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This document prEN 12326-3 is one of a series of standards for specification of roofing slate products which includes the following:

- EN 12326-1:2014, *Slate and stone for discontinuous roofing and external cladding — Part 1: Specifications for slate and carbonate slate*
- EN 12326-2:2011, *Slate and stone for discontinuous roofing and external cladding — Part 2: Methods of test for slate and carbonate slate*

EN 12326-1 and this document are product standards, while EN 12326-2 is the standard that specifies test methods that are applicable for both product standards.

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Introduction

The performance of a roof or wall constructed with these products depends not only on the properties of the product as required by this document, but also on the design, construction and performance of the roof or wall as a whole in relation to the environment and conditions of use.

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prEN 12326-3:2021 (E)**1 Scope**

This document specifies characteristics of schist and schistose stones (see 3.1) intended to be used for assembly into discontinuous roofing and external cladding.

This document specifies procedures for assessment and verification of constancy (AVCP) of performance of characteristics of schist and schistose stones.

This document does not cover the following:

- slate and carbonate slate products (see EN 12326-1:2014 and EN 12326-2:2011);
- schist and schistose products, used as wall cladding, which are either bonded with adhesive or fixed with dowels and cramps (see EN 1469:2015);
- treated products;
- installation or construction specific requirements.

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 12326-2:2011, *Slate and stone for discontinuous roofing and external cladding — Part 2: Methods of test for slate and carbonate slate*

EN 12407:2019, *Natural stone test methods — Petrographic examination*

EN 12440:2017, *Natural stone — Denomination criteria*

EN 12670:2019, *Natural stone — Terminology*

EN 13373:2020, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of geometric characteristics on units*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions given in EN 12670:2019 and the following apply.

3.1**schistose stones**

schist (3.2) and other foliated metamorphic rocks, composed of nearly parallel arranged mica, chlorite, quartz, feldspar and/or other typical minerals with well-developed fissility that allows an easy split

Note 1 to entry: These rock types belong petrographically to metamorphic formations that start at the epizonal-metamorphic phyllite formations, i.e. where EN 12326-1:2014 ends, see Table 4.

3.2**schist**

foliated rock composed of nearly parallel arranged mica, chlorite, quartz and other typical mineral

Note 1 to entry: Commercial definition: natural stone possessing a well-developed fissility that allows an easy split, i.e. phyllite, mica schist and quartzite schist.

3.3**phyllite**

schist (3.2) mainly consisting of glittering layers of micas, chlorite, quartz, feldspar and other minor minerals

Note 1 to entry: It is a fine grained to medium grained, dark grey metamorphic rock with evenly distributed layers with mica, and where these layers appear up to 10 mm apart. Typically, mica is the main constituent of the rock.

Note 2 to entry: The rock is formed by low grade metamorphism of clay stone.

[SOURCE: EN 12670:2019, 3.1.382, modified — feldspar is added]

3.4**mica schist**

schist (3.2) with glittering layers of micas, consisting of these, biotite, quartz and other minerals

Note 1 to entry: It is a medium to coarse grey to dark grey metamorphic rock with evenly distributed layers of mica, and where these layers appear up to 10 mm apart. In addition, the rock contains quartz and/or feldspar and other minerals. Typically, mica is the main constituent of the rock.

Note 2 to entry: The rock is formed by medium grade metamorphism of clay stone.

3.5**quartzite schist**

schist (3.2) enriched in quartz and with cleavage along planes in mica

Note 1 to entry: It is a fine to medium grained, light grey to grey, metamorphic quartz-feldspar rich rock containing rhythmically distributed planar lamina (less than 21 mm thick) of mica (muscovite and/or biotite). The rock can be split along the lamina to slabs varying from 5 mm to more than 100 mm in thickness.

Note 2 to entry: The rock is formed by low to medium grade metamorphism of sandstone.

Note 3 to entry: Other terms used are schistose quartzite or schistose flagstone.

3.6**paragneiss**

gneiss with mineralogy and texture indicating derivation from a sedimentary rock protolith

Note 1 to entry: Typically consists of abundant quartz, mica, or calcisilicate minerals; aluminosilicate minerals or garnet commonly present.

3.7**layer**

bed or stratum of rock

[SOURCE: EN 12670:2019, 3.1.260]

3.8**vein**

mineral body, thin in relation to its other dimensions, which cuts the older country rock

[SOURCE: EN 12670:2019, 3.1.521]

prEN 12326-3:2021 (E)**3.9****lineation**

general descriptive term for any kind of linear (one dimensional) feature in the fabric of a rock

[SOURCE: EN 12670:2019, 3.1.270]

3.10**shouldering**

removal of corner(s) (when installed) of a roofing or external cladding stone to facilitate laying or for aesthetic reasons

3.11**irregular stones**

stones of random plan dimensions

3.12**natural riven**

stone with natural split faces

3.13**nominal thickness**

thickness of stone declared by the manufacturer

3.14**lower expected value**

value that corresponds to the 5 %-quantile of a logarithmic normal distribution for a confidence level of 75 %

Note 1 to entry:

See Annex B.

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3.15**higher expected value**

value that corresponds to the 95 %-quantile of a logarithmic normal distribution for a confidence level of 75 %

Note 1 to entry:

See Annex B.

3.16**Student's *t*-test**

standard parametric statistical test used to test hypotheses about population means when the variance(s) are known

Note 1 to entry:

See ISO 3534-1 [3].

Note 2 to entry:

In this document, the Student's *t*-test is used to test for significant differences between the means of two populations.

Note 3 to entry:

See Annex B.

4 Characteristics

4.1 Dimensional variation

Dimensional variations in thickness, length and width of schist and schistose stones shall be determined according to 5.1.

All dimensions shall be expressed in mm.

4.2 Water permeability

Water permeability is expressed through water absorption of schist and schistose stones and shall be determined in accordance with 5.2.

The performance of water absorption shall be expressed with combined indication of mean value, together with the highest expected value (both expressed as a mass percentage % to two decimal places).

4.3 Mechanical resistance

Mechanical resistance is expressed through modulus of rupture of schist and schistose stones and shall be determined in accordance with 5.3.

The performance of modulus of rupture shall be expressed with the mean value and the lower expected value (in N/mm²) and with specification of test direction in relation to eventual any visual lineation.

4.4 Durability against freeze–thaw

Durability is expressed through freeze–thaw resistance of schist and schistose stones and shall be determined in accordance with 5.4. The durability performance against freeze–thaw shall be expressed by:

- the mean value and higher expected value of water absorption (in mass percentage %) before and after exposure, see Annex B;
- the change in water absorption (in %) based on Student's *t*-test;
- visual appearance by comparison of reference specimens and the exposed specimens, focusing on the following aspects:
 - colour changes, including oxidation of metallic minerals;
 - tendency of exfoliation, splitting or other major structural changes.

The following requirements apply:

- the schist or schistose stone shall not show significant increase in water absorption when a Student's *t*-test is applied,
- the schist or schistose stone shall not exhibit exfoliation (opening of cleavage plane).

Schist or schistose stone that does not satisfies the above requirements should not be used without documented good service life experiences.

If the sample water absorption after the freeze–thaw cycling is equal to or less than the value before the freeze–thaw cycling, the *t*-test shall not be carried out.

prEN 12326-3:2021 (E)**4.5 Durability against thermal cycles**

Durability is expressed through thermal cycle resistance of schist and schistose stones and shall be determined in accordance with 5.5.

The durability performance against thermal cycles shall be expressed by:

- the mean value and higher expected value of water absorption (in weight%) before and after the thermal cycle test, see Annex B;
- the change in water absorption (in %) based on Student's *t*-test;
- visual appearance by comparison of reference specimens and the exposed specimens, focusing on the following aspects:
 - colour changes, including oxidation of metallic minerals;
 - tendency of exfoliation, splitting or other major structural changes.

The following requirements apply:

- the schist or schistose stone shall not show significant increase in water absorption when a Student's *t*-test is applied,
- the schist or schistose stone shall not exhibit exfoliation (opening of cleavage plane).

Schist or schistose stone that does not satisfies the above requirements should not be used without documented good service life experiences.

If the mean water absorption after the thermal cycle test is equal to or less than the value before the freeze-thaw cycling, the *t*-test shall not be carried out.

4.6 Reaction to fire

The reaction to fire performance of schist and schistose stones, shall be expressed as Class A1, according to 5.6.

4.7 External fire performance

The external fire performance of schist and schistose stones, intended to be used in buildings as discontinuously laid roof covering, shall be expressed as Class B_{ROOF}, according to 5.7.

4.8 Release of dangerous substances

Release of dangerous substances of products of schist and schistose stones shall be determined as specified in 5.8.

5 Testing, assessment and sampling methods**5.1 Dimensional variation****5.1.1 General**

All measurements shall be determined in accordance with EN 13373:2020, Clause 7, and all measured values of individual units shall be within the specified tolerances.

Measurements of rectangular, square and scallops stones are specified in 5.1.2 and 5.1.3. See also 7.5. Other shapes and irregular stones are specified in 5.1.4.