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Foreword

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This standard is based on the results from the EU-project "Testing-SCC" under the 5th Frame Programme (GRD2-2000-30024/G6RD-CT-2001-00580).

Owing to its significant advantages in the improvement of construction quality and working environment, self-compacting concrete (SCC) has been widely accepted by the construction owners. The use of SCC in practical concrete construction is steadily increasing. Since SCC has to give satisfactory in-situ properties (perfect filling of the mould and embedment of the reinforcement, homogeneity and full compaction) without vibration, the proper methods for testing fresh SCC are very important. The consistence of fresh SCC should basically include three key properties: filling ability, passing ability and resistance to segregation. It is desirable, especially in the case of new constituents or new concrete compositions, to test the consistence of fresh SCC before casting in place.

A number of test methods including this test are available for testing fresh SCC. Most of the commonly used test methods were evaluated in the recently closed EU-project "Testing-SCC" under the 5th Frame Programme (GRD2-2000-30024/G6RD-CT-2001-00580). According to the results from this EU project, it seems no single test method can completely cover all the three key properties. Nevertheless any test method should at least be correlated to the practical situation and give consistent results in order to provide reliable data for judgment of concrete workability.

This standard is one of a series concerned with testing fresh concrete.

EN 12350, *Testing fresh concrete*, consists of the following parts:

— *Part 1: Sampling*

— *Part 2: Slump-test*

— *Part 3: Vebe test*

— *Part 4: Degree of compactability*

— *Part 5: Flow table test*

— *Part 6: Density*

— *Part 7: Air content — Pressure methods*

— *Part 8: Self-compacting concrete — Slump-flow test*

— *Part 9: Self-compacting concrete — V-funnel test*

— *Part 10: Self-compacting concrete — L box test*

— *Part 11: Self-compacting concrete — Sieve segregation test*

— *Part 12: Self-compacting concrete — J-ring test*

CAUTION — When cement is mixed with water, alkali is released. Take precautions to avoid dry cement entering the eyes, mouth and nose whilst mixing concrete. Prevent skin contact with wet cement or concrete by wearing suitable protective clothing. If cement or concrete enters the eye, immediately wash it out thoroughly with clean water and seek medical treatment without delay. Wash wet concrete off the skin immediately.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the procedure for determining the passing ability (measured by the blocking step), the flow spread and t_{500J} flow time of self-compacting concrete as the concrete flows through the J-ring.

The test is not suitable when the maximum size of aggregate exceeds 40 mm.

NOTE In respect to the relationship between aggregate size and bar spacing, the test is intended to assess the passing ability of the concrete proposed with the bar spacing typically in the works. If the concrete blocks then the aggregate size could be too large for the particular application.

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 12350-1, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 1: Sampling*

EN 12350-8, *Testing fresh concrete — Part 8: Self-compacting concrete — Slump-flow test*

3 Principle

The J-ring test is used to assess the passing ability of self-compacting concrete to flow through tight openings including spaces between reinforcing bars and other obstructions without segregation or blocking.

A narrow and wide bar spacing test is described. The narrow bar spacing simulates more congested reinforcement.

The J-ring test is an alternative to the L box test EN 12350-10 although the result is not directly comparable.

The method follows the procedure detailed in EN 12350-8 except that, before filling the slump cone with concrete, the J-ring, consisting of a ring of evenly spaced vertical smooth bars, is placed over the cone.

In addition, the time when the concrete has flowed to a diameter of 500 mm t_{500J} shall be measured, when specified.

4 Apparatus

The apparatus shall be in accordance with EN 12350-8 with the additional items as detailed below:

NOTE The feet to the slump cone may be removed to fit inside the J-ring or if their presence prevents free upward movement from within the J-ring.

4.1 Narrow gap J-ring.

Smooth steel bars, (18 ± 0,5) mm ∅, secured to a ring (300 ± 2) mm diameter (bar spacing of (41 ± 1) mm) with the dimensions as shown in Figures 1 and 2.

4.2 Wide gap J-ring.

Smooth steel bars, (18 ± 0,5) mm ∅, secured to a ring (300 ± 2) mm diameter (bar spacing of (59 ± 1) mm) with the dimensions as shown in Figures 1 and 3.