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1 Scope

This European standard specifies a procedure for determining the specific gravity and density of bituminous binders at $(25,0 \pm 0,2) ^\circ\text{C}$ using the capillary-stoppered pyknometer method. Emulsions are excluded from the scope of this method.

NOTE 1 This method can also be used for other hydrocarbon binders, for bituminous binders from other sources, e.g. recovered from asphalt or after hardening and for bituminous binders containing filler. However, a lower precision is to be expected.

NOTE 2 This test method may be performed at other temperatures (i.e. 15°C). When doing so, the density values of water and isopropanol should be determined.

The pyknometer method shall be used as a reference method for determining the specific gravity and density of bituminous binders.

WARNING — 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 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 1427, *Bitumen and bituminous binders – Determination of the softening point – Ring and Ball method*

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

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

density (ρ)

mass per unit of volume of a material, measured in unit of kg/m^3

NOTE 1 Standard temperature for determining the density of bituminous binders is $(25,0 \pm 0,2) ^\circ\text{C}$. Density, ρ , is calculated from specific gravity, d , of the bituminous binder.

NOTE 2 Density is used for converting volumes to mass as required by other standards, applications and in sale transactions.

3.2

specific gravity (d)

ratio of density of the bituminous binder, ρ , and density of a test liquid, ρ_T , measured under the same conditions, at $25,0 ^\circ\text{C}$

$$d_{25/25} = \frac{\rho}{\rho_T} \quad (1)$$