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Foreword

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Test methods for agglomerated stones consist of the following:

EN 14617-1, *Agglomerated stone - Test methods – Part 1: Determination of apparent density and water absorption*

EN 14617-2, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 2: Determination of flexural strength (bending)*

prEN 14617-3, *Agglomerated stone - Test methods – Part 3: Determination of slipperiness*

EN 14617-4, *Agglomerated stone - Test methods – Part 4: Determination of the abrasion resistance*

EN 14617-5, *Agglomerated stone - Test methods – Part 5: Determination of freeze and thaw resistance*

EN 14617-6, *Agglomerated stone - Test methods – Part 6: Determination of thermal shock*

prEN 14617-7, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 7: Determination of ageing*

prEN 14617-8, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 8: Determination of resistance to fixing (dowel hole)*

EN 14617-9, *Agglomerated stone - Test methods – Part 9: Determination of impact resistance*

EN 14617-10, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 10: Determination of chemical resistance*

EN 14617-11, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 11: Determination of linear thermal expansion coefficient*

EN 14617-12, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 12: Determination of dimensional stability*

EN 14617-13, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 13: Determination of electrical resistivity*

EN 14617-15, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 15: Determination of compressive strength*

EN 14617-16, *Agglomerated stone – Test methods – Part 16: Determination of dimensions, geometric characteristics and surface quality of modular tiles*

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the compressive strength of agglomerated stones.

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 197-1, *Cement - Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

EN 12390, *Testing hardened concrete*

EN 14618:2003, *Agglomerated stone- Terminology and classification*

3 Principle

The specimens, after mechanical preparation of the surfaces or, if needed, after capping, are laid and centred on the plate of a testing machine. A uniformly distributed load is applied and increased continuously until failure occurs.

4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 14618:2003 apply.

5 Symbols

h height of the specimen, in millimetres;

\bar{l} mean value of the lateral dimension, i.e. the distance between opposite vertical faces of the specimen (if cubic), in millimetres;

\bar{d} mean value of the diameter of the specimen (if cylindrical), in millimetres;

A cross-sectional area of the specimen before testing, in square millimetres;

F failure load, in newtons;

R uniaxial compressive strength of the specimen, in MPa;

\bar{R} mean value of the uniaxial compressive strength, in MPa;

s standard deviation;

v coefficient of variation.

6 Apparatus

6.1 A surface grinder.

6.2 A lapping machine if final preparation of the specimens is needed.