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Foreword

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- b) Clause 6: editorial changes and Note at 6.3 added;
- c) 7.1: more details on temperature stabilisation and Note 1 added;
- d) 8.5: improvement in time related test results validity;
- e) Figure 4: improvement in dimension tolerance details;
- f) Bibliography added.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for the determination of the flexural creep stiffness of bituminous binders in the range of 30 MPa to 1 GPa by means of the bending beam rheometer.

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EN 58, *Bitumen and bituminous binders — Sampling bituminous binders*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 flexural creep stiffness

$S(t)$
ratio obtained by dividing the bending stress by the bending strain

Note 1 to entry: The strain will increase with the loading time and therefore the flexural creep stiffness will also be a function of time.

3.2 m-value

absolute value of the slope of the curve of the logarithm of the stiffness versus the logarithm of time

3.3 contact load

P_c
load required to maintain positive contact between the test specimen, supports and the loading shaft

Note 1 to entry: The contact load of 25 mN to 45 mN is used in this method.

3.4 test load

P_t
load used to determine the stiffness of the bituminous binder being tested

Note 1 to entry: The test load of 930 mN to 1030 mN is used in this method.