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This European Standard (EN 680:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 177 "Prefabricated reinforced components of autoclaved aerated concrete or light-weight aggregate concrete with open structure", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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#### 1 Scope

This Euopean Standard specifies a method for measuring the relative length changes due to drying (drying shrinkage) of autoclaved aerated concrete manufactured according to EN 771-4 or prEN 12602. The shrinkage characteristics determined according to this method are the following: The conventional reference value of drying shrinkage is the relative length change between two specified moisture contents. The total value of drying shrinkage is the relative length change due to drying from the saturated state until reaching constant length under specified climatic conditions. Other drying shrinkage values may be determined between other parameters to meet other specified national requirements.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this European Standard. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 678, Determination of dry density of autoclaved aerated concrete

EN 771-4, Specification for masonry units — Part 4:Autoclaved aerated concrete masonry units

prEN 12602, Prefabricated reinforced components of autoclaved aerated concrete

#### 3 Principle

Prismatic test specimens are cut from products from new production. For conditioning they are saturated in water at  $(20 \pm 2)$  °C for a period of at least 72 h and then stored in sealed plastic for a period of  $(24 \pm 2)$  h. Subsequently they are dried in air at  $(20 \pm 2)$  °C and  $(45 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity (drying period under reference shrinkage storage conditions) until constant length is reached.

At the end of the conditioning period and in suitable time intervals during the drying period the length changes and the mass of the test specimens are determined.

Finally, the test specimens are dried to constant mass at  $(105 \pm 5)$  °C in order to determine the dry density of the autoclaved aerated concrete and to enable the calculation of the moisture content of the test specimens at each measuring date from the difference between the mass in the actual moist state and the dry mass.

A graph relative length change versus moisture content is plotted, and from the curve the conventional reference value of drying shrinkage,  $\varepsilon_{cs,ref}$ , is determined as the relative length change between the two moisture contents 30 % by mass and 6 % by mass.

Where the total value of drying shrinkage is required, the relative length change of the test specimens from the end of the conditioning period until reaching constant length under reference shrinkage storage conditions at  $(20 \pm 2)^{\circ}$  C and  $(45 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity shall also be measured.

#### 4 Apparatus

- a) saw with rotating carborundum or diamond blade or other equipment for cutting test specimens;
- b) balance, capable of determining the mass of the test specimens to an accuracy of 0,1 %;
- c) callipers, capable of reading the dimensions of the test specimens to an accuracy of 0,1 mm;
- d) container, for immersion of the test specimens under water;