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## European foreword

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This document contains the following changes compared to EN 13587:2010:

- updated normative references;
- additional terms and definitions;
- deleting determination of deformation energy by EN 13703;
- introduction of calculation methods of deformation energy in the standard;
- updated bibliography;
- combining time frame EN 13589 with EN 13587;
- renaming “conventional energy” into “cohesion energy”;

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the tensile properties of a bituminous binder, in particular those of a polymer modified bitumen, by means of a tensile test.

NOTE The tensile properties, more particularly the tensile stress, the elongation and energy, at the yield point and on fracture, are customarily used as a criterion for assessing the quality of these materials.

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

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

EN ISO 527 (all parts), *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties*

ISO 5893, *Rubber and plastics test equipment — Tensile, flexural and compression types (constant rate of traverse) — Specification*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1 tensile force

force undergone by a specimen subjected to extension, expressed in Newton (N)

### 3.2 elongation

increase in length of a specimen, expressed in metres

Note 1 to entry: Elongation is also expressed in % from the initial length. It is calculated as  $[(\text{new length} - \text{initial length})/\text{initial length}] \times 100$ .

### 3.3 brittle break

rupture happening at the beginning of the test before the flowing threshold when the stress-strain curve is still linear

### 3.4 flow threshold

first maximum of the stress-strain curve