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method for the determination of frost susceptibility - Resistance  
to freezing and thawing of hydraulically bound mixtures**

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hydrauliques - Partie 54: Méthode d'essai pour la  
détermination de la sensibilité au gel - Résistance au gel et  
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## Foreword

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EN 13286-1, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 1: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content — Introduction, general requirements and sampling*

EN 13286-2, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 2: Test methods for the determination of laboratory reference density and water content — Proctor compaction*

EN 13286-3, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 3: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content — Vibrocompression with controlled parameters*

EN 13286-4, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 4: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content — Vibrating hammer*

EN 13286-5, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 5: Test methods for laboratory reference density and water content — Vibrating table*

EN 13286-7, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 7: Cyclic load triaxial test for unbound mixtures*

EN 13286-40, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 40: Test method for the determination of the direct tensile strength of hydraulically bound mixtures*

EN 13286-41, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 41: Test method for the determination of the compressive strength of hydraulically bound mixtures*

EN 13286-42, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 42: Test method for the determination of the indirect tensile strength of hydraulically bound mixtures*

EN 13286-43, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 43: Test method for the determination of the modulus of elasticity of hydraulically bound mixtures*

EN 13286-44, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 44: Test method for the determination of the alpha coefficient of vitrified blast furnace slag*

EN 13286-45, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 45: Test method for the determination of the workability period of hydraulically bound mixtures*

EN 13286-46, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 46: Test method for the determination of the moisture condition value*

EN 13286-47, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 47: Test method for the determination of the California bearing ratio, immediate bearing index and linear swelling*

EN 13286-48, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 48: Test method for the determination of the degree of pulverization*

EN 13286-49, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 49: Accelerated swelling test of soil treated by lime and/or hydraulic binders*

EN 13286-50, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 50: Methods for making test specimens using proctor equipment or vibrating table compaction*

EN 13286-51, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Part 51: Methods for making test specimens by vibrating hammer compaction*

EN 13286-52, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Methods for making test specimens — Part 52: Making specimens by vibro-compression*

EN 13286-53, *Unbound and hydraulically bound mixtures — Methods for making test specimens — Part 53: Making cylindrical specimens by axial compression*

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## Introduction

At present, this test method is not proposed as an European Standard (EN) but issued instead as a Technical Specification (TS). It will remain a TS until more data and experience is forthcoming regarding the most appropriate conditioning of specimens immediately prior to freeze-thaw cycling. Reference to the test method reveals that three methods of conditioning are described/permitted for the two day stage between first stage curing (to permit adequate strength development) and the freeze-thaw testing stage. This second stage conditioning can be either complete submersion in a water bath, storage in a humidity cabinet, or continuation of the first stage curing. Typically the latter consists of curing to prevent loss of moisture. As is stated in the test method, it is probable that water bath curing of the test specimens is more robust than humidity cabinet curing which in turn may be more robust than the initial first stage curing. The choice of method is deliberately left for determination at the place of use and will depend on the type and nature of the hydraulically bound mixture or hydraulically treated soil, the particular application and the known/expected climatic conditions. Users of the test method are invited/encouraged to trial the different methods of second stage curing and to provide feedback. Then and only then will consideration be given to specifying a preferred/necessary method of second stage curing and then to the issuing of the TS as a EN.

## 1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies a test method for the determination of the resistance of a hydraulically bound mixture to the cyclic action of freezing and thawing.

The method described is suitable for hydraulically bound mixtures, including hydraulically stabilised soils, in accordance with EN 14227-1 to EN 14227-5 and the range of strengths covered by that standard.

When required, a method for determining the change in height of a hydraulically bound subject to freeze thaw is specified in Annex A (normative).

When required, a method for determining the freeze thaw resistance of a hydraulically bound mixture in the presence of salt is specified in Annex B (normative).

## 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 932-5, *Tests for general properties of aggregates - Part 5: Common equipment and calibration*

EN 1367-1, *Tests for thermal and weathering properties of aggregates - Part 1: Determination of resistance to freezing and thawing*

EN 1367-4, *Tests for thermal and weathering properties of aggregates - Part 4: Determination of drying shrinkage*

EN 1367-6, *Tests for thermal and weathering properties of aggregates - Part 6: Determination of resistance to freezing and thawing in the presence of salt (NaCl)*

EN 14227 (all parts), *Hydraulically bound mixtures — Specifications*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

**3.1**  
**test specimen**  
sample used in a single determination when a test method requires more than one determination of a property

**3.2**  
**laboratory sample**  
reduced sample derived from a bulk sample for laboratory testing

**3.3**  
**hydraulically bound mixture**  
mixture that sets and hardens by hydraulic reaction