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Assessment of the effectiveness of masonry fungicide to
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mérule *Serpula lacrymans* (Schumacher ex Fries) S.F.
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Serpula lacrymans (Schumacher ex Fries) S.F. Gray
vom Mauerwerk auf das Holz -
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Introduction

This document describes a laboratory method of test for the assessment of the effectiveness of a masonry fungicide applied to masonry for the prevention of the growth of dry rot, *Serpula lacrymans* (Schumacher ex Fries) S.F. Gray into wood.

This laboratory method enables the determination of the concentration of a preservative within mortar which could prevent the dry rot fungus from growing through a given mortar layer treated with this preservative.

Test results obtained with earlier versions of CEN/TS 12404 are still valid.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the performance of a preservative, applied to the upper surface of the mortar test specimens, in preventing the growth of dry rot through the treated mortar when exposed to the test fungus.

This method is only applicable to masonry fungicides applied as a true solution of the preservative in water or dilute oil in water emulsion. It is not applicable to rods, pastes and other similar preservative types. This method is applicable to preservatives applied to masonry by brushing, spraying and/or injection techniques or mixed into rendering and plastering mortar for masonry.

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 113:1996, *Wood preservatives - Test method for determining the protective effectiveness against wood destroying basidiomycetes - Determination of the toxic values*

EN 413-1, *Masonry cement - Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria*

EN 459-1, *Building lime - Part 1: Definitions, specifications and conformity criteria*

EN 599-1, *Durability of wood and wood-based products - Efficacy of preventive wood preservatives as determined by biological tests - Part 1: Specification according to use class*

EN ISO 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use - Specification and test methods (ISO 3696)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

masonry fungicide

fungicidal/fungistatic product applied to masonry and other mineral construction materials to prevent the growth of dry rot through or over the treated material

3.2

performance

behaviour of the preservative product in terms of its effectiveness in test

3.3

preservative

formulated masonry fungicide in the form received from the supplier for the test

3.4

supplier

sponsor of the test