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## Foreword

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EN 14617-1, *Agglomerated stone — Test methods — Part 1: Determination of apparent density and water absorption*

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EN 14617-4, *Agglomerated stone — Test methods — Part 4: Determination of the abrasion resistance*

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a test method to determine the breaking load at the dowel hole of agglomerated stones slabs used for cladding or lining in buildings.

## 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 197-1, *Cement — Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

EN 10088-1, *Stainless steels — Part 1: List of stainless steels*

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

## 3 Principle

This test consists of applying a force in a direction perpendicular to the face of a specimen through a dowel previously placed in a hole drilled in one of its sides and measuring the breaking load of the specimen.

## 4 Symbols

For the purposes of this document, the following symbols apply.

- $d$  is the thickness of the test specimen, in millimetres
- $d_1$  is the distance from the hole wall to the face where fracture occurs, in millimetres
- $b_A$  is the maximum distance of the centre of the hole to the fracture edge on the face, in millimetres
- $F$  is the individual breaking load, in newtons
- $\bar{d}_1$  is the mean value of  $d_1$ , in millimetres
- $\bar{F}$  is the mean value of  $F$ , in newtons
- $\bar{b}_A$  is the mean value of  $b_A$ , in millimetres

## 5 Apparatus

- 5.1 A balance capable of weighing the specimens with an accuracy of 0,1 % of their mass.
- 5.2 A ventilated oven capable of maintaining a temperature of  $(70 \pm 5)$  °C.
- 5.3 A linear measuring device with an accuracy of 0,05 mm.
- 5.4 A rotary drilling machine equipped with a diamond or tungsten carbide tipped bit.
- 5.5 A testing machine of appropriate force in accordance with EN 12390-4 and calibrated according to this European Standard.

- 5.6 A clamping device consisting of two metal plates having the shape and sizes shown in Figure 1.
- 5.7 A device for applying loads perpendicular to the axis of the dowel (see Figure 2).
- 5.8 A room or chamber in which the temperature of the air can be maintained at  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C.

## 6 Preparation of the specimens

### 6.1 Sampling

The sampling is not the responsibility of the test laboratory except where specially requested.

### 6.2 Test specimens

#### 6.2.1 General

The test can be carried out as an identification test or as a technological or performance test.

#### 6.2.2 Tests

##### 6.2.2.1 Identification test

This test is performed only for comparison sake on samples of standard thickness  $(30 \pm 3)$  mm, which might not be the thickness of the actual agglomerated stone slabs or cut to size products selected for the application.

##### 6.2.2.2 Technological or performance test

This test is performed on samples of the actual thickness of the agglomerated stone slabs or cut to size products selected for the application.

#### 6.2.3 Number of specimens

12 tests shall be made on 3 specimens.

#### 6.2.4 Surface finish of the specimens

##### a) identification test

The surface finish on the faces and sides of the specimens shall be sawn, honed or polished.

##### b) technological test

The surface finish on the faces and sides of the specimens shall be carried out according to the application (for example sawn, honed, polished, sanded, rubbed, flamed, bush hammered, riven).

#### 6.2.5 Dimensions of the specimens

##### a) identification test

— The specimens are square slabs with faces  $(200 \pm 1)$  mm and a thickness of  $(30 \pm 3)$  mm. The permissible deviation on the squareness is a maximum of 2 mm.

##### b) technology test

— The specimens are square slabs with faces  $(200 \pm 1)$  mm and a thickness  $(d \pm 0,1 d)$  mm.

### **6.2.6 Location of the holes**

A hole is wet drilled perpendicularly in each of the four sides in the following manner:

a) identification test

- The centre of the hole shall be situated between 98 mm and 102 mm from the other sides, measured to the nearest 0,5 mm.
- The thickness of stone between the edge of the hole and two faces shall be  $(10 \pm 2,0)$  mm, measured to the nearest 0,5 mm.

b) technological test

- The centre of the hole shall be situated in the middle of the specimen's length.
- The thickness of stone between the edge of the hole and the face to be tested shall be according to the application, measured to the nearest 0,5 mm.

### **6.2.7 Dimensions and tolerances of the holes**

a) identification test

- The diameter of the holes shall be  $(10 \pm 0,5)$  mm. The depth of the holes shall be  $(30 \pm 2)$  mm.

b) technological test

- The diameter of the holes shall be in accordance with the requirement of the application. The depth of the hole shall be  $(30 \pm 2)$  mm.

### **6.2.8 Drilling the holes**

The holes shall be wet drilled with a diamond or tungsten carbide tipped drill bit without hammering.

### **6.2.9 Conditioning**

The specimens shall be dried to constant mass at  $(70 \pm 5)$  °C in a ventilated oven after the drilling of the holes but before the dowels are fixed in place.

Constant mass is reached when the difference between two weightings carried out  $(24 \pm 2)$  h apart is less than 0,1 % of the first of the two masses.

After drying and prior to placing the dowels the specimen shall be stored at  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C until the thermal equilibrium is reached.

### **6.2.10 Measuring $d$ and $d_1$**

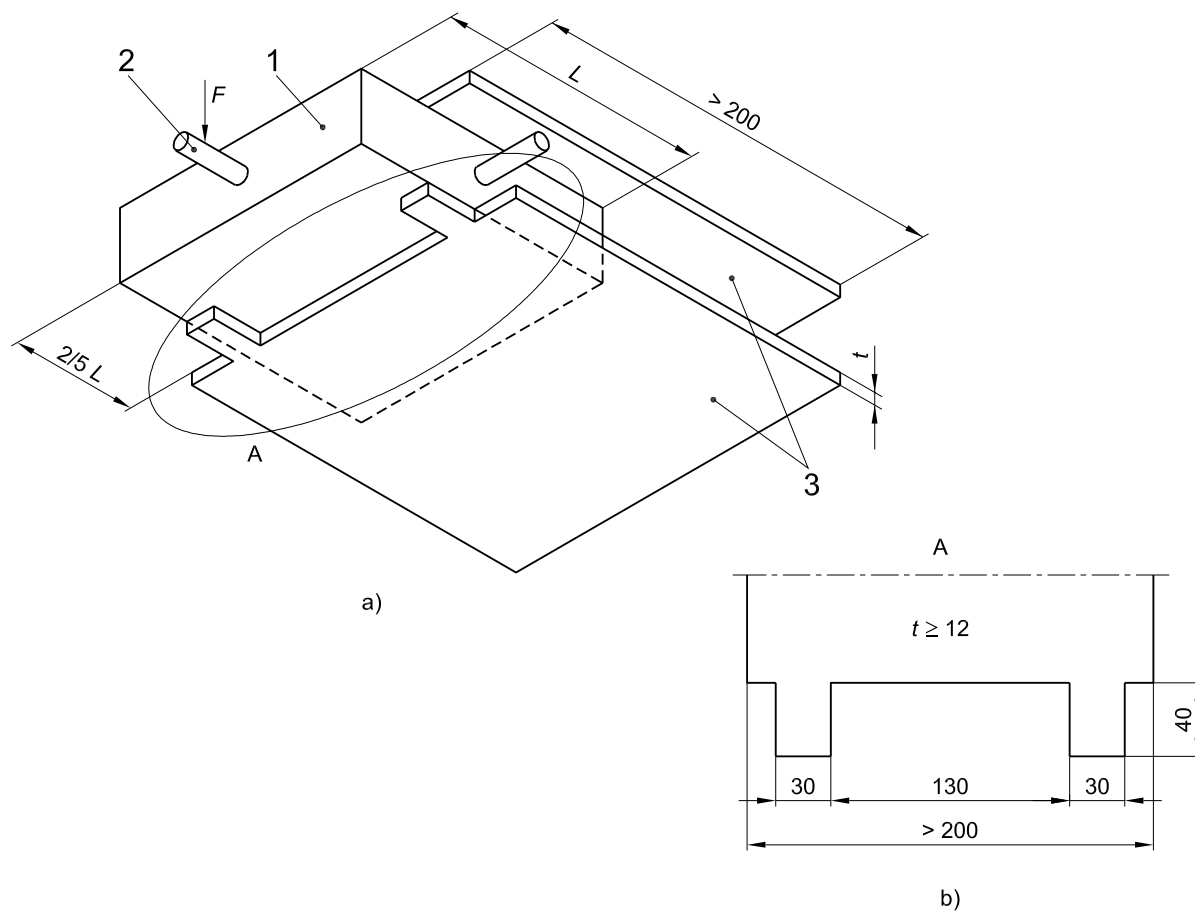
After conditioning the thickness ( $d$ ) and the distance from the edge of each hole to the lower face of the specimen in the direction of the force ( $d_1$ ) shall be measured.



### 6.3 Clamping device

#### a) General view

Dimensions in millimetres

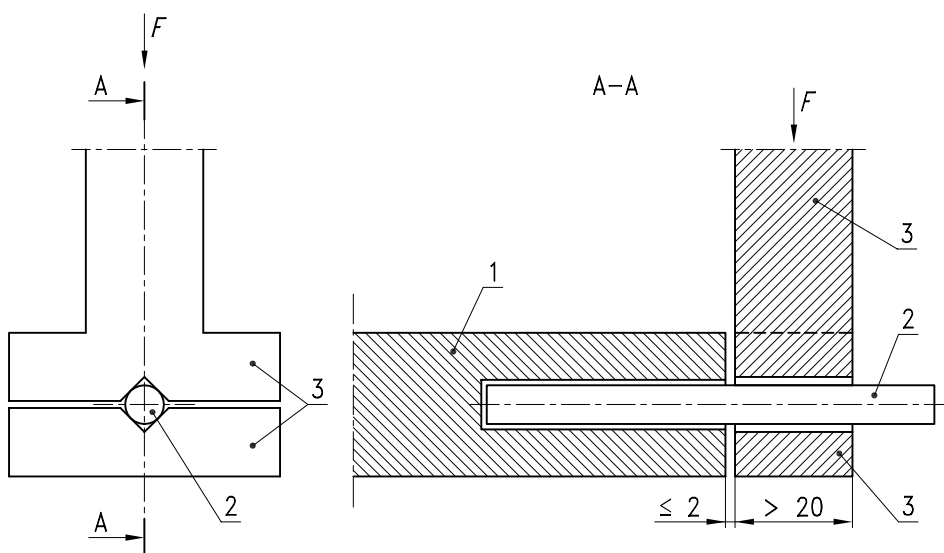


b) Detail of a plate suitable for tests on specimens having dimensions of 200 mm × 200 mm

#### Key

- 1 specimen
- 2 dowel
- 3 metal plate
- $F$  force applied on the specimen
- $L$  length of the specimen
- $t$  thickness of the metal plate

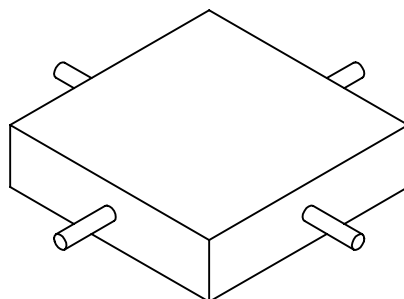
Figure 1 — Clamping device to hold the specimen in place



**Key**

- 1 specimen
- 2 dowel
- 3 device for applying load
- $F$  force applied on the specimen

**Figure 2 — Device for applying loads perpendicular to the axis of the dowel**



**Figure 3 — Test arrangement for a specimen**

## 7 Dowels

### 7.1 Dimensions and tolerances

a) identification test

— The diameter of the dowels shall be  $(6,0 \pm 0,1)$  mm. The length of the dowel shall be  $\geq 50$  mm.

b) technological test

— The diameter of the dowels shall be in accordance with the required use. The length of the dowel shall be  $\geq 50$  mm.

### 7.2 Material

The dowels shall be made of stainless steel type 1.4571 according to EN 10088-1.

### 7.3 Placing the dowels

After the specimens have reached room temperature  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C the dowels are fixed in the holes. Place one of the sides of each specimen in an upper horizontal position. Place the dowel vertically and centrally in the hole. Fix the dowel in the hole for a length of  $(25 \pm 1)$  mm using mortar prepared with cement CEM I 52,5 R in accordance with EN 197-1 and a water/cement ratio of  $(0,6 \pm 0,1)$  by mass.

Wait at least one hour and then repeat the same procedure for the other sides of the specimen that are to be tested.

The specimens shall then be stored at  $(20 \pm 5)$  °C for a minimum of 48 h prior to testing.

## 8 Test procedure

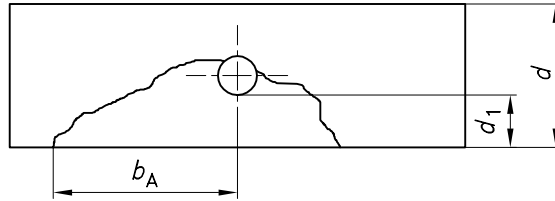
The specimen is clamped between the two metal plates of the clamping device on 60 % of specimen length (see Figure 1).

The load is exerted in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the dowel at a maximum distance of 2 mm from the edge of the specimen by means of the system shown in Figure 2.

The load is increased uniformly at a rate of  $(50 \pm 5)$  N/s until the specimen breaks. The breaking load is recorded to the nearest 50 N.

If the dowel bends then the test shall be repeated with a larger diameter dowel and a new specimen.

After the specimen has failed the maximum distance from the centre of the hole to the fracture edge ( $b_A$ ) shall be measured (Figure 4).



**Key**

- $d$  thickness of the test specimen
- $d_1$  distance from the hole to the face in the direction of the force
- $b_A$  maximum distance of the centre of the hole to the fractures edge

**Figure 4 — Dowel hole failure**

**9 Expression of the results**

For each tested series the following mean values shall be calculated from the individual results recorded for each test:

- a) mean value of the distance from the hole to the face where the fracture occurs ( $d_1$ ) expressed in millimetres to the nearest 1,0 mm;
- b) maximum distance from the centre of the hole to the edge of the fracture ( $b_A$ ) expressed in millimetres to the nearest 1,0 mm;
- c) mean value of the breaking load ( $F$ ) expressed in newtons to the nearest 50 N.

**10 Test report**

The test report shall contain the following information:

- a) unique identification number for the report;
- b) number, title and date of issue of this European standard;
- c) name and address of the test laboratory and the address of where the test was carried out if different from the test laboratory;
- d) name and address of the client;
- e) surface finish of the specimens (if relevant to the test);
- f) date of delivery of the samples or of the specimens;
- g) date when the specimens were prepared (if relevant) and the date of testing;
- h) number of specimens in the sample;
- j) results of measurements
  - for each specimen:
    - diameter of the hole;

- diameter of the dowel;
  - dimensions of the specimen;
  - thickness of the specimen;
  - for each test:
    - distance from the hole to the face in the direction of the force ( $d_1$ ) in millimetres to the nearest 1,0 mm;
    - maximum distance from the centre of the hole to the edge of the fracture ( $b_A$ ) in millimetres to the nearest 1,0 mm;
    - breaking load ( $F$ ) in newtons to the nearest 50 N;
  - for each relevant direction of loading:
    - the mean value  $\bar{d}_1$  and the mean value  $\bar{b}_A$  (in millimetres to the nearest 1,0 mm);
    - the mean value of breaking load ( $\bar{F}$ ) in newtons to the nearest 50 N;
- k) all deviations from the standard and their justification;
- l) remarks.

The test report shall contain the signature(s) and role(s) of those responsible(s) for the testing and the date of issue of the report. It shall also state that the report shall not be partially reproduced without written consent of the test laboratory.

**Annex A**  
(normative)

**Statistical evaluation of the test results**

**A.1 Scope**

This annex establishes a method for the statistical treatment of test results obtained following the natural stone test method described in this European Standard.

**A.2 Symbols and definitions**

Measured values  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i \dots, x_n$

Number of measured values  $n$

Mean value  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i x_i$

Standard deviation  $s = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$

Coefficient of variation  $v = \frac{s}{\bar{x}}$  (for individual values)

Logarithmic mean  $\bar{x}_{\ln} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i \ln x_i$

Logarithmic standard deviation  $s_{\ln} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sum (\ln x_i - \bar{x}_{\ln})^2}{n - 1}}$

Maximum value Max.

Minimum value Min.

Lower expected value  $E = e^{\bar{x}_{\ln} - k_s \cdot s_{\ln}}$  where  $k_s$  (quantile factor) is given in Table A.1

Quantile factor  $k_s$  see Table A.1

### A.3 Statistical evaluation of test results

For the calculation of the mean value ( $\bar{x}$ ), the standard deviation (s) and the coefficient of variation (v) a normal distribution is assumed.

For the calculation of the lower expected value (E) a logarithmic normal distribution is assumed. The lower expected value (E) corresponds to the 5 % quantile of a logarithmic normal distribution for a confidence level of 75 %.

**Table A.1 — Quantile factor ( $k_s$ ) in dependence on the number of measured values ( $n$ ) in correspondence to the 5 % quantile for a confidence level of 75 %**

$n$	$k_s$
3	3,15
4	2,68
5	2,46
6	2,34
7	2,25
8	2,19
9	2,14
10	2,10
15	1,99
20	1,93
30	1,87
40	1,83
50	1,81
$\infty$	1,64

The following examples should help to clarify the method:

**EXAMPLE 1**

*Calculation of mean value, standard deviation, maximum value and minimum value of 6 measured values*

Measurement no	Measured value x
1	2 000
2	2 150
3	2 200
4	2 300
5	2 350
6	2 400
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Mean value	2 333
Standard deviation	147
Maximum value	2 400
Minimum value	2 000



## EXAMPLE 2

*Calculation of mean value, standard deviation, coefficient of variation and lower expected value of 10 measured values*

Measurement no	Measured value x	(ln x)
1	2 000	(7,60)
2	2 150	(7,67)
3	2 200	(7,70)
4	2 300	(7,74)
5	2 350	(7,76)
6	2 400	(7,78)
7	2 600	(7,86)
8	2 750	(7,92)
9	2 900	(7,97)
10	3 150	(8,06)
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Mean value	2 480	(7,807)
Standard deviation	363	(0,143)
Variation coefficient	0,15	

From Table A.1 for:  $n = 10$   $k_S = 2,1$

lower expected value 1 819

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