry them by blotting with a dampened cloth and immediately weigh. Replace in the tray and repeat the procedure after 210 min.

11 Evaluation and expression of results

Calculate the water absorption (in g) after 30 and 240 minutes of each sample using the following

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formula:

$$W_{mt} = m_t - m_d$$

where: m_d is the mass of the dry specimen (in g);

m_t is the mass of the specimen after immersion (in g)

Calculate the mean of at least three test samples.

12 Test report

The test report shall provide the following information:

- a) number, title and issue of this European Standard;
- b) the place and date of sampling;
- c) type of grout, commercial designation and manufacturer name;
- d) identification of the test sample;
- e) handling and storage of samples before testing;
- f) test conditions;
- g) date of testing;
- h) amount of water or liquid used for preparing the grout;
- i) test results (water absorption, individual and mean values after 30 and 240 minutes);
- j) any other factor that could have influenced the result.

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