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European foreword

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EN 413, Masonry cement, consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria;
- Part 2: Test methods.

The main differences between this document and EN 413-2:2005 are:

- updating of normative references;
- revised guidance on the properties of gauzes used in the water retention test;
- revised repeatability and reproducibility limits for setting time (Method B), water retention and air content (these revisions are based on a round-robin test programme instituted following the introduction of a new class of Masonry cement MC 22,5 into EN 413-1).

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Introduction

This European Standard includes additional test methods to those described in the EN 196 series, *Methods of testing cement*, that enable the performance of masonry cement to be assessed when used in mortar for bedding masonry units and for rendering and plastering.

1 Scope

This European Standard describes reference and alternative test methods to be used when testing masonry cements to assess their conformity to EN 413-1. It gives the tests on fresh mortar for consistence, water retention and air content.

In the event of a dispute, only the reference methods are used.

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 196-1, *Methods of testing cement - Part 1: Determination of strength*

EN 196-3:2005+A1:2008, *Methods of testing cement - Part 3: Determination of setting times and soundness*

EN 459-2:2010, *Building lime - Part 2: Test methods*

3 General requirements for testing

3.1 Laboratory

Unless specifically stated to the contrary, all the tests described in this document shall be carried out in a laboratory where the air temperature is maintained at (20 ± 2) °C and the relative humidity at not less than 50 %.

3.2 Manufacturing tolerances for test equipment

3.2.1 Dimensions

Figures indicating the specified requirements for apparatus used in the tests described in this document shall include essential dimensions for which manufacturing tolerances are given.

Unless otherwise stated, tolerance class m according to EN 22768-1 should be applied.

NOTE Other dimensions are given for guidance.

3.2.2 Mass

Specified masses shall have manufacturing tolerances within ± 1 % of the mass unless otherwise stated.

3.3 Tolerances for test equipment in use

Tolerances applying to apparatus, which has been subjected to wear in use shall not exceed twice the corresponding manufacturing tolerance unless alternative requirements are specified.