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## Foreword

This document (EN 12697-8:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 227 "Road materials", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 2003, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2005.

This European Standard is one of a series of standards as listed below.

EN 12697-1, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 1: Soluble binder content*

EN 12697-2, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 2: Determination of particle size distribution*

EN 12697-3, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 3: Binder recovery: Rotary evaporator*

EN 12697-4, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 4: Binder recovery: Fractionating column*

EN 12697-5, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 5: Determination of the maximum density*

EN 12697-6, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 6: Determination of bulk density of bituminous specimen by hydro-static method*

EN 12697-7, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 7: Determination of bulk density of bituminous specimens by gamma rays*

EN 12697-8, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 8: Determination of void characteristics of bituminous mixtures*

EN 12697-9, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 9: Determination of the reference density*

EN 12697-10, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 10: Compactibility*

prEN 12697-11, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 11: Determination of the compatability between aggregate and binder*

prEN 12697-12, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 12: Determination of the water sensitivity of bituminous specimens*

EN 12697-13, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 13: Temperature measurement*

EN 12697-14, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 14: Water content*

EN 12697-15, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 15: Determination of the segregation sensitivity*

prEN 12697-16, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 16: Abrasion by studded tyres*

prEN 12697-17, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 17: Partial loss of porous asphalt specimen*

prEN 12697-18, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 18: Binder drainage from porous asphalt*

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prEN 12697-19, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 19: Permeability of specimen*

prEN 12697-20, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 20: Indentation using cube or marshall specimen*

prEN 12697-21, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 21: Indentation using plate specimens*

prEN 12697-22, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 22: Wheel tracking*

prEN 12697-23, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 23: Determination of the indirect tensile strength of bituminous specimens*

prEN 12697-24, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 24: Resistance to fatigue*

prEN 12697-25, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 25: Cyclic compression test*

prEN 12697-26, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 26: Stiffness*

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*

prEN 12697-30, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 30: Preparation of specimen by impact compactor*

prEN 12697-31, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 31: Specimen preparation, gyratory compactor*

EN 12697-32, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 32: Laboratory compaction of bituminous mixtures by a vibratory compactor*

prEN 12697-33, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 33: Specimen preparation, slab compactor*

prEN 12697-34, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 34: Marshall test*

prEN 12697-35, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 35: Laboratory mixing*

EN 12697-36, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 36: Method for the determination of the thickness of a bituminous pavement*

prEN 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*

prEN 12697-38, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 38: Test equipment and calibration*

The applicability of this European Standard is described in the product standards for bituminous mixtures. No existing European Standard is superseded.

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

## 1 Scope

This European Standard describes a procedure for calculating two volumetric characteristics of a compacted bituminous specimen: the air voids content ( $V_m$ ) and the voids content in the mineral aggregate filled with binder (VFB).

The method is suitable for specimens which are laboratory compacted or specimens from cores cut from the pavement after placement and compacting.

These volumetric characteristics can be used as mix design criteria or as parameters for evaluating the mixture after placing and compacting in the road.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 12697-5, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 5: Determination of the maximum density*.

EN 12697-6, *Bituminous mixtures – Test methods for hot mix asphalt – Part 6: Determination of bulk density of bituminous specimens by hydro-static method*.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **air void**

pocket of air between the bitumen-coated aggregate particles in a compacted bituminous specimen

### 3.2

#### **air voids content**

( $V_m$ )

volume of the air voids in a bituminous specimen, expressed as a percentage of the total volume of that specimen

### 3.3

#### **maximum density**

mass per unit volume without air voids of a bituminous material at known test temperature

### 3.4

#### **bulk density**

mass per unit volume, including the air voids, of a specimen at known test temperature

### 3.5

#### **void in the mineral aggregate**

(VMA)

volume of inter-granular void space between the aggregate particles of a compacted bituminous mixture that includes the air voids and the volume of the bituminous binder in the specimen, expressed as a percentage of the total volume of the specimen

**NOTE** An allowance should be made for the absorbency of binder by the aggregate, which can otherwise lead to an over estimation of the air voids content. The level of absorbency depends on the porosity of the aggregate.