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Foreword

This document (EN 14845-2:2006) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 104 “Concrete and related products”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This document has been drafted by working group 11 “Fibres for concrete”, the Secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies a method for determining the effect of fibres, steel or polymer, on the residual flexural strength of a reference concrete.

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 14651, *Test method for metallic fibered concrete — Measuring the flexural tensile strength (limit of proportionality (LOP), residual)*

prEN 14845-1, *Test methods for fibres in concrete — Part 1: Reference concretes*

EN 14889-1, *Fibres for concrete — Part 1: Steel fibres — Definitions, specifications and conformity*

EN 14889-2, *Fibres for concrete — Part 2: Polymer fibres — Definitions, specifications and conformity*

ISO 5725-2:1994, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

3 Principle

Fibres are tested in one or more reference concretes (as specified in prEN 14845-1) to determine the fibre content required to meet specified values of residual flexural strength at particular deformation levels.

4 Test method

Twelve notched 550 mm x 150 mm x 150 mm beams, made from a reference concrete according to prEN14845-1 and incorporating fibres, shall be tested at 28 days in centre-point loading on a 500 mm span in accordance with the test method for metallic fibre concrete of EN 14651.

A series of concrete mixes shall be made and tested with different fibre contents until the strength performance specified in clause 5 is achieved.

5 Procedure

The content of fibres shall be determined that achieves an average residual flexural strength of at least 1,5 MPa at 0,5 mm CMOD (equivalent to 0,47 mm central deflection) and an average residual flexural strength of at least 1 MPa at 3,5 mm CMOD (equivalent to 3,02 mm central deflection).

When calculating the average performance of the twelve beams, the effect of any outlier (unrepresentative) results should be excluded. Outliers should be identified by the Grubb test according to ISO 5725-2:1994 for a probability of 5 %.

NOTE Statistically with an assumed variation of 25%, the mean value of a test series of twelve beams will not deviate more than 10% from the real mean value with a confidence level of 90%.

6 Report

The following information shall be recorded for each set of reference concrete specimens:

- a) fibre type (including material, length, diameter and tensile strength) described according to EN 14889-1 or EN 14889-2;
- b) fibre content in kg/m^3 , corresponding to the minimum performance levels of 1,5 MPa at a CMOD of 0,5 mm and 1,0 MPa at a CMOD of 3,5 mm;
- c) details of compliance of reference concrete with prEN14845-1, including mix composition and origin of aggregates;
- d) identification of the test specimens;
- e) date of manufacture of the test specimens;
- f) date of notching;
- g) date of testing;
- h) curing history and moisture condition of specimens at test;
- i) average width of each specimen to the nearest 0,1 mm;
- j) average distance between the tip of the notch and the top of each specimen to the nearest 0,1 mm;
- k) dimensions of the notch to the nearest 0,01 mm;
- l) span length to the nearest mm;
- m) rate of increase of CMOD or deflection and any deviation from the specified rates;
- n) load-CMOD curve or load-deflection curve;
- o) limit of proportionality strength to the nearest 0,01 MPa for individual values and 0,1 MPa for the average value;
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