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## European foreword

This document (prEN 13888-1:2021) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 67 “Ceramic tiles”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.

This document will supersede EN 13888:2009.

The significant changes between this document and the previous edition are listed herewith:

- Clause 2 Normative references;
- Clause 3 Terms and definitions;
- Clause 4 Specifications;
- Clause 5 Evaluation of conformity of the previous edition has been deleted;
- Clause 5 Classification and designation (Clause 6 of the previous edition).

This document belongs to series prEN 13888, *Grouts for ceramic tiles*, which consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Requirements, classification, designation, marking and labelling;*
- *Part 2: Test methods.*

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## Introduction

The characteristics of the construction products defined in this document take into consideration that the normal stresses due to the works for which they are intended, assembled or installed, can be properly accommodated. Some special characteristics will take into account the type of substrate and that the grouts should resist the degrading actions of climate, environment, etc.

Many properties of grouts for ceramic tiles are mainly determined by the type of binders used.

Tile grouts are defined in different types depending on the chemical nature of their binders.

The different types have specific characteristics in terms of application properties and final performance.

The relationship between characteristics and the working conditions (dry or humid conditions, hot climate, fast setting, etc.) is not given in this document.

The manufacturer gives information about the use of the product and the correct conditions of use.

The specifier evaluates the state of the job site (mechanical, thermal and chemical influences) and chooses the appropriate product considering all the possible risks.

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## 1 Scope

This document is applicable to ceramic tile grouts for internal and external tile installations on walls and floors.

This document gives the terminology concerning the products, working methods (see Annex A), application properties, etc. for ceramic tile grouts.

This document specifies the performance requirements for cementitious and reaction resin grouts for ceramic tiles.

This document does not contain criteria or recommendations for the design and installation of ceramic tiles.

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

## 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.

prEN 13888-2:2021, *Grouts for ceramic tiles – Part 2: Test methods*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1 General

#### 3.1.1

##### **tile**

tile made out of ceramic or natural and agglomerated stones

Note 1 to entry: See [1] EN 14411 for definitions and specifications of ceramic tile.

### 3.2 Products

#### 3.2.1

##### **ceramic tile grout**

any suitable product to be used to fill the joints between all types of ceramic tiles

#### 3.2.2

##### **cementitious grout**

mixture of hydraulic binding agents, aggregates, inorganic and organic additives, mixed with water or liquid admix just before use

**prEN 13888-1:2021 (E)****3.2.3****reaction resin grout**

one or more component mixture of synthetic resin, mineral fillers, inorganic and organic additives in which hardening occurs by chemical reaction

**3.2.4****liquid admix**

latex additive

special aqueous polymer dispersion to be mixed with a cementitious grout on site

**3.3 Application properties****3.3.1****shelf life**

time of storage under stated conditions during which a grout may be expected to maintain its working properties

**3.3.2****maturing time**

interval between the time when the cementitious grout is mixed and the time when it is ready for use

**3.3.3****pot life**

maximum time interval during which the grout can be used after mixing

**3.3.4****cleaning time**

time interval between filling the joints and starting to clean the tiles

**3.3.5****service time**

minimum time interval after which the tile installation can be put into service

**3.4 Final properties****3.4.1****flexural strength**

maximum value of a grout prism failure determined by exerting a force in flexure at three points

Note 1 to entry: Flexural strength is measured according to prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.1.

**3.4.2****compressive strength**

maximum value of a grout prism failure determined by exerting a force in compression on two opposite points

Note 1 to entry: Compressive strength is measured according to prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.1.

**3.4.3****water absorption**

amount of water absorbed by capillary action when the surface of the grout prism is in contact with water without any additional pressure

Note 1 to entry: Water absorption is measured according to prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.2.



**3.4.4****abrasion resistance**

capability of the grout surface to resist wear

Note 1 to entry: Abrasion resistance is measured according to prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.4.

**3.4.5****shrinkage**

reduction in length of a grout prism during hardening

Note 1 to entry: Shrinkage is measured according to prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.3.

**3.4.6****chemical resistance**

capability of a grout to resist chemical agents

Note 1 to entry: Chemical resistance is measured according to prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.5.

**3.5 Characteristics****3.5.1****basic characteristics**

characteristics that a grout shall have

**3.5.2****additional characteristics**

characteristics for specific service conditions with enhanced levels of performance

**4 Product characteristics****4.1 Cementitious grouts (CG)**

The cementitious grouts shall comply with the characteristics reported in Table 1.

Table 2 reports the additional characteristics that might be required for special service conditions.

The amount of water and/or liquid admix required for preparing the cementitious grout shall be the same for all tests.

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Table 1 — Basic characteristics for cementitious grouts

<b>1a NORMAL SETTING GROUTS (CG1)</b>		
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Test Method</b>
Abrasion resistance	$\leq 2\,000\text{ mm}^3$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.4
Flexural strength after dry storage	$\geq 2,5\text{ N/mm}^2$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.1
Flexural strength after freeze-thaw cycles	$\geq 2,5\text{ N/mm}^2$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.1
Compressive strength after dry storage	$\geq 15\text{ N/mm}^2$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.1
Compressive strength after freeze-thaw cycles	$\geq 15\text{ N/mm}^2$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.1
Shrinkage	$\leq 3\text{ mm/m}$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.3
Water absorption after 30 min	$\leq 5\text{ g}$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.2
Water absorption after 240 min	$\leq 10\text{ g}$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.2
<b>1b FAST SETTING GROUTS (CG1F)</b>		
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Test Method</b>
Early compressive strength	$\geq 7,5\text{ N/mm}^2$ after not more than 6 h	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.1
All other requirements as in Table 1a		

Table 2 — Additional characteristics for cementitious grouts

<b>2a NORMAL SETTING (CG2) AND FAST SETTING GROUTS (CG2F)</b>		
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Test Method</b>
High abrasion resistance	$\leq 1\,000\text{ mm}^3$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.4
Reduced water absorption after 30 min	$\leq 2\text{ g}$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.2
Reduced water absorption after 240 min	$\leq 5\text{ g}$	prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.2

## 4.2 Reaction resin grouts (RG)

The reaction resin grouts shall comply with the characteristics reported in Table 3.

Regarding the characteristic of chemical resistance, there is no indication of limit value or chemical agent. When specific chemical resistance data are required for a project, testing shall conform to prEN 13888-2:2021, 9.5, with chemical concentrations and immersion temperatures chosen to simulate exposure conditions. The test media shall consist of media to which the chemical resistant materials are exposed in service and the test conditions (temperature, etc.) shall simulate the anticipated service and exposure conditions as closely as possible.