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## European foreword

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**EN 12370:2020 (E)****Introduction**

This document describes a test designed to assess the salt crystallization resistance of natural stones where it is relevant. The test cannot be used in isolation and results will be considered with other physical tests to indicate durability; these include EN 12371 “Determination of frost resistance”.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies a test method to assess the relative resistance of natural stones with an open porosity of greater than 5 %, measured in accordance with EN 1936, to damage caused by the crystallization of salts. The test is not necessary for low porosity stones.

## 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 12407, *Natural stone test methods — Petrographic examination*

EN 12440, *Natural stone — Denomination criteria*

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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/ui>

## 4 Symbols

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For the purposes of this document, the following symbols apply.

$M_d$	is the mass of the dried specimen, in grams
$M_{d1}$	is the mass of the dried specimen with label before first cycle, in grams
$M_f$	is the mass of the dried specimen with label, after 15 cycles, in grams
$\Delta M$	is the relative difference of masses before and after testing (mass loss or mass gain), in percent.

## 5 Principle

After drying to constant mass, the specimen is immersed in a solution of sodium sulphate, dried and allowed to cool to room temperature. This cycle is carried out 15 times and the percentage mass change measured.

## 6 Apparatus

- 6.1 A ventilated oven capable of maintaining a temperature of  $(105 \pm 5) ^\circ\text{C}$
- 6.2 A weighing instrument capable of weighing the specimens to  $\pm 0,001 \text{ g}$
- 6.3 A room or water bath capable of maintaining the temperature of the specimens and solution to  $(20 \pm 0,5) ^\circ\text{C}$
- 6.4 A 14 % solution of sodium sulphate decahydrate (i.e. 14 g of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$  for every 86 g de-ionized water). The density of this solution at  $20 ^\circ\text{C}$  is  $1\,055 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

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## 7 Preparation of specimens

### 7.1 Sampling

The sampling is not the responsibility of the test laboratory except where specially requested. At least six test specimens, which are considered representative of the body of stone being tested, shall be selected.

### 7.2 Dimensions of test specimens

Cubes of  $(40 \pm 1)$  mm sides shall be prepared. Specimens shall be wet diamond sawn and any surface irregularities removed by grinding.

### 7.3 Washing

All loose material shall be washed from the surface of the specimen using potable water.

### 7.4 Drying

The specimens are to be dried in an oven at a temperature  $(105 \pm 5)$  °C until a constant mass is reached. This is assumed to have been attained when the difference between two weighings at an interval of  $(24 \pm 2)$  h is not greater than 0,1 %. They are then allowed to cool to room temperature and weighed to  $\pm 0,01$  g ( $M_d$ ). Each specimen is then labelled with a durable tag that is wired on to the cube. The specimen is then re-weighed to  $\pm 0,01$  g ( $M_{d1}$ ).

## 8 Procedure

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The procedure entails the use of a 14 % solution of sodium sulphate decahydrate. The density of the solution shall be checked prior to use. The solution shall only be used for one test cycle.

Each of the dried specimens is placed in a 250 ml container and covered with the sodium sulphate solution to a depth of  $(8 \pm 2)$  mm above the top of the specimen and the container is covered to reduce evaporation. Alternatively, the specimens may be placed in a single container provided that there is a minimum space of 10 mm between specimens and at least 20 mm between the specimens and the sides of the container. The specimens are then left to soak for 2 h at  $(20 \pm 0,5)$  °C.

NOTE Changing the soaking temperature can markedly affect the results.

After immersion the specimens are removed from the solution and dried in an oven. The oven shall be arranged to provide a high relative humidity (90 %) in the early stages of drying and to raise the temperature of the specimens to  $(105 \pm 5)$  °C in linear progress of temperature change in not more than 15 h. The initial high relative humidity may be obtained by placing a tray of water in the cold oven, and switching on the heater for  $(30 \pm 5)$  min before putting in the specimens. The volume of water in ml placed in the tray should be  $(2,5 \pm 0,5)$  ml for each litre of oven volume. For example  $(300 \pm 25)$  ml has been found to be adequate in an oven with a 125 l which is capable of holding 48 specimens.

The specimens are left in the oven for at least 16 h and then they are cooled at room temperature for  $(2,0 \pm 0,5)$  h before re-soaking in fresh sodium sulphate solution. The cycle of operation is carried out 15 times in all, except when the specimens break up before this. After the 15th cycle the specimens are removed from the oven and stored for  $(24 \pm 1)$  h in water at  $(23 \pm 5)$  °C, finally, they are washed thoroughly with flowing water. The specimens are weighed after drying to constant mass (as in 7.4) if they are sufficiently coherent. If the test is to be interrupted at any time, the specimens are to be left in the oven at  $(105 \pm 5)$  °C.



## 9 Expression of results

The results are expressed as relative mass difference  $\Delta M$  (mass loss or gain) as a percentage of the initial dry mass  $M_d$  or as the number of cycles required to induce failure if the specimen has disintegrated or has broken into two or more pieces none of them representing more than 75 % of the sample before the final drying.

$$\Delta M = \frac{M_f - M_{d1}}{M_d} \cdot 100 \quad (1)$$

If failure has occurred or the specimen has fractured during testing, then this shall be recorded together with the number of completed cycles of testing.

A photographic record of the initial and final condition shall be made.

## 10 Test report

The test report shall contain the following information:

- a) unique identification number for the report;
- b) the number, title and date of issue of this document;
- c) the name and address of the test laboratory and the address of where the test was carried out if different from the test laboratory;
- d) the name and address of the client;
- e) it is the responsibility of the client to supply the following information:
  - the petrographic name of the stone in accordance with EN 12407;
  - the commercial name of the stone in accordance with EN 12440;
  - the country and region of extraction;
  - the name of the supplier;
  - the direction of any existing plane of anisotropy (if relevant to the test) to be clearly indicated on the sample or on each specimen by means of two parallel lines;
  - the name of the person or organization which carried out the sampling;
  - the surface finish of the specimens (if relevant to the test);
- f) the date of delivery of the sample or of the specimens;
- g) the period of testing;
- h) the number of specimens in the sample;
- i) the dimensions of the specimens;
- j) for each test specimen, the percentage mass change;