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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the terms and definitions which were not used in the main part of the standard have been deleted;
- the normative references have been updated;
- [5.1](#) "General" has been added;
- the requirement for gap sealing material has been added in [5.3](#);
- the requirements for surface preparation in case of high and very high durabilities for C4 and higher, as well as Im1 to Im4, have been added;
- the title of [Table A.1](#) has been corrected;
- a key has been added to [Figure B.1](#);
- [Figure D.1](#) c) has been deleted;
- the requirements for the radius in [Figures D.5](#) and [D.7](#) have been added;
- a bibliography has been added;
- the text has been editorially revised.

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