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Foreword

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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 uniaxial compressive strength*

EN 1936, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of real density and apparent density and of total porosity and open porosity*

EN 12370, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of resistance to salt crystallisation*

EN 12371, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of frost resistance*

EN 12372, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of flexural strength under concentrated load*

EN 12407, *Natural stone test methods — Petrographic examination*

EN 13364, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the breaking load at dowel hole*

EN 13373, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of geometric characteristics on units*

EN 13755, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of water absorption at atmospheric pressure*

EN 13919, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of resistance to ageing by SO₂ action in the presence of humidity*

EN 14066, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of resistance to ageing by thermal shock*

EN 14146, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the dynamic modulus of elasticity (by measuring the fundamental resonance frequency)*

EN 14147, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of resistance to ageing by salt mist*

EN 14157, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of abrasion resistance*

EN 14158, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of rupture energy*

EN 14205, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of Knoop hardness*

EN 14231, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of the slip resistance by means of the pendulum tester*

EN 14579, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of sound speed propagation*

EN 14580, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of static elastic modulus*

EN 14581, *Natural stone test methods — Determination of linear thermal expansion coefficient*

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method to determine the flexural strength of natural stones under constant moment. This European Standard contains provision for both an identification test and for a technological test.

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

EN 12390-5, *Testing hardened concrete — Part 5: Flexural strength of test specimens*

3 Principle

After appropriate preparation a specimen of the rock to be tested is laid and centred between two supports. Thereafter the specimen is subjected to a load using two parallel rollers acting on the top surface of the specimen. These loading rollers are centred and located a distance of one third of the length of span. The loads are steadily increased until failure.

4 Symbols

R_{tc} flexural strength at constant moment, in Megapascals;

F load at failure in Newtons;

b specimen width in millimetres;

h specimen thickness in millimetres;

L specimen length in millimetres;

ℓ distance between the supporting rollers, in millimetres.

5 Apparatus

5.1 A **balance capable** of weighing the specimen with a reading up to 0,01 % of the mass to be weighed.

5.2 A **ventilated oven** capable of maintaining a temperature of (70 ± 5) °C.

5.3 A **linear measuring device** with a reading up to 0,05 mm.

5.4 A **test machine** of appropriate force, in accordance with EN 12390-4 and calibrated according to this European Standard.

5.5 A **device** for applying loads on the specimen by a two-points load, in accordance with EN 12390-5. It consists of two upper rollers (load-applying rollers) and two lower rollers (supporting rollers): see Figure 1. The distance between the two supporting rollers shall be reported as requested in 6.2.2.