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recovery: Rotary evaporator

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## Foreword

This document (EN 12697-3:2013+A1:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 227 “Road materials”, the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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This document supersedes A1 EN 12697-3:2013 A1.

A1 The significant changes made in EN 12697-3:2013+A1:2018 compared to EN 12697-3:2013 are:

- [Title] The series title no longer makes the method exclusively for hot mix asphalt;
- [Foreword] The list of standards in the Foreword was deleted and the list of significant changes was adapted;
- [5.1] NOTE: Paragraph deleted, stating that the hardening is usually approximately equivalent to the softening resulting from any solvent residue;
- [5.3.6] The temperature range 100 °C to 200 °C for thermometer is replaced by range of temperatures specified in Table 1 according to the solvent used;
- [7.1.2] Clarification that the 0,063 mm sieve is used for removal of any insoluble material;
- [7.3] The whole sub-clause has been replaced, with the following significant changes:
  - the order of the procedure in the previous version (7.3.8 to 7.3.25) has been altered for clarity and is now described in 7.3.8 to 7.3.18;
  - NOTES introduced in 7.3.9 and 7.3.11 with advise to not exceed 120 °C for T<sub>2</sub> for bitumen's, designated and specified by kinematic viscosity at 60 °C regardless of solvent used;
- [Clause 9] Reference to (7.1.15) amended to (7.3.13) followed by the changes in 7.3.
- editorial updates. A1

A1 A list of all parts in the EN 12697 series can be found on the CEN website. A1

**WARNING — The method described in this European Standard may require the use of dichloromethane (methylene chloride), A1 1,1,1-Trichlorethane A1, benzene, trichlorethylene, xylene, toluene, tetrachloroethylene or other solvent capable of dissolving bitumen. These solvents are hazardous to health and are subject to occupational exposure limits as detailed in relevant legislation and regulations.**

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## 1 Scope

This document describes a test method for the recovery of soluble bitumen from bituminous mixtures used in road, airfield or similar pavements in a form suitable for further testing. The test can be undertaken on either loose or compacted asphalt materials. The procedure is suitable for the recovery of paving grade bitumens, for which materials this European Standard is the reference method. The fractionating column procedure (see EN 12697-4) is the reference method for mixtures containing volatile matter such as cut-back bitumen.

For recovery of polymer modified bitumens, the rotary evaporator procedure is recommended.

## 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 12594, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Preparation of test samples*

EN 12697-1:2012, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 1: Soluble binder content*

EN 12697-38, *Bituminous mixtures — Test methods for hot mix asphalt — Part 38: Common equipment and calibration*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12697-1:2012 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **soluble binder content**

proportion of extractable binder in an anhydrous sample determined by extracting the binder from the sample

Note 1 to entry: Extraction can be followed by binder recovery.

Note 2 to entry: The soluble binder content is expressed in percent by mass.

### 3.2

#### **insoluble binder content**

proportion of binder that adheres to the aggregate after extraction

Note 1 to entry: The insoluble binder content is expressed in percent by mass.

## 4 Principle

The bitumen is separated from the sample by dissolving in dichloromethane (or other suitable solvent). After removal of undissolved solids from the bitumen solution, the bitumen is recovered from it by vacuum distillation using a rotary evaporator. The bitumen is in solution for less than 24 h.