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## European foreword

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This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.

It is based on the French Standard NF P 18-459 “Concrete — Testing hardened concrete — Testing porosity and density”.

This document is one of a series on testing concrete.

EN 12390, *Testing hardened concrete*, consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: *Shape, dimensions and other requirements for specimens and moulds*
- Part 2: *Making and curing specimens for strength tests*
- Part 3: *Compressive strength of test specimens*
- Part 4: *Compressive strength – Specification for testing machines*
- Part 5: *Flexural strength of test specimens*
- Part 6: *Tensile splitting strength of test specimens*
- Part 7: *Density of hardened concrete*
- Part 8: *Depth of penetration of water under pressure*
- Part 10: *Determination of the carbonation resistance of concrete at atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide*
- Part 11: *Determination of the chloride resistance of concrete, unidirectional diffusion*
- Part 12: *Determination of the potential carbonation resistance of concrete: Accelerated carbonation method;*
- Part 13: *Determination of secant modulus of elasticity in compression;*
- Part 14: *Semi-adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*
- Part 15: *Adiabatic method for the determination of heat released by concrete during its hardening process;*
- Part 16: *Determination of shrinkage of concrete;*
- Part 17: *Determination of creep of concrete in compression;*
- Part 18: *Determination of the chloride migration coefficient;*
- Part 19: *Determination of resistivity;*

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### 1 Scope

This document describes the method for the determination of the porosity (open pores) of hardened concrete on test specimens of any type (moulded, sawn, cored) or any shape.

The test is suitable for specimens having a declared value of  $D$  of the coarsest fraction of aggregates actually used in the concrete ( $D_{\max}$ ) not greater than 40 mm.

The test method is not applicable for concrete containing lightweight aggregate.

### 2 Normative references

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

EN 12350-1, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 1: Sampling and common apparatus*

EN 12390-1, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 1: Shape, dimensions and other requirements for specimens and moulds*

EN 12390-2, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 2: Making and curing specimens for strength tests.*

EN 12504-1, *Testing concrete in structures - Part 1: Cored specimens - Taking, examining and testing in compression*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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

##### **open pores**

pores accessible to water in this test

Note to entry: In principle, these pores are all those that connect with the surface, either directly, or through other pores.

#### 3.2

##### **closed pores**

pores not accessible to water in this test

#### 3.3

##### **porosity**

ratio of the volume of the pores of a test specimen to its apparent volume, expressed as a percentage, the porosity can be open (or accessible to water), closed; (not accessible to water) or total (sum of open and closed porosity)