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- EN 12697-27, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 27: Sampling*
- EN 12697-28, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 28: Preparation of samples for determining binder content, water content and grading*
- EN 12697-29, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 29: Determination of the dimensions of bituminous specimen*
- EN 12697-30, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 30: Preparation of specimen by impact compactor*
- EN 12697-31, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 31: Specimen preparation, gyratory compactor*
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- EN 12697-37, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 37: Hot sand test for the adhesivity of binder on precoated chippings for HRA*

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EN 12697-39, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 39: Binder content by ignition*

EN 12697-40, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 40: In-situ drainability*

EN 12697-41, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 41: Resistance to de-icing fluids*

EN 12697-42, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 42: Amount of coarse foreign matters in reclaimed asphalt*

EN 12697-43, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 43: Resistance to fuel*

EN 12697-44, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 44: Crack propagation by semi-circular bending test*

EN 12697-45, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 45: Saturation Ageing Tensile Stiffness (SATS) conditioning test*

EN 12697-46, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 46: Low temperature cracking and properties by uniaxial tension tests*

EN 12697-47, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 47: Determination of the ash content of natural asphalts*

prEN 12697-48¹⁾, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 48: Inter-layer bond strength*

prEN 12697-49, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 49: Skid resistance of asphalt in the laboratory*

prEN 12697-50¹⁾, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 50: Scuffing resistance of surface course asphalt*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies uniaxial tension tests for characterising the resistance of an asphalt mixture against low temperature cracking. The results of the uniaxial tension tests can be used to evaluate the following:

- tensile strength at a specified temperature, using the uniaxial tension stress test (UTST);
- minimum temperature that the asphalt can resist before failure, using the thermal stress restrained specimen test (TSRST);
- tensile strength reserve at a specified temperature (using a combination of TSRST and UTST);
- relaxation time, using the relaxation test (RT);
- creep curve to back calculate rheological parameters, using the tensile creep tests (TCT);
- fatigue resistance at low temperatures due to the combination of cryogenic and mechanical loads, using the uniaxial cyclic tension stress tests (UCTST).

2 Normative references

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

EN 12697-6:2012, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 6: Determination of bulk density of bituminous specimens*

EN 12697-27, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 27: Sampling*

EN 12697-33, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 33: Specimen prepared by roller compactor*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

tensile strength β_t

maximum tensile stress measured in a tensile stress test

3.2

tensile failure strain $\varepsilon_{\text{failure}}$

tensile strain that is measured when the tensile strength has been reached

3.3

cryogenic stress $\sigma_{\text{cry}}(T)$

tension stress, induced by prohibited thermal shrinkage, at the temperature T

3.4

failure stress $\sigma_{\text{cry, failure}}$

cryogenic stress that causes a failure of the specimen in the thermal stress restrained specimen test (TSRST)