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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 16774-5:2017), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— in 6.1 a), a recommendation regarding the specification of the fine aggregate, as well as the necessary reference to the relevant standard, has been added;

— in 6.1 d), the text has been revised to provide clearer context.

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Introduction

This document is linked to ISO/TR 16475. ISO/TR 16475 outlines six basic properties and the required performance levels of water-leakage repair materials; The ISO/TS 16774 series proposes sample testing methods for evaluating the respective properties of the repair materials.

The test methods in this document are intended to serve as reference for nations that have not yet developed a test method for the six required performance properties of water-leakage repair materials. Many of the dependent variables outlined in the reference test methods of this document are subject to change in accordance with the environmental conditions (temperature and humidity, chemical solution and concentration, width of movement activity, water pressure or water flow velocity, etc.) outlined in the standards used in respective countries.

In this document, ISO/TS 16774-1 and ISO/TS 16774-6, for the purpose of objectively comparing the performance of injected repair materials, artificial cracks of same width, height, and volume are used to control the usage of repair materials for each testing cycle and enable repetition of the same test methods under the same conditions. In this document, target ingredients are limited to injection materials outlined in ISO/TR 16475.

These permeability test procedures follow applied conditions outlined in different national testing parameters and requirements. As such, the results are only intended to provide a comparative performance evaluation of the waterproofing repair materials between different products of the same type of repair material with the same environmental conditions.

NOTE 1 This test method classifies and categorizes materials that are tested into families of similar properties for the purpose of making relative comparisons with the data results.

NOTE 2 Each individual repair material can be further tested in an actual construction site application for a complete assessment.

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Part 5: Test method for watertightness

1 Scope

This document specifies a laboratory test method for evaluating watertightness of water-leakage crack repair materials through permeability testing.

This document outlines general principles and procedures for the test method. This document does not specify specific variables that control the quantifiable parameters of the testing.

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/TR 16475, *General practices for the repair of water-leakage cracks in concrete structures*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TR 16475 and the following apply.

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

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

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

repair material

<water-leakage cracks> material used for preventing the escape of water at cracks in concrete

EXAMPLE Injection-type grouts, such as synthetic rubberized asphalt, mastic, urethane, poly-urea, etc.

4 Principle

Impermeability to water pressure is one of the fundamental properties of water-leakage repair materials. Property changes in the repair material due to applied hydro-static pressure can influence the repair material's performance and lead to waterproofing failure. The test method in this document evaluates the watertightness properties of repair materials injected into a test specimen with an artificial crack through a permeability test (i.e. checking for leakage with a specified amount of water pressure), thereby assessing the material's performance with a qualitative method.

5 Apparatus

5.1 Air compressor, which should be able to handle minimum air pressure value of 0,1 N/mm² to 0,3 N/mm².

5.2 Permeability test chamber, which should be able to handle minimum water pressure value of 0,1 N/mm² to 0,3 N/mm² (output method).

NOTE Conditions outlined in [5.1](#) and [5.2](#) are subject to change in accordance with different national testing parameters and requirements.

6 Preparation

6.1 Test specimen and artificial crack conditions

- a) Two separate concrete or mortar substrate parts should be cured to form a water-leakage crack test specimen. The parts consist of upper and bottom parts, and they should be flat and cylindrical in shape and made using concrete or mortar.

The mix proportion is (water : cement : fine aggregate = 1 : 2 : 6, mass ratio). The fine aggregate used should be specified. A different standard specification can apply.

NOTE 1 The curing period for the mortar or concrete substrate parts is approximately 72 h, but can change according to different national testing parameters and requirements.

- b) The bottom substrate is drilled with evenly spaced holes (\varnothing 2,5 mm) near the centre of the substrate. The pinholes shall be drilled all the way through from one surface of the substrate part to the other.

NOTE 2 The purpose of these pinholes is to check for signs of leakage during repair material injection and during permeability testing.

- c) Spacers are placed on one surface of the bottom substrate part without covering the pinholes, and the upper substrate part is placed on top of the spacers. The substrate parts, now having formed the test specimen with the artificial crack, are held together with tape, silicone sealants or other applicable materials along the exterior side. The spacer height represents the width of the crack and can vary depending on the different national testing parameters and requirements.

Any material can be used to hold the two substrate parts together with a crack space in between, but an inlet should be left in one side for material injection.

- d) The specimen surface should be cleaned before injecting the repair material to remove any debris. After placing the test specimen under clean water, ensure the substrate surface is sufficiently wet for repair material injection for a specified amount of time. Inject the repair material into the specimen.

The injection method varies according to different national testing parameters and requirements. The manufacturer's instructions should be followed if available. Debris and other substances, if present, should be removed prior to material application.

NOTE 3 For detailed explanation refer to [Annex A](#).

6.2 Ambient conditions

Keep the test room at temperature (22 ± 2) °C and humidity at (55 ± 5) % (standard drying conditions of a drying shrinkage state conditions outlined in ISO 1920-8) during the experiment unless specifically required otherwise.

NOTE Temperature values are subject to change according to different national standards. For example, warmer countries have ranges that can reach up to (27 ± 2) °C and colder countries can reach (16 ± 3) °C, etc. The same applies to humidity conditions.

7 Procedure

- a) Place the specimen in the permeability test chamber.

NOTE 1 The procedure outlined will follow the steps required for the output method of this permeability test. Other methods, if applicable, can be used for this step.

- b) Fill the chamber with water. Connect the air compressor valves to the air compression chamber.

- c) Run the permeability test.

NOTE 2 Water and air pressure values are subject to change in accordance with different national test parameters and requirements.

- d) Observe and record to see if there is leakage from the test specimen.

Photos of the specimen and equipment conditions shall be taken at every stage possible during each test procedure for recording and information purposes.

NOTE 3 For detailed explanation refer to [Annex A](#).

8 Presentation of results

The results of the repair material evaluation are based on a qualitative assessment of whether the tested material fails its waterproofing performance and leaks under a water pressure value outlined in the applied national test parameters and requirements. These results can be used in the future as a data base for a guideline on selecting appropriate repair materials with the required watertightness properties in leakage crack surfaces of underground concrete structures.

9 Test report

9.1 Information on the repair material of the test target

9.1.1 General

The test report should record the following information on the repair material of the test target:

- a) producer (e.g. name, address and phone number);
- b) production date, time and place of the repair material;
- c) type, storage method and authentication of the repair material;
- d) manufacturer's product instructions and relevant repair material guidelines;
- e) data on the chemical composition of repair material as indicated in manufacturer's data sheet.

9.1.2 Other information

The following information is recorded on demand, if required:

- a) project of the test target;
- b) application areas of the test specimen;
- c) result of some eco-toxicological performance tests to account for the release of hazardous substances and the subsequent effects on health and safety.

9.2 Information on the test

The test report shall record the following information on the test:

- a) a reference to this document (including its year of publication);
- b) the sample;
- c) the test manager;
- d) the name and purpose of the test;
- e) ambient conditions of the lab (temperature, relative humidity, safety conditions, etc.);
- f) production time and place of the specimens;
- g) shape and size of the specimens, and the number of replicates of the specimens for repeat test;
- h) identification of the specimens (lot no., etc.);
- i) curing and storage conditions;
- j) information on the test repair material (name, producer, validity, etc.);
- k) test data (production, measurement, test period, etc.);
- l) type of facilities, equipment and tools;
- m) status of test equipment and tools;
- n) test results prepared in accordance with [Clause 8](#);
- o) any deviations from the procedure;
- p) any unusual features observed;
- q) the date of the test;
- r) details on other test programmes and procedures.