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## Foreword

This document (EN 12846-1:2011) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 336 "Bituminous binders", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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This European Standard EN 12846 consists of the following parts under the general title *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of efflux time by the efflux viscometer*:

- *Part 1: Bituminous emulsions;*
- *Part 2: Cut-back and fluxed bituminous binders.*

EN 12846-1 has been created as the result of the merging of EN 12846:2002 and EN 13357:2002 under a single EN 12846 reference (two different parts), since both standards describe very similar procedures with identical equipment. The two different parts have been made as consistent as possible by eliminating all existing minor differences between both methods.

Compared with the previous edition, EN 12846:2002, the scope and principle were detailed, Figure 2 was added, tolerances were specified or modified in the apparatus dimensions, details were added in the test procedure and measurements made and the test precision data were reviewed.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of the efflux time at 40 °C of bituminous emulsions in seconds using an efflux viscometer. Alternative test temperature is 50 °C.

**NOTE** The procedure described in this standard may also be followed to determine efflux time at other temperatures such as for instance 25 °C.

**WARNING —** The use of this European Standard may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This European Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this European Standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 58, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Sampling bituminous binders*

EN 12594, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Preparation of test samples*

EN 13302, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Determination of dynamic viscosity of bituminous binder using a rotating spindle apparatus*

EN ISO 4788, *Laboratory glassware — Graduated measuring cylinders (ISO 4788:2005)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### **viscosity**

internal resistance of a fluid to flow

### 3.2

#### **efflux time**

time needed for a specified volume of a material to flow through a specified orifice at a specified temperature

**NOTE** The efflux time is an indirect measure of the viscosity and is also referred to as “pseudo-viscosity”.

## 4 Principle

The efflux time of a bituminous emulsion is determined using an efflux viscometer known as the Standard Tar Viscometer (STV) which determines the time of efflux of a 50 ml sample through a 10 mm or a 4 mm or a 2 mm orifice at a specified temperature.

Whatever temperatures or orifice diameters used, the efflux time shall not exceed 600 s. For highly viscous emulsions, EN 13302 shall be used.