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Bitumen und bitumenhaltige Bindemittel - Feststellung der äußeren Beschaffenheit

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Foreword

This document (EN 1425:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 336 "Bituminous binders", the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR/BNPé.

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This document supersedes EN 1425:1999.¹

Compared with EN 1425:1999 the following changes have been made:

- a) Contents added;
- b) container removed from Apparatus;
- c) Clause 6 re-structured and Note added in 6.1;
- d) requirements c) and d) added in Clause 7.

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¹ EN 1425:1999 was impacted by EN 1425:1999/A1:2006. This European Standard (EN 1425:2012) also supersedes this latter document.

Introduction

The properties of bituminous binders depend on a number of factors, such as type (pure bitumen, bitumen emulsion, cutback or fluxed bitumen) grade and temperature. These physical properties are determined by the appropriate test methods. The perceptible properties, such as appearance and odour, are determined by sensorial observation. It is, for instance, quite simple to distinguish by smell flux oil from a bituminous binder. Often other properties, such as homogeneity, cannot be determined by visual inspection alone due to the high consistency (viscosity) of the bituminous binder. However, in the case of bituminous binders such as bitumen emulsions, cutback or fluxed bitumen, the presence of lumps, agglomerates or sediments can be observed.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of the perceptible properties of bituminous binders at ambient temperature prior to testing for other properties.

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

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 58, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Sampling bituminous binders*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

perceptible property

property observed using one of the senses

3.2

laboratory sample

sample intended for laboratory tests

Note 1 to entry: The laboratory sample can be a spot sample, a composite sample or a part thereof (divided sample).

4 Apparatus

4.1 Glass rod.

4.2 Fume-cupboard.

5 Sampling

The laboratory samples shall be sampled in accordance with EN 58. The samples shall be marked unambiguously and a record shall be kept of the date, origin and type or grade.

6 Procedure

6.1 Examine the sample in its original container at approximately ambient temperature or below and record the following:

- a) unique sample identification of supplier;
- b) additional information included in labelling, if appropriate;