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Foreword

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a laboratory method for determining the resistance to thermal and moisture cycling of marble intended for cladding of building facades.

For scientific definition of marble, reference is made to EN 12670:2001, Terminology: 2.1.243 a.

NOTE Bowing and rapid strength loss is known to occur in some marbles when used as exterior claddings.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12372, *Natural stone test methods – Determination of flexural strength under concentrated load*

EN 12670:2001, *Natural stone – Terminology*

EN 13161, *Natural stone test methods – Determination of flexural strength under constant moment*

EN 14146, *Natural stone test methods – Determination of the dynamic modulus of elasticity (by measuring the fundamental resonance frequency)*

EN 14579, *Natural stone test methods – Determination of sound speed propagation*

EN ISO 4892-1:2000, *Plastics - Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources - Part 1: General guidance (ISO 4892-1:1999)*

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3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

bowing

change in shape from flat and planar to a curved or dished shape in a convex or concave direction

Note 1 to entry: Other terms commonly used for the same phenomenon are dishing and warping. Convex bowing is quantified by positive values, concave bowing by negative values.

3.2

convex

centre part of the specimen is bowing upwards, away from the moist substratum

3.3

concave

centre part of the specimen is bowing downwards, against the moist substratum

4 Principle

Bowing is measured on test samples exposed to moisture from beneath and heating from above. The temperature interval is from 20°C to 80°C, one cycle completed each 24 h. The 80 °C is measured on a black reference, placed on the surface of one specimen to control the climate of the chamber/bath.

The potential strength loss is measured according to EN 12372 or EN 13161 on reference and exposed specimens (Annex A).

5 Symbols

T temperature

H_0 initial height of the specimen at the measuring point [mm]

H difference between the initial height and the height after a given cycle [mm]

H_N the normalised height difference, related to $L_N = 1$ m [mm]

B $H_N / L_N =$ the normalised bowing value [mm/m]

B_n bow values after n cycles [mm/m]

L distance between the supports under the specimen = 0,35 [m]

L_N normalised length = 1 [m]

6 Apparatus

6.1 A non-corrosive bath (Figure 1) of sufficient capacity to hold the required number of specimens. The container must be designed in a way that specimens receive continuous moisture from one side and are exposed to cyclic heating on the other side. The container shall be furnished with a device that ensures a constant water level during the cycling. Lying on the bottom of the container is a grating, which is covered by a sheet of heat stable filter cloth.

6.2 A non-corrosive grating that fits the length and width of the container and has a height of at least 1 cm. The function of the grating is to ensure a water reservoir beneath the filter cloth.

6.3 A soft, heat and dimension stable non-hygroscopic needle filter cloth of thickness approximately 5 mm and without any water soluble substances or chemicals. The cloth (e.g. polyester or PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) needle felt) is to be placed on top of the grating. The function of the cloth is to provide moisture and a uniform support to the specimen.

6.4 Heating panels of sufficient sizes/and numbers to cover the container. The panels must be capable of providing a uniform heat flow, heating the black reference from 20 °C to 80 °C at average rate of $(0,30 \pm 0,05)$ °C per minute. The maximum allowed temperature difference within the bath, during heating exposure, is 3 °C. Walls of insulating material should preferably be placed around the container (Figure 1) to avoid unwanted cooling or air circulation. Before the system is taken into use, trial measurements of the temperature shall be performed at nine surface points widely distributed within the heating frame (Figure 2). The temperature is measured on a uniform surface preferably with an infrared thermometer or a surface measuring thermometer. The temperature readings shall be taken on the surface of the black reference.

NOTE 1 The heating rate may be adjusted by changing the distance between the heating device and the samples, or by controlling the effect of the heater. The heating curve is displayed in Figure 5.

6.5 A black reference plate, according to EN ISO 4892-1:2000 (Figure 3), to establish the maximum surface temperature at 80°C. The black reference is connected by a thermocouple (cable type K), preferably to a high stability temperature and process controllers. A simple logger is also possible.

NOTE 2 The black reference is placed on the surface of the measured sample, preferably in the middle of the container. The temperature for the experimental exposure is programmed in advance. The heating elements are connected to the whole system and are controlled by the process controller. The temperature of the black reference is

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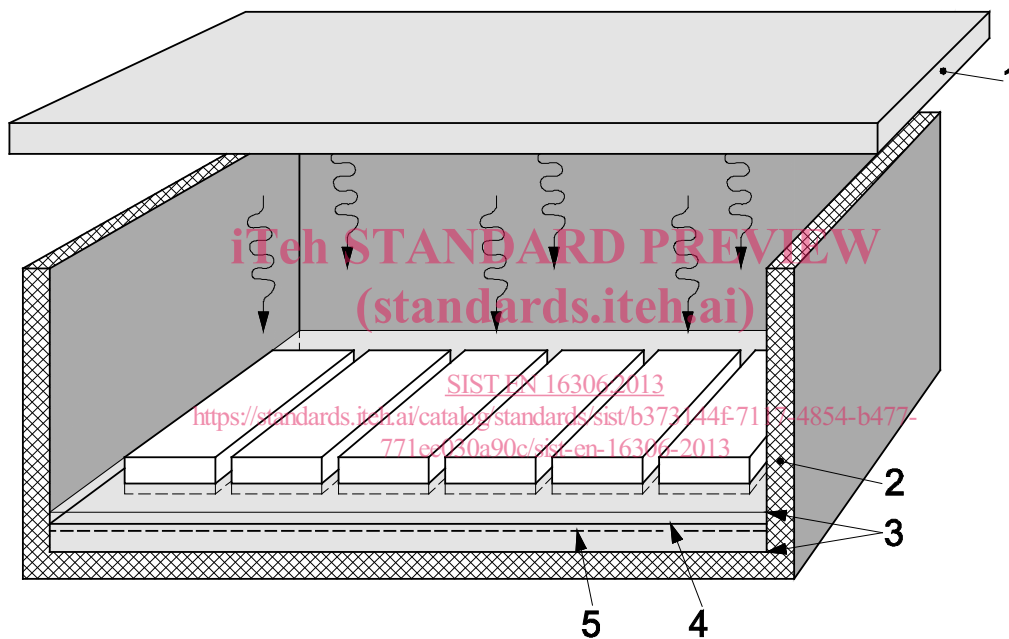
read and the signal is sent to the process controller that adjusts the heating. The whole system can thus be computer-controlled and the surface temperature can be monitored on-line.

6.6 An infrared thermometer or other thermometer capable of measuring the surface temperature of the specimens.

6.7 A bow-test rig for bow measurements (Figure 4). The rig is composed of a steel plate with three supporting points upon which the specimen is lying, and three cylinders guiding the edges of the specimen. The supporting points are situated (350 ± 5) mm apart from each other, and they must be well rounded and smooth in order to accommodate for eventual irregularities in the sawn surface of the specimens. Above the centre of the specimen a gauge is mounted, which shall be readable to 0,001 mm. The whole system shall have an accuracy better than $\pm 0,01$ mm.

6.8 A reference cylinder (coplanar bases with an accuracy better than $\pm 0,005$ mm) consisting of a material with a low linear expansion coefficient (e.g. quartz glass or invar steel).

6.9 A ventilated oven capable of maintaining a temperature of $(40 \pm 5)^\circ\text{C}$.



Key

- 1 heating device
- 2 insulation
- 3 water level
- 4 filter cloth
- 5 grating

NOTE The front wall is omitted here for a better view of the interior.

Figure 1 — Principle sketch and an example of exposure equipment for testing the potential bowing properties of marble

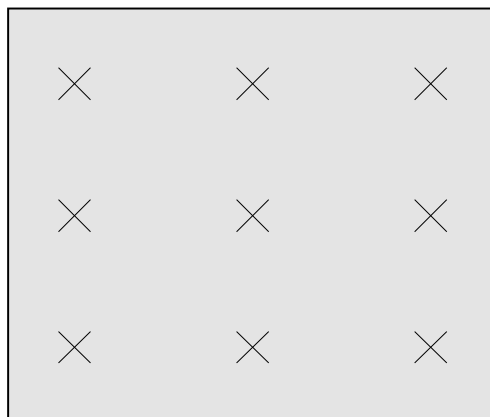
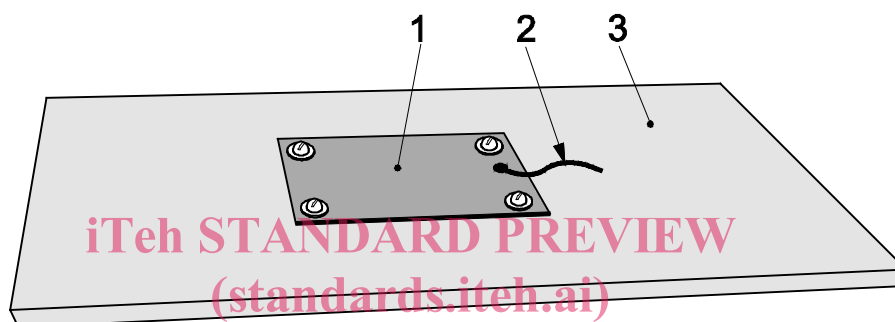


Figure 2 — Location of temperature control points



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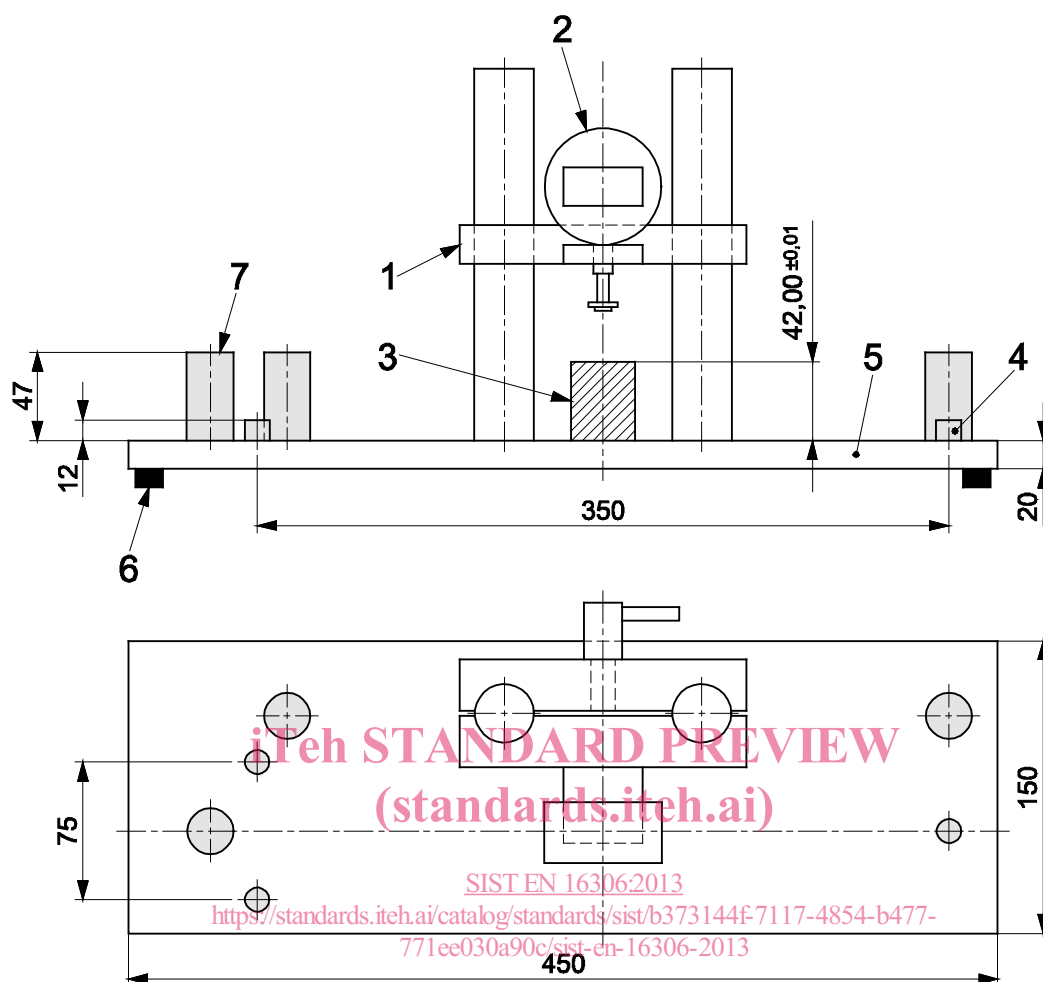
- 1 black reference
- 2 thermocouple
- 3 test specimen

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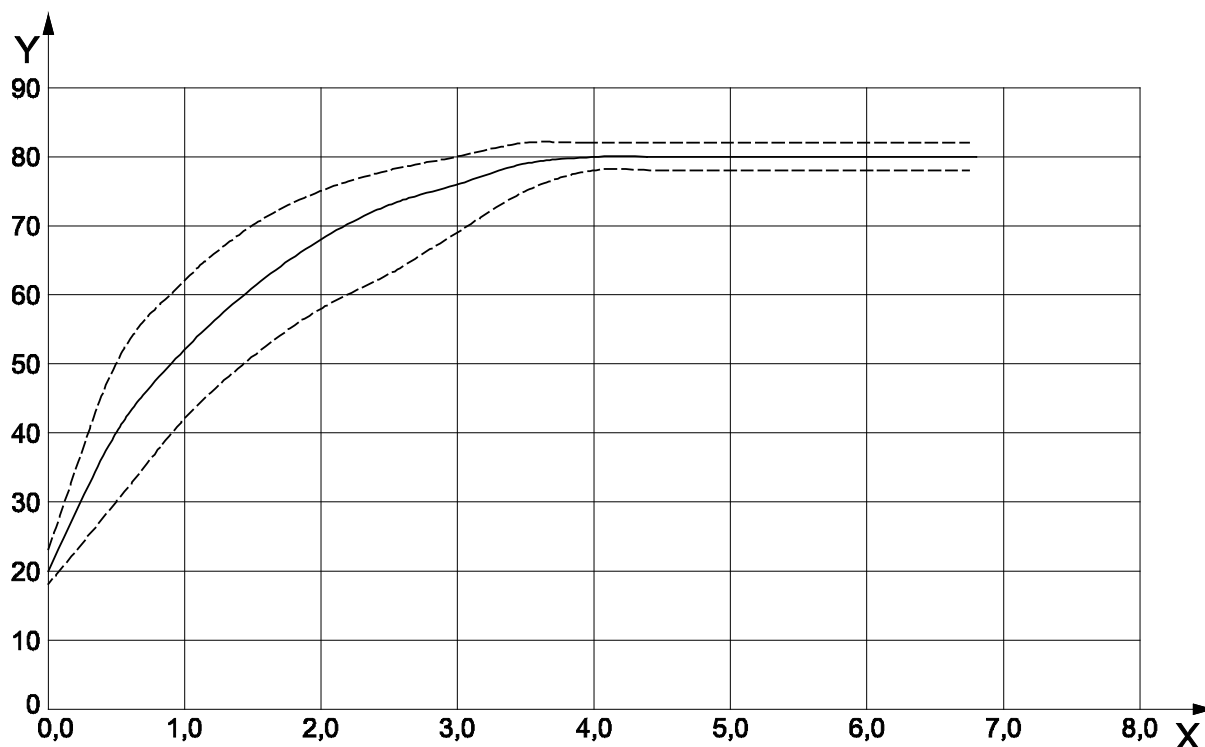
Figure 3 — Black reference plate (EN ISO 4892-1:2000) for T-measurements

Dimensions in millimetres

**Key**

- 1 stand
- 2 gauge
- 3 reference piece
- 4 support
- 5 steel plate (rust resistance)
- 6 rubber studs
- 7 guide

Figure 4 — Schematic drawing of the bow test rig

**Key**

X time (h)
Y temperature, black ref. (°C)

———— ideal temperature curve
- - - - - upper and lower tolerances

Figure 5 — Requested temperature cycle and allowed tolerance

7 Preparation of specimens

7.1 Sampling

The sampling is not the responsibility of the test laboratory except where specifically requested.

At least six specimens are to be exposed and another set of six specimens are to be used as references for flexural strength measurement of unexposed material. Samples shall be chosen in order to be representative of the batch to be tested. For identification testing, any foliation must be taken into consideration. Six specimens with faces perpendicular to and six specimens parallel to the foliation must be selected. For technological tests, it is sufficient to select samples with one set of orientations according to the use of the slabs.

NOTE For very heterogeneous marble types, it has proven valuable to double the number of test specimens.

7.2 Test specimens

Test specimens shall be slabs with a length of (400 ± 5) mm, a width of (100 ± 5) mm and a thickness of (30 ± 2) mm. The upper surfaces of the specimen shall be honed (not polished) and the back surface shall be smooth. The specimens must not be chemically treated in any way.