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Determination of real density and  
apparent density, and of total and open  
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<p><b>Käsitlusala:</b> This European Standard specifies methods of determining the real density, the apparent density, and the open and total porosity of natural stone.</p>	<p><b>Scope:</b> This European Standard specifies methods of determining the real density, the apparent density, and the open and total porosity of natural stone.</p>
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**English version**

**Natural stone test methods**

Determination of real density and apparent density,  
and of total and open porosities

Méthodes d'essai pour pierres  
naturelles – Détermination des  
masses volumiques réelle et appa-  
rente et des porosités ouverte et  
totale

Prüfverfahren für Naturstein –  
Bestimmung der Reindichte, der  
Rohdichte, der offenen Porosität und  
der Gesamtporosität

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## Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 246 "Natural stones", the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by September 1999, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by September 1999.

This European standard is one of the series of draft standards for tests on natural stone. Test methods for natural stone consist of the following parts:

- EN 1925      Natural stone test methods - Determination of water absorption coefficient by capillarity
- EN 1926      Natural stone test methods - Determination of compressive strength
- EN 12370      Natural stone test methods - Determination of resistance to salt crystallisation
- prEN 12371      Natural stone test methods - Determination of frost resistance
- EN 12372      Natural stone test methods - Determination of flexural strength under concentrated load
- prEN 12407      Natural stone test methods - Petrographic description
- prEN 13161      Natural stone test methods - Determination of flexural strength under constant moment
- prEN 13364      Natural stone test methods - Determination of the breaking load at a dowel hole
- prEN ....(WI 00246011)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of thermal dilatation coefficient
- prEN ....(WI 00246012)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of sound - speed propagation
- prEN ....(WI 00246014)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of abrasion resistance
- prEN ....(WI 00246015)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of Knoop hardness
- prEN ....(WI 00246016)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of thermal shock resistance
- prEN ....(WI 00246017)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of slip coefficient
- prEN ....(WI 00246018)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of static elastic modulus
- prEN ....(WI 00246019)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of rupture energy
- prEN ....(WI 00246030)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of surface finishes (rugosity)
- prEN 13373      Natural stone test methods - Determination of geometric characteristics on units
- prEN ....(WI 00246032)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of resistance to ageing by salt mist
- prEN ....(WI 00246033)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of resistance to ageing by humidity, temperature, SO<sub>2</sub> action
- prEN ....(WI 00246035)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of dynamic elastic modulus (by fundamental resonance frequency)
- prEN ....(WI 00246036)      Natural stone test methods - Determination of water absorption at atmospheric pressure

It is intended that other ENs should call up this EN 1936 as the basis of evaluation of conformity. (Nevertheless it is not intended that all natural stone products should be subjected regularly to all the listed tests. Specifications in other standards should call up only relevant test methods).

According to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations, the national standards organizations of the following countries are bound to implement this European Standard: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

## 1 Scope

This European standard specifies methods of determining the real density, the apparent density, and the open and total porosity of natural stone.

## 2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

prEN 12670 Natural stones - Terminology

ISO/DIS 3507 Laboratory glassware - Pyknometers

prEN 12440 Denomination of natural stone

## 3 Principle

After drying to constant mass, the apparent density and the open porosity are determined by vacuum assisted water absorption and submerged weighing of specimens. The real density and the total porosity require the specimen to be pulverised.

## 4 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard the following definitions and the definitions in accordance with prEN 12670 apply:

**4.1 apparent density ( $\rho_b$ ):** The ratio between the mass of the dry specimen and its apparent volume

**4.2 apparent volume:** The volume limited by the external surface of the specimen, including any voids

**4.3 volume of the solid part:** The difference between the apparent volume of the specimen and the volume of the voids (open and closed pores)

**4.4 real density ( $\rho_r$ ):** The ratio between the mass of the dry specimen and the volume of its solid part

**4.5 open porosity:** The ratio (as a percentage) between the volume of the open pores and the apparent volume of the specimen

**4.6 total porosity:** The ratio (as a percentage) between the volume of pores (open and closed) and the apparent volume of the specimen

## 5 Symbols

$m_d$	mass of the dry specimen, in grams
$m_h$	mass of the specimen immersed in water, in grams
$m_s$	mass of the saturated specimen, in grams
$m_e$	mass of the specimen ground and dried (for the tests using the pycnometer or the volumenometer), in grams
$m_1$	mass of the pycnometer filled with water and the ground specimen, in grams
$m_2$	mass of the pycnometer filled with water, in grams
$V_b$	apparent volume of the specimen, in millilitres