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Foreword

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Introduction

Structurally deficient concrete is caused by deterioration due to corrosion, mainly induced by chlorides from de-icing salts and marine exposure. The structural durability of concrete has become an issue of common concern to engineering.

The high humidity and high salt spray characteristics of the marine environment need higher durability structures. More specific requirements for the corrosion-resistant properties of reinforced steel bars, as well as the corresponding testing technology requirements, have been put forward.

In consideration of engineering practices, corrosion properties could be predicted on the basis of testing the corrosion rate via the comparative test of the steel bar specimen and a reference steel bar specimen. This document is consistent with the actual conditions of concrete structure exposure and can provide support for the development and selection of corrosion-resistant steel.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the apparatus, materials, specimen preparation, procedures, results and reports for comparing the corrosion rates of steel reinforcement bars in concrete in simulated marine and coastal environments.

This document is not applicable to galvanized steel reinforcement. It gives guidelines for material selection in corrosion design.

In order to illustrate the methodology, Annex A provides examples of experimental results.

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.

ISO 1920-3, *Testing of concrete — Part 3: Making and curing test specimens*

ISO 1920-4, *Testing of concrete — Part 4: Strength of hardened concrete*

ISO 3673-1, *Plastics — Epoxy resins — Part 1: Designation*

ISO 6935-2, *Steel for the reinforcement of concrete — Part 2: Ribbed bars*

ISO 8407:2009, *Corrosion of metals and alloys — Removal of corrosion products from corrosion test specimens*

ISO 22965-1, *Concrete — Part 1: Methods of specifying and guidance for the specifier*

ISO 22965-2, *Concrete — Part 2: Specification of constituent materials, production of concrete and compliance of concrete*

EN 197-1, *Cement — Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

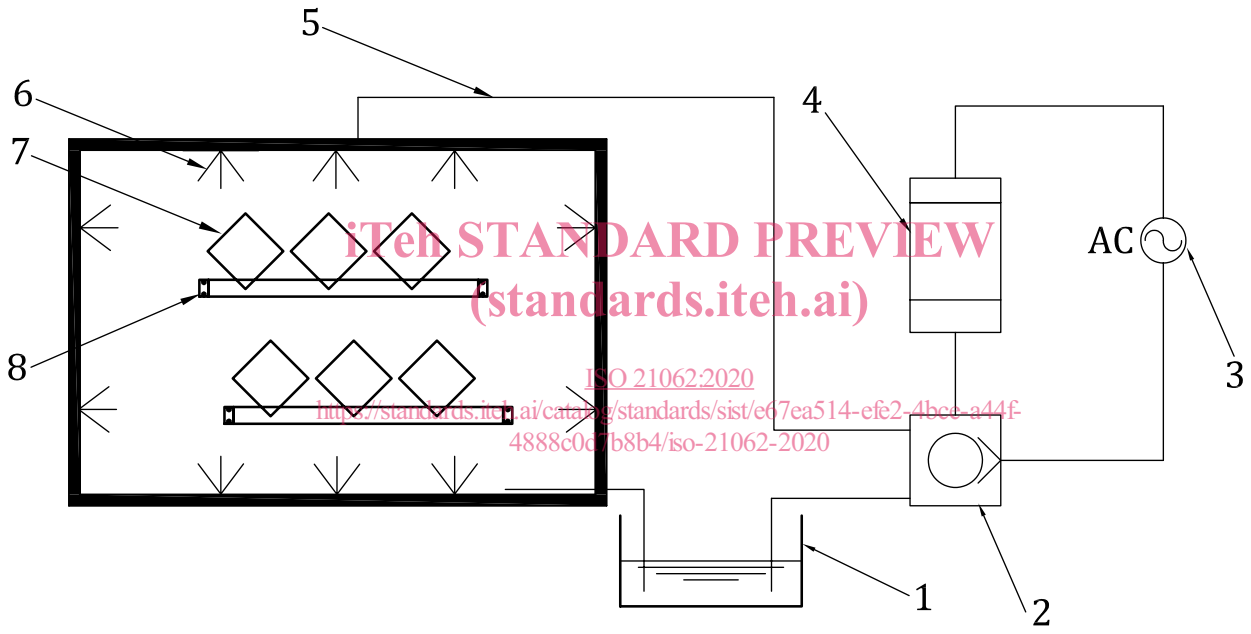
3.1
breaking of specimens
separation of specimens (which are steel reinforcement bars that have been encased in concrete) into fragments using a hammer or similar tools and then taking out the bars

4 Apparatus

4.1 Simulation chamber.

The simulation chamber shall be designed so that the test conditions can be obtained and controlled during the test. The simulation chamber shall be such that the conditions of homogeneity and distribution of the spray are met. A typical design of simulation chamber is shown in Figure 1. The placement of the concrete specimens is shown in Figure 2.

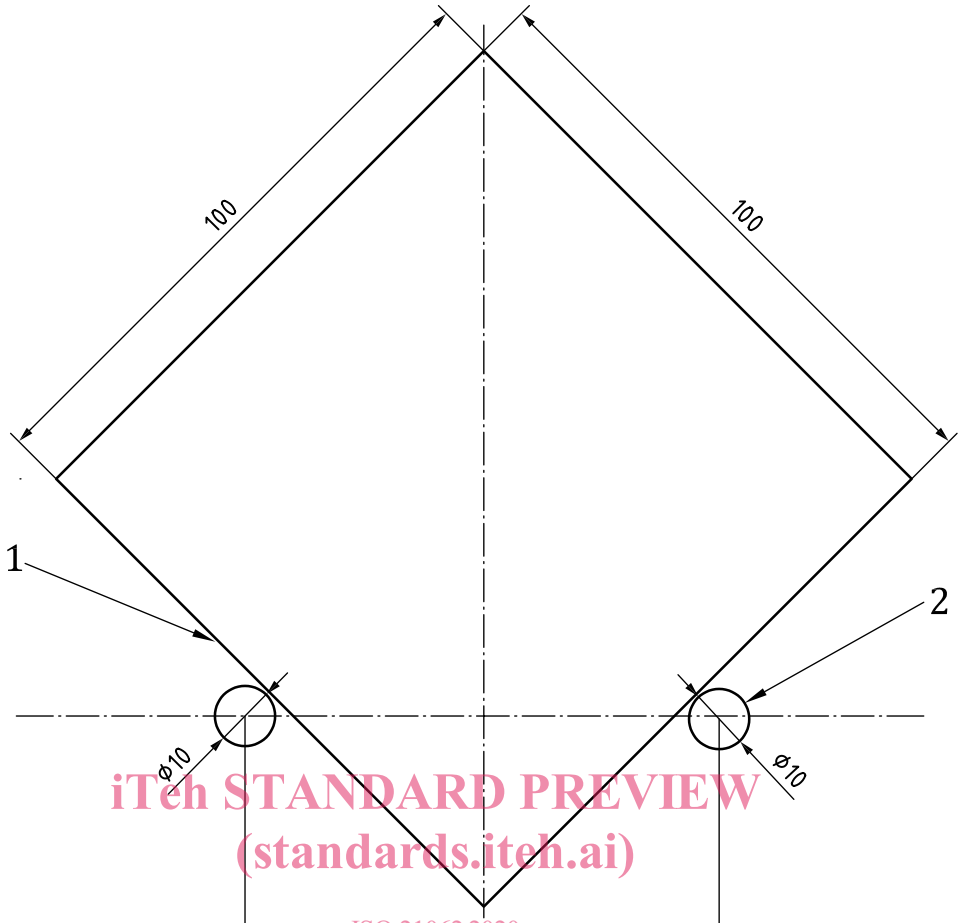
The test is conducted in a temperature range (approximately 5 °C to 30 °C). In special cases, other test temperature ranges may be adopted by agreement between the parties.



Key

1	vessel with spray solution	5	tube
2	pressurizing pump	6	nozzles
3	power	7	specimens
4	control unit	8	specimen holder

Figure 1 — Typical design of simulation chamber



Key

1 specimen

2 specimen holder

NOTE All materials, such as plastic or stainless steel, that can support the mass of the specimens and have certain corrosion resistance can be used as specimen holders.

Figure 2 — Placement of concrete specimens

4.2 Spraying device.

The spraying device for the salt solution installed in the simulation chamber shall be capable of producing a fine mist or small droplets falling on the test objects.

Salt (5.5) solution concentration: 3 % ± 0,2 %, initial pH 7 ± 0,5.

4.3 System for forced drying.

The simulation chamber shall be equipped with a system for forced air flow drying, as after spraying/wet stand-by all test objects should be dried and it shall be possible to regain environmental control within a reasonable time.

The specimens are sprinkled every 12 h for 60 min ± 5 min. Then the ventilation system is turned on for 2 h to dry the specimens.