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**Testing of concrete —**

Part 6:  
**Sampling, preparing and testing  
of concrete cores**

*Essais du béton —*

*Partie 6: Échantillonnage, préparation et essais sur des carottes de  
béton*



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## Foreword

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ISO 1920 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Testing of concrete*:

- *Part 1: Sampling of fresh concrete*
- *Part 2: Properties of fresh concrete*
- *Part 3: Making and curing test specimens*
- *Part 4: Strength of hardened concrete*
- *Part 5: Properties of hardened concrete other than strength*
- *Part 6: Sampling, preparing and testing of concrete cores*
- *Part 7: Non-destructive tests on hardened concrete*

## Testing of concrete —

### Part 6: Sampling, preparing and testing of concrete cores

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 1920 specifies a method for taking cores from hardened concrete, their examination, preparation for testing and determination of compressive strength.

The part of ISO 1920 does not give guidance on the decision to drill cores or on the locations for drilling nor does it provide procedures for interpreting the core strength results.

**NOTE** It is recommended that before coring, full agreement should be reached by all parties on the need for core testing and how the results should be interpreted.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are essential for the application of this part of ISO 1920. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1920-4, *Testing of concrete — Part 4: Strength of hardened concrete*

ISO 1920-5, *Testing of concrete — Part 5: Properties of hardened concrete other than strength*

EN 12390-4:2000, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 4: Compressive strength — Specification for testing machines*

#### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following definition applies.

##### 3.1

##### **core strength**

compressive strength of the cored specimen, as determined by the test defined in this part of ISO 1920

#### 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Core drill**, capable of extracting cores from the hardened concrete to the dimensions specified in 5.3 with the tolerances specified in Clause 7.

**4.2 Compression testing machine**, conforming to EN 12390-4 or to an equivalent national document and related to the size of specimens and their expected failure load.